

**Minutes of Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Barbara City Council
and Santa Barbara School Districts' Board of Education
Friday, June 9, 2006**

1. Call to Order- Meeting convened at 1:36p.m.

The Santa Barbara School Districts' Board of Education and Santa Barbara City Council special joint meeting was held in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room at 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Board Members Present:

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

Board members absent:

None

Council Members Present:

Mayor Marty Blum
Council Member Roger Horton
Council Member Iya Falcone
Council Member Grant House
Council Member Das Williams
Council Member Brian Barnwell
Council Member Helen Schneider

Councilmembers absent:

None

City staff present:

City Administrator James L. Armstrong
Assistant City Attorney Sarah Knecht
Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech

District staff present:

Brian Sarvis, Ed.D. Superintendent
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
David Hetyonk, Director Facilities and Operations
Craig Price, Legal Counsel

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Was led by Mayor Blum

3. Spanish Translation

Mr. Rene Garcia stated he was available for translation.

4. Public Comments

- Kate Parker - Announced she is candidate for Board of Education

5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Mayor Blum and Board President Cordero briefly stated the purpose of today's meeting

6. Report on School District Environmental and Sustainability Programs

Written and oral reports were presented for the following:

- Integrated Pest Management
- Recycling Efforts
- Solar Roofs
- Board Proclamation for Environmental Efforts and Sustainability

School Districts Superintendent Sarvis responded to a question from Councilmember Schneider regarding the Districts' Integrated Pest Management policies.

Mayor Blum inquired of the Council and Board for any questions related to the following three items (Nos. 7, 8 and 9); there were none.

7. Joint Use Committee Annual Report for 2005/06

A written report and information was presented regarding the Annual Report.

8. Report on Status of City Projects

Written reports were presented for the following:

- Ortega Park Sports Field Improvement Project & Santa Barbara Junior High (SBJH) Realigned Drop off
- Coronel Street/McKinley School Slope Stabilization and Pedestrian Linkage
- Franklin Center, Eastside Library & Montecito Street Pedestrian Lighting Projects
- City Council Initiation of Sustainable City Program

9. Report on Administrative Procedures for Joint Review of Proposed Development and Construction Projects

Written reports were presented from the City Administrator and the School District's Superintendent.

10. Report on Board of Education Not to Pursue Unification of the Santa Barbara Elementary District and the Santa Barbara High School District

An oral report was presented from Dr. Sarvis and Mr. Craig Price, district legal counsel.

A discussion took place regarding the following:

The presentation made by school districts staff noted that while there are a number of efficiencies to be achieved through unification, the Board of Education's decision not to pursue unification was based ultimately on an anticipated decrease in long-term revenues.

11. Report on Use and Development of School District Properties and Facilities:

Dr. Sarvis presented an oral and written report for the following:

- District Facilities Master Plan Update, Including Downtown School

Mary Stark, assistant superintendent of business services, and David Hetyonk, director of facilities and operations, Each presented an oral and written report for the following:

- Bond Construction Projects

School district staff shared photographs of and presented information about the many school capital improvement projects that have been completed or are underway. Dr. Sarvis presented an oral and written report for the following:

- Feasibility Study of Hidden Valley and Tatum Properties Being Conducted by UniDev, LLC

Public Comment:

- Maeda Palius
- Hidden Valley Residents' Association
- Judy Orias
- Nicholas Arnold

A discussion took place regarding the following:

Dr. Sarvis stated that in an effort to address the School Districts' serious financial needs, a feasibility study is being conducted to propose options for the sale, lease or development of properties owned by the Districts. He also summarized the suggested process for consideration of the options, by both the School Districts and the City. Discussion was had concerning the scheduling of a joint planning commission/city council meeting re options for Hidden Valley site.

Public comments were taken.

Mr. Hetynk presented an oral and written report for the following

- **Request from the School District for the City to Vacate Street Easements on Santa Barbara High School Campus**

12. Report on the Safe Routes to Schools Program

The following documents were presented and reviewed by City of Santa Barbara Transportation Manager Browning Allen, and Associate Transportation Planner Drusilla van Hengel:

- June 9, 2006 joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.
- Excerpt from City of Santa Barbara Pedestrian Master Plan regarding Safe Routes to School.
- Undated letter from Eva Inbar, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST)

Public comment:

- Michael Self

Councilmember Barnwell left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

13. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

Board and Council Members, and the Superintendent and City Administrator requested the following items be placed on an agenda for a future meeting.

- Sustainability
- Increased cost of liability insurance for after-school programs
- Special-Needs children
- Mentoring of high school freshmen and freshwomen
- Alternatives to the development of the Districts' Hidden Valley property

Adjournment

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Attest:

Annette Cordero, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on June 9, 2006