

**SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Call to Order- Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education regular meeting was held in the Santa Barbara High School Auditorium, 700 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, California, and called to order by Board President Cordero.

Members Present:

President, Annette Cordero
Laura Malakoff, Vice President
Lynn Rodriguez, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Robert Noël, Member

Staff Present:

Brian Sarvis, Ed.D. Superintendent
Jan Zettel, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education
Robin Sawaske, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education
Mary T. Stark, Assistant Superintendent Business Services

A.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board President Cordero.

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Was led by Dr. Sarvis.

A.3 Spanish Translation/Traducción en Español

Mr. Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categoricals, introduced himself and announced he was available for translation if necessary.

A.4 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

Board President Cordero announced that headsets were available.

A.5 Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

Dr. Sarvis announced that Santa Barbara High School would be making presentations on their various academies. He introduced Principal Paul Turnbull. Mr. Turnbull gave a brief summary of the school's history and its highlights. He then introduced Mr. Jose Caballero, director of the Green Academy. Mr. Caballero shared a Power Point presentation with the board and spoke about the academies current projects, courses offered, funding and their needs. Mr. Dan Williams, director of the Multimedia, Arts & Design Academy continued with a visual presentation of the academy and a report on the various courses offered and highlights of the school. A presentation of the Visual Arts & Design Academy was last, followed by an oral report as well. Board members had the opportunity of asking questions of all of the presenters.

A.6 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sarvis began with a response to a letter sent to the Santa Barbara News Press that suggested that teaching and learning were no longer reasons to attend school in the SBSB. He continued with a report of the following:

- Santa Barbara School District's high school student finalists in the Santa Barbara Film Festival
- PTA's Reflections, Reception at Arts Alive
- Various events at different schools with in the districts

A.7 Student Board Member Report

Board President Cordero announced that student reports are on the first board meeting of the month, therefore, no report was available for this month.

A.8 Correspondence

None.

A.9 Public Comments

- Denice Adams/SAGE representative- GATE Identification Night, GATE parent concerns and suggestions
- Rosanne Crawford-/Board Member of Santa Barbara-Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities- international academy between Santa Barbara and Puerto Vallarta
- Jose Luis Moreno-Hermosillo/ Board Member of Santa Barbara-Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities- common academic problems between Puerto Vallarta and Santa Barbara
- Martina Mejia- parent concerned about the test scores at Cesar Chavez Charter School, what is district doing to remedy?

Dr. Sarvis stated he would contact Mrs. Mejia regarding her concerns.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Approve the entire consent agenda

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 5/0

B.1 Approval of Minutes

December 9, 2005

B.2 Approval of Staff Travel-Out-of State Travel and/or Expenses in excess of \$500, dated January 24, 2006

B.3 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2005-06- Santa Barbara Junior High School and Dos Pueblos High School, and Santa Barbara High School

B.4 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period January 20, 2006 through January 27, 2006

B.5 Approval of Proposal from Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects, Inc. for Architectural Services for Portable Reconfiguration and ADA Access at Washington Elementary School

Action Agenda

C.1 Approval of Fundraising Activity, Resurfacing of the Track and Associated Event Areas, Dos Pueblos High School Track Resurfacing Committee

David Hetyonk, director of facilities and operations, presented the item. He stated the Dos Pueblos High School Track Resurfacing Committee met with the district, Dos Pueblos High School administration and staff, California Track & Engineering and Granite Construction Company to discuss the proposed resurfacing. He then introduced Mr. David Kuderka, cross country coach at Dos Pueblos High School. Mr. Kuderka stated their goal was to raise \$205,000 by June 30, 2006 and continued with a presentation. Mr. Hetyonk assured the board that the fundraising group would follow board policy procedure for fundraising. They will complete an application and meet with district legal counsel to formulate a contract.

Motion: Approve the fundraising plan, subject to obtaining requisite government approval and subject to maintaining the funds in a district accounting office fund until the approval is received from the secretary of state.

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 5/0

Conference Agenda

D.1 Consideration of Proposed New Joint Use Agreement for the Marjorie Luke Theatre

Mr. Hetyonk presented the item. He announced that various staff members and the Community Youth Performing Arts Center (CYPAC) members met a number of times to discuss their concerns, requests and code requirements. He then shared some of the highlights of the new agreement. Board Member Noël requested clarification regarding civic center fees vs. CYPAC fees. Mr. Hetyonk and Mr. Price, district legal counsel, explained. Board Member Harter inquired if making a motion to approve the agreement was appropriate. The board agreed.

Motion: Approve the new Joint Use Agreement for the Marjorie Luke Theatre

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 (Harter, Rodriguez, Malakoff, Cordero)

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1 (Noël)

D.2 Report on the Santa Barbara School Districts Superintendent's Nutrition Advisory Committee

Dr. Sarvis introduced Ms. Sue Dachenhaus and Ms. Debi Badger co-chairs of the Superintendent's Nutrition Advisory Committee. Ms. Badger began with a brief recap of the committee's history, stating they had been charged with developing the wellness policy that must go into effect as of July 1, 2006. She proceeded with a Power Point presentation of the overview of the policy and a report on where the committee is in the process. Questions from the board followed.

D.3 Discussion of High School Exit Exam Results and Graduation Options

Jan Zettel presented the item. He began by announcing that the governor had signed a 1 year waiver of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) for seniors that have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and that are on a diploma track. He continued with a Power Point presentation that reviewed: State Recommendations, State Considered Alternative to CAHSEE, State Conclusion, and Staff Recommendations. Questions from the board followed. Board Member Rodriguez inquired what the district currently issues to special education students that are not on a diploma course. Jo Anne Pulley, special education director, thought diplomas were issued, but would verify and get back to Ms. Rodriguez. Board Member Rodriguez requested she be informed of what is currently available for special education students, what would no longer be available, and any other changes affecting them, prior to making a decision regarding the CAHSEE. Mr. Zettel continued with his report reviewing the number of students taking the test, number that have passed, number that have not passed, and number of special education students that qualify for waivers. Dr. Sarvis explained that parents could go to the California Department of Education website for a general review of the exam. Board Member Rodriguez questioned if there was a link from the district's web page, Dr. Sarvis was not sure, but will make certain it's done.

Public Comment:

- Nestor Hernandez/LULAC- recommendations of the committee concerning the CAHSEE
- Juan Martin Cruz-Anzures/DELAC- read a letter from the committee that was sent to the board of education regarding the CAHSEE, he also noted he would like to discuss, in the future, Title 1 expenditures
- Ime Hill/DELAC- turned in speaker card with no comments

The board thanked the parents and the staff for their input noting that the recommendations presented tonight were very feasible.

D.4 Consideration of Procedural Options Available to the Santa Barbara School Districts' Board of Education When Considering Student Expulsions

Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categoricals, presented the item. He noted that, per board request, he had inquired as to the cost of hiring an Administrative Law Judge to conduct the student expulsion hearings. Mr. Gonzalez shared the cost would be, approximately, \$20,570 per year and explained to the board members what the process would be like. He explained that, unfortunately, at this time he could not recommend any type of funding to cover the cost. Questions from the board followed, to which Mr. Gonzalez responded to some and others he requested be directed to the district legal counsel. Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the six options available to the district when dealing with expulsions. The board members shared their thoughts regarding supplementary hearings and stipulated agreements. Mr. Gonzalez summarized the direction he understood the board was taking: "The majority of the board members agree to, the extent possible, use stipulated agreements, and to streamline, to take a look at the administrative regulation and put in place an appeal type process, rather than having all cases go to the board". Board members agreed.

D.5 Report on Absence Rates for the 2004-05 School Year and the Impact on Unrestricted Revenues and the 2005-06 to Date Report

Mr. Robert Wolfe, director of fiscal services, presented the item. He began by explaining that the report was originally put together for site administrators to identify how the absence rates affect school finances. He clarified that the report looked at unrestricted monies that come to the schools, and that most monies were based on student attendance numbers. He clarified the difference between enrollment and attendance and answered questions from the board. The members discussed various methods to avoid absences, such as notices and appeals to parents. Mr. Wolfe stated that last year alone the districts lost over \$3M to student absences.

Board President Cordero announced it was time to go to the scheduled closed session agenda item. Mr. Gonzalez stated the parents had not yet arrived. Board President Cordero announced they would move to item D.8.

D.8 First Reading of Agreement for Joint Use Programming, Maintenance, and Development, City of Santa Barbara

Item was taken out of order.

David Hetyonk presented the item. He explained that this was the first time that the board was being presented with one master contract, rather than one for programming and another for maintenance. Mr. Hetyonk shared highlights of the contract with the board. Board members had questions of Mr. Hetyonk. Board President Cordero questioned the addition of a non-discrimination clause in the contract. Mr. Hetyonk will check with the city and report to her.

The board adjourned to a 5 minute break.

Board President Cordero proposed taking item D.6 next and deferring item D.7. Board Member Noël agreed.

D.6 Progress Report on Categorical Program Expenditures and Centralized Services

Mr. Gonzalez presented the item. He explained that the district applies for federal and state monies through the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (ConAPP). He stated the ConApp consists of a two part application; part 1 is sent in June and it basically explains what programs the district intends to participate in, part 2 is sent in the fall of each year, and it provides details of entitlements and allocations. Mr. Gonzalez continued with a review of his report. Questions from the board followed his presentation.

D.7 Oversight Regarding Budgeting and Spending Federal and State Categorical Funds

Deferred to future board meeting.

D.9 Public Comments

None

Board adjourned to closed session

E.1 Student Discipline

C.2 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 05/06-29, 05/06-30

Motion: In the case of 05/06-29, move to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 5/0

Motion: In the case of 05/06-30, move to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel, with the added stipulation that the student attend summer school in 2006

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 4/1

Ayes: 4 (Rodriguez, Harter, Malakoff, Cordero)

Noes: 1 (Noël)

Absentions: 0

F. Coming Events

Dr. Sarvis noted events were covered at the beginning of the meeting.

G. Board Comments

None

H. Future Agenda Items

Board members discussed future board meetings: next special meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2006 and the next regular meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2006.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Attest:

Annette Cordero, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on _____