

**SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes of Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Call to Order- Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education special meeting was held in the Administration Center Board Room, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California, and called to order by Board President Cordero.

Members Present:

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

Craig Price, Legal Counsel

Members Absent:

Board Member Noël

Staff Present:

Brian Sarvis, Ed.D. Superintendent
Jan Zettel, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education
Robin Sawaske, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education

A.1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Board President Cordero.

A.2 Public Comments (relating to closed session only)

None

B. Closed Session

The board adjourned to closed session to hear the following matters:

B.1 Student Discipline

(Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion cases: Number 05/06-34 and 05/06-60

Returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Was led by Dr. Sarvis

C.2 Spanish Translation/Traducción en Español

C.3 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

Board President Cordero announced that headsets for the hearing impaired were available.

C.4 Public Comments

- Beatrice Alvarez/SMHS student- regarding the 4-14-06 protest, clarified the cause “immigrants are a great and important part of our community”
- Rocio Jara/SMHS student- regarding the 4-14-06, why she participated “no human being is illegal”

- Zach King/SMHS- regarding the 4-14-06 protest, clarified why he walked out “all human beings are entitled to obtain the basic necessities”
- Raymond Ramirez /SBHS student: regarding culturally mixed classes, racial divisions
- Victoria Melero/SBHS- what can be done regarding unrepresented classes

Board President Cordero thanked the students and urged them to continue to work with the higher education classes. Board Members Rodriguez and Harter assured the students that the board spends an enormous amount of time talking about this issue.

Public Comment:

- Maribel Colon/SBHS student- invited the board members to visit their school and talk to them about the lack of culturally mixed classes

Board President Cordero requested she contact Dr. Sarvis’ office with the details.

Board President Cordero announced there was no action to report from closed session.

ACTION AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Proposal for an Academy of Public Policy and Leadership at Santa Barbara High School

Dr. Sarvis announced that this item was brought to a previous meeting and stated they would like to proceed with the academy and therefore were now seeking board approval. Dr. Sarvis introduced Paul Turnbull, principal Santa Barbara High School. Mr. Turnbull began by stating that the program was not a replacement for JROTC. Dr. Sarvis explained that the replacement class for JROTC was being brought to a future agenda, perhaps in June. The board questioned Mr. Turnbull regarding funding for the class. Mr. Turnbull explained that there was a grant interview scheduled for May and that it was a planning grant. Board members inquired what the course options would look like, and Mr. Turnbull explained there was a variety of classes on different topics and provided a general overview of the course structure. Mr. Turnbull also reviewed some of the approved organizations that would be part of the academy. Board President Cordero suggested including NAACP. Board members made it clear they wished to have a diverse population in the academy and requested Mr. Turnbull work with the SBHS students to address their concerns and attract them. Mr. Turnbull stated there would be no pre-selection process, and would write into their mission statement that 40-50% of the academy would represent the Latino population and noted that State funding was dependent on that. He explained that they were required to report to the State in a year and funding would be stopped if they did not meet the required guidelines. Board Member Harter noted she would like to be involved in the State report.

Public Comment:

- Jack Harris- JROTC termination, please reverse decision, give it 1 more year

Motion to approve the Academy of Public Policy and Leadership at Santa Barbara High School

Motion by Board Member Rodriguez

Board Vice President Malakoff inquired as to the cost of the academy. Mr. Turnbull stated he was requesting \$32,600.

Seconded by Board Member Harter

Vote: 4/0 (Noël absent)

D.2 Approval of Recommendation to Implement a Major Restructuring of La Cumbre Junior High School’s Governance that is Consistent with the Principles of Restructuring as it Approaches Year Four of NCLB Program Improvement

Dr. Sarvis reminded the board that Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categoricals, had shared with them at a previous meeting, what the choices for La Cumbre Junior High School were, and that Carol Johansen, from the Santa Barbara County Education Office, had also shared a presentation with them. Mr. Gonzalez continued with the item and explained that La Cumbre Junior High School was at year 3 of Program Improvement (PI) and would likely be going into year 4, and that at year 5 it is required to implement what was established in year 4. He noted that NCLB offers 5 options: (1) re-open the school as a public charter school, (2) replace all or most of the school staff, (3) enter in contract with an entity to operate the school, (4) turn over school to the State Education Office (this option is not available to California), and (5) implement major reconstruction. He stated he was recommending option 5, implementing major reconstruction and the use of the Los Angeles County Office of Education’s *Guide for*

Selecting Alternative Forms of Governance and Restructuring for PI Year 4 Schools. Questions from the board followed Mr. Gonzalez's presentation. He explained that the plan needs to be in place by the end of next year, to initiate immediately. Board Member Harter noted she would like more information regarding the major components. Mr. Gonzalez explained that he will develop the specifics and return to the board with a presentation. Board President Cordero clarified that they were only choosing an option to pursue, so that the planning could begin and it would come back to the board for review.

Motion: that the district and the School Leadership Team initiate option 5, implement major restructuring of the school's governance that is consistent with the principles of restructuring.

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Rodriguez

Board Member Rodriguez asked if it were ok to amend the motion to add a request for regular reports back from the committee

Board Member Harter agreed to add a request for an initial report in November to her motion

Vote: 4/0 (Noël absent)

D.3 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Number 05/06-34 and 05/06-60

Motion: in the case of 05/06-34, approve the terms of the stipulated agreement with the student not returning to home school and directed to another school

Motion by Board Member Rodriguez

Seconded by Board Member Harter

Vote: 4/0 (Noël absent)

Motion: in the case of 05/06-60, move to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel, with guidance from Mr. Gonzalez to direct student to a different school than current home school, and that appropriate paperwork be taken care of

Motion by Board Member Harter

Second by Board Member Rodriguez

Vote: 4/0 (Noël absent)

E.1 Report on Latino Achievement Goals and Accomplishments for 2004/05 Including API, No Child Left Behind's AYP, Advanced Placement Tests, SAT, Exit Exams, and College Entrance Rates

Dr. Sarvis announced that they were presenting their annual Latino achievement report and that they have been working with a Latino group over the past year in developing indicators across the district. Dr. Davis Hayden, director of research and evaluation, presented the report. He announced that the report would serve as base line data and that he currently was working on other tables to complete his analysis of Latino achievement. Dr. Hayden began his report with a review of the various acronyms used in his charts. Dr. Hayden proceeded to share a number of charts, which included: API and AYP for 2004-05, Title II Goals for English Learner, High School Exit Exam Passing Percentiles for AYP, High School Completion Rates, Types of Courses Taken in High School, SAT Test Percentiles, and AP Test Numbers. The board had questions for Mr. Davis throughout his presentation. Discussions included: drop out statistics, Latino and lower socio economic students going to UC's, Latino vs. whites ratio enrollment level to UC, CSU and CC's, AP classes by ethnicity was discussed, counselor training, attitudes, and beliefs. Board Member Rodriguez stated she would like to see some kind of consortium of counseling, noting that some counselors might be doing something different that works.

Public Comment:

- Nestor Hernandez/LULAC Representative- desegregation of classes, process needs to be put into place to change the statistics

Board adjourned for a 10 minute break.

E.2 Discussion of Board Focus Goals

Dr. Sarvis introduced the item. He explained that since the December workshop they have been working on the focus goals, making various changes and he reviewed some of those changes with the board. Board President Cordero had a few new language suggestions. Board Member Rodriguez questioned how the Board Focus Goals would be distributed to district staff. Dr. Sarvis explained. Board discussed new changes in wording and new possible language. Mr. Craig Price, district legal counsel, suggested he work on possible wording, to avoid future problems, and forward to Dr. Sarvis and Board President Cordero for their review.

E.3 First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312-.3 (Uniform Complaint Procedures) and New Administrative Regulation 1312.4 and Exhibits (Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Mr. Gonzalez provided the background of the lawsuit explaining that the Williams lawsuit claimed that school facilities were unsafe, instructional materials were not being distributed equally, and teachers were not properly trained. He then presented new suggested wording, exhibits, posters and flyers and noted the State will be looking at the documents. He explained that the policy would have to be adopted by May 30, 2006, at which time the State team will be reviewing the documents. Dr. Sarvis clarified that the proposed complaint procedure is in addition to the current complaint procedure, it was not a replacement. The board and staff discussed the complaint procedure, reviewed the policy and provided suggestions to Mr. Gonzales.

E.4 First Reading of Board Policy 6152, "Learning through Community Service"

Mr. Jan Zettel presented the item. He explained that the Santa Barbara School District mandates 60 hrs of community service as part of the high school graduation requirements. Mr. Zettel explained that community service is voluntary service done at school or in the community and Service Learning combines community service with classroom instruction, done as part of the course work. He stated that the question was whether service learning could be applied towards community service hours, and if so, should they count one hundred percent or should only the hours above the course work requirement be applied? He explained that because the California courts have not addressed this issue, it was up to the board and was therefore seeking direction. Mr. Zettel then read the proposed board policy. Questions from the board followed his presentation. They discussed the pros and cons of community service vs. Service Learning. The Board provided feedback to Mr. Zettel.

E.5 First Reading of New Board Policies (BPs) on Board Bylaws 9000 Series

Item was moved to a special board meeting on May 2, 2006 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mr. Price suggested changes, such as typos, spelling, grammatical errors, language changes be sent in to Dr. Sarvis.

Omit Existing By-Laws:

BP 9361, Meetings and Notices (existing)
BP 9362, Board Meetings Outside District (existing)
BP 9363, Annual Organizational Meeting (existing)
BP 9364 (1120), Public Meetings (existing)

Add New By-Laws:

BB 9000, Role of the Board
BB 9005, Governance Expectations
BB 9010, Public Statements
BB 9011, Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information

BB 9100, Organization
BB 9110, Terms of Office
BB 9121, President
BB 9122, Secretary
BB 9124, Attorney
BB 9130, Board Committees
BB 9140, Board Representatives

BB 9200, Limits of Board Member Authority
BB 9220, Governing Board Election
BB 9221, Recruiting New Board Members
BB 9222, Resignation
BB 9223, Filling Vacancies
BB 9224, Oath or Affirmation
BB 9230, Orientation

BB 9240, Board Development
BB 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits
BB 9260, Legal Protection
BB 9270, Conflict of Interest

BB 9310, Policy Manual
BB 9311, Board Policies
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BB 9312, Board Bylaws
BB 9313, Administrative Regulations
BB 9314, Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations

BB 9320, Meetings and Notices
BB 9321, Closed Session Purposes and Agendas
BB 9321.1, Closed Session Actions and Reports
BB 9322, Agenda/Meeting Materials
BB 9323, Meeting Conduct
BB 9323.2, Actions by the Board
E 9323.2, Actions by the Board, Actions Requiring More Than a Majority Vote
BB 9324, Minutes and Recordings
BB 9400, Board Self-Evaluation

E.6 Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Board Member Harter requested voluntary campaign contributions be added to a future board agenda.

Board President Cordero announced that the meeting was going on beyond 10:30 p.m.

Dr. Sarvis reviewed the items that needed to go on the 4-25 board agenda meeting. The board members reviewed the items and discussed which one could be added to a future Board Brief. They also discussed meeting dates that might be eliminated or changed.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Attest:

Annette Cordero, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on June 27, 2006