

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting – Tuesday, June 20, 2006

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Board Members In Attendance

Annette Cordero, President
Laura Malakoff, Vice-President

Lynn Rodriguez, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Robert Noël, Member

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Annette Cordero called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. All board members present at roll call except board member Rodriguez, who entered the proceedings at Item C.2.

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Sarvis led the pledge.

A.3 Spanish Translation

Board president Cordero announced that Spanish translation would be provided upon request.

A.4 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

A.5 Correspondence

None

A.6 Public Comments

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the consent agenda; seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Board member Noël requested item B.3 be removed for discussion later on in the agenda.

Board member Harter amended her motion to approve the consent agenda, except for item B.3. Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 1 (Rodriguez)

B.1 Approval of an Individual Service Contact with Brehm Preparatory School, a Nonpublic School, for CAHSEE Test Preparation Services for a Student

B.2 Approval of Purchase of Internet Filter as Required by Federal Guidelines for Schools

B.3 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period June 8, 2006 through June 14, 2006

Item B.3 was pulled for discussion by board member Noël.

B.4 Approval of Field Scheduling Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07, Agreement for Joint Use, Programming, Maintenance and Development with the City of Santa Barbara

ACTION AGENDA

C.1 Approval of Contract Award to California Track and Engineering, Incorporated for Track Surface Replacement at Dos Pueblos High School

Superintendent Sarvis announced that the track surface replacement fundraising goal had been met and that staff requests board approval for the contract award.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the contract award to California Track and Engineering, Inc. for track surface replacement at Dos Pueblos High School. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 1 (Rodriguez)

C.2 Approval of the 2006-07 Revisions of the Local Education Agency Plans (LEAP) for Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District

Robin Sawaske, assistant superintendent of elementary education, outlined the central points of the elementary district plan: improved student performance in math and reading; improved programs for limited-English-proficient and immigrant students; professional development; safe, drug-free schools; and drop-out prevention.

Board member Rodriguez entered the proceedings.

Jan Zettel, assistant superintendent of secondary education, outlined the central points of the high school plan. Board member Noël noted he wanted to see the thoughts behind the plans and the links to budgets. Mr. Zettel announced he was working on a centralized services budget that would provide detailed expenses.

Board member Noël inquired if the board was voting to approve the \$1,586,597 in direct cost services to students. Mr. Zettel responded in the affirmative. Board member Noël requested clarification of the process and noted his concern about Title I expenditures. Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categorical programs, reviewed the monies allotted for each site, various expenditures, and noted that federal regulations require the district to send 85 percent of the entitlement directly to the school sites. Currently the district sends out the full 90 percent to the school sites. He explained that the current LEAP authorizes the school site council to write school plans that are in line with student goals, the single school site plans will be brought to the board for approval. The expenditures will have to align to LEAP and the LEAP must be aligned to meet the student's needs. He noted that each principal has been given a preliminary figure with an estimated categorical dollar amount.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the 2006-07 revisions of the LEAP for Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts. Seconded by board member Rodriguez.

Board member Noël requested there be a portion of a board meeting, on an annual basis, set aside to clarify the process with budget numbers and expenditures for categorical programs.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0

C.3 Approval of Findings and Actions by the Board of Education Related to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Dos Pueblos High School Improvement Plan

Superintendent Sarvis explained that the mitigated negative declaration for the Dos Pueblos High School (DPHS) improvement plan was originally adopted by a different board. He noted that the district has heard a number of allegations concerning the negative declaration, some, he stated, were true, others not. He noted that changes had been made and the district is now presenting these changes for possible approval. David Hetynok, director facilities and operations, reviewed the three major changes to the original negative declaration:

1. height of lights at DPHS pool;
2. increased use of stadium lights;
3. change in construction hours.

As part of item 1 above, Mr. Hetyonk explained that the change in the height of lights was due to safety issues to reduce the glare so that lifeguards could see the surface waters. As part of item 3 above, Mr. Hetyonk noted the requested change was based on input received from the contractors. Questions from the board followed. Mr. Hetyonk explained that the district went over and above the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve and add the following six findings that are on the districts' website and connected to the motion. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

1. Find that the Santa Barbara High School District April 2004 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) 04-ND-01 and May 2006 Addendum to the MND were presented to the Board of Education, and all voting members of the board have reviewed and considered the April 2004 MND and May 2006 Addendum, and all appendices and attachments thereto, prior to approving the proposed amendments to the Dos Pueblos Improvement Plan project.
2. Find that the April 2004 MND and May 2006 Addendum constitute a complete, accurate, adequate and good faith effort at full disclosure under CEQA and that the same have been completed in compliance with CEQA.
3. Adopt the May 2006 Addendum to the MND and find, based on the whole record before it, that there is no substantial evidence that the amended project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the May 2006 MND Addendum reflects the board's independent judgment and analysis.
4. Find that the amended project, as described in the May 2006 Addendum, will continue to be governed by the Required Mitigation Measures from the April 2004 MND (included as Attachment A to the May 2006 Addendum), except Mitigation Measure 17 is replaced by the amended version found in the May 2006 Addendum.
5. Place the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which these decisions are based in the custody of the director of facilities and operations for the Santa Barbara School Districts, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
6. Approve the amended Dos Pueblos Improvement Plan project as outlined in the May 2006 Addendum.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0

C.4 Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2005-06 Cafeteria Fund Shortfall

Mary Stark, assistant superintendent of business services, reviewed a chart, "History of General Fund Support to the Cafeteria Fund," that demonstrated monies due to the general fund from 2004-05 and 2005-06 shortfall and the proposed payment schedule. Board member Harter inquired if what the board was approving was the change in shortfall from \$160,000 to \$130,000. Ms. Stark responded in the affirmative.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the revised fiscal year 2005-06 cafeteria fund shortfall; seconded by board member Rodriguez.

Board vice president Malakoff inquired as to the reason for the change in the shortfall. Frank Lihn, director of food services, explained it was a combination of factors, such as increase in sales and reduction in costs. Board member Noël noted that \$130,000 was being added to the \$515,000 shortfall for a total of \$645,000 that could go towards academic programs.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-1 / Ayes: 4 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff) / Noes: 1 (Noël)

C.5 Approval of Proposed Meal Price Increase for 2006-07 School Year

Mr. Hetyonk announced that, per the board's request, he was presenting new information regarding the proposed meal price increase. Mr. Hetyonk presented the various options and reviewed the potential additional income from the increases. Mr. Lihn explained the different strategies his department had in mind to attract more students to the cafeteria. Board members voiced their concerns regarding an increase in meal prices. Board member Rodriguez noted that she would be

willing to stretch out the repayment schedule in an effort to avoid an increase. Board member Harter inquired if it would be acceptable to agree on an increase parameter and request Ms. Stark return with new numbers. Staff agreed and Board member Harter suggested \$.25 to \$.50 in the elementary districts, \$.25 and \$.50 cents for a la carte in the secondary district, \$.75 cents per lunch for the Montecito district, and \$.50 cents for the Child Development Program, and increase the repayment by one more year.

No action was taken on this item.

C.6 Approval of Health and Welfare Insurance Committee Recommendations for 2006-07 School Year

Dr. Kris Robertson, director of personnel, requested the board's approval of the insurance committee's recommendations for health and welfare benefits.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the Health and Welfare Insurance Committee recommendation for the 2006-07 school year, making particular note that the districts, at this point in time would be responsible for a one percent increase, although the cost increase is probably significantly larger than that in some instances, but more choices and benefits are being offered. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0

C.7 Approval of the 2006-07 Peabody Charter School Budget

Ms. Stark indicated that the Peabody governing board had met and approved the Peabody Charter School budget and is requesting board approval. Ms. Stark quickly reviewed the budget report noting that the school maintains a five percent economic reserve.

Motion made by board member Rodriguez to approve the 2006-07 Peabody Charter School budget. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0

The board adjourned for a 15-minute break.

C.8 Approval of the Resolution No. 05/06-47 Providing for the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2006-07 and Requesting and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes

Ms. Stark stated that item C.8 had been approved as two separate resolutions on a previous consent agenda but that at a recent meeting she learned that only one resolution was needed and that the item needed to be approved with a roll call. Therefore, she was returning the item on the appropriate form and requesting the board take a formal roll call.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve resolution No. 05/06-47 providing for the borrowing of funds for fiscal year 2006-07 and requesting and authorizing the issuance and sale of tax revenue anticipation notes. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Roll call vote: Rodriguez, Aye; Cordero, Aye; Malakoff, Aye; Harter, Aye; Noël, Aye / Noes: 0

CONFERENCE AGENDA

D.1 Report on District 2006-07 Draft Budget

Ms. Stark explained that, although the board adopted a single district resolution, the state continues to request two separate budgets and, therefore, her office would be presenting the budgets for the elementary and high school districts, along with a combined budget. She noted that the budgets had been developed based on the latest information available from the governor's May Revise. Ms. Stark explained that there was still work being done, and therefore the numbers were not accurate. The final version will be presented the following week.

Ms. Stark presented the elementary district budget and reviewed slides indicating the 2006-07 estimated beginning and ending balances, expenditures, revenues, and transfers. Ms. Stark then presented the high school district budget, noting that the high school budget was looking much better and explained that the high school district does meet the three percent reserve. She reviewed slides on the 2006-07 estimated beginning and ending balances, expenditures, revenues, and transfers. She also presented a 2006-07 deferred maintenance report for the high school district.

Mr. Hetyonk reported on the various deferred maintenance work done throughout the districts.

Ms. Stark summarized the estimated totals for the ending balance, the projected revenues, unrestricted and restricted monies noting that in order to have a three percent reserve in the elementary district, there was a need for an additional \$112,331,000.

D.2 Report on Preliminary Discussions of Development Possibilities in Conjunction with Land Exchange/Lot Line Adjustment at Washington Elementary School

Superintendent Sarvis summarized events related to the discussions with the developer of the property adjacent to Washington Elementary School, noting that the district filed an appeal for the developer's building request. Mr. Hetyonk continued the presentation with maps showing the proposed construction and noted that the developer had presented a land swap proposal. Mr. Hetyonk outlined various options to the land swap proposal.

D.3 Update on Developments and Thinking Regarding the Santa Barbara Community Academy for 2006-07

Superintendent Sarvis provided a verbal summary regarding the Santa Barbara Community Academy's (SBCA) history. He explained that in 2002 it became apparent that there would be no money available to build out the school and therefore the school was split and grades 4-6 went to La Cumbre Junior High School. Currently, Ms. Amy Alzina is the K-3 principal and Ms. Jo Ann Caines, La Cumbre Junior High School's principal, is now also the principal for SBCA grades 4-6. Both positions are one-year interim assignments. He explained that no more decisions have been taken, nor would be taken, until the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) update is presented to the board.

Board member Noël shared his concerns regarding La Cumbre Junior High School becoming a K-8 school and noted that the FMP was due in January 2006. Superintendent Sarvis responded that a K-8 school would happen only with board approval and that the FMP was delayed because there was no response from the community and it was difficult to get public input. He explained that the FMP would be presented in July and a K-8 school would be one of the options on the FMP. Superintendent Sarvis reminded the board that the FMP meetings were public hearings and that parents had been invited to attend.

B.3 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period June 8, 2006 through June 14, 2006

Board member Noël requested clarification regarding which funds from the purchase order list are charged to the general fund. Mr. Hetyonk explained the type of funds that are under his control and Ms. Stark clarified those that were budgeted general fund and not restricted general fund.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the purchase order report for the period June 8, 2006 through June 14, 2006. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Rodriguez, Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 0

E. Coming Events

Board president Cordero announced that the next regular board meeting is scheduled for the following week at 7:00 p.m.

F. Board Comments

None

G. Future Agenda Items

Board president Cordero announced that future agenda items were listed in the last *Board Brief*.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Attest:

Annette Cordero, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on November 14, 2006

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