

Santa Barbara School Districts
Board of Education
Santa Barbara City Council Meeting Minutes

Joint Meeting – Friday, January 19, 2007

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Board Members In Attendance

Nancy Harter, President	Annette Cordero, Member
Laura Malakoff, Vice-President	Robert Noël, Member
	Kate Parker, Member

Santa Barbara City Mayor and City Council In Attendance

Marty Blum, Mayor	Roger L. Horton
Das Williams, Mayor Pro-Tempore	Brian B. Barnwell
Iya G. Falcone	Grant House
	Helene Schneider

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board president Nancy Harter called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
Superintendent Brian Sarvis called roll. All present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Harter led the pledge.

3. Spanish Translation

Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categorical programs, was present to provide Spanish translation.

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

4. Introduction of New School Board Member Kate Parker

Board president Harter introduced and welcomed Kate Parker to the Board of Education.

5. Student Recognition

Superintendent Sarvis presented plaques to the six highest scoring students in the Santa Barbara School Districts on the California Physical Fitness Test.

6. Public Comments

- Kenneth Loch spoke in opposition to the current education system.
- Roger Horton announced that a meeting took place earlier in the day to discuss a sister city program with Weihai, China in which there could be an exchange of students and teachers with local schools.

7. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Mayor Marty Blum and board president Harter stated that the purpose of today's meeting is to share ideas, facilities, and resources.

8. Joint Use Progress Report

No comments given.

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

Board president Harter stated concerns by Washington Elementary School parents regarding the proposed developments to either side of the school campus. While the parents are happy with the projects, they would like to see a “buyer-beware” statement in the purchase of properties in the area of schools, and provisions for what happens during a construction period to create the least disruption and/or health hazards on the campus.

10. Progress Report in Preparation for the City to Vacate Street Easements on Santa Barbara School Campuses

No comments given.

11. Report on Status of City Projects

No comments given.

12. Report on Status of School District Projects

Das Williams questioned certain aspects of the independent study physical education program:

- Would the district require that independent study providers have insurance coverage during the summer break?
- Is there a way to streamline evaluations on independent study providers that have large numbers of students?

Jan Zettel, assistant superintendent of secondary education, stated that insurance was not required during the summer break and that a process for evaluating students is in progress with the independent physical education coordinators.

Board President Harter asked if there would be fingerprinting and/or a screening process for the Santa Barbara High School Mentor-A-Scholar Program. Mr. Horton stated a tuberculosis test and fingerprinting were required.

13. Presentation on Status of School District Projects

David Hetynok, director of facilities and operations, gave a presentation on the status of the Santa Barbara School Districts’ bond construction projects and the properties adjacent to Washington Elementary School.

14. Report from the PARC Foundation on the Status of The Armory Project

Mr. Bob Patterson, Steering Committee co-chair and PARC Foundation board member, gave background on the armory project. The current focus is on relocating the armory to another federal military facility and entering into a memorandum of understanding with the California National Guard.

A motion was made by Brian Barnwell to reaffirm the commitment on the part of the city council to acquire the National Guard Armory site. Seconded simultaneously by multiple city members.

Motion passed. Vote: 7-0 / Ayes: 7 (Blum, Williams, Falcone, Horton, Barnwell, House, Schneider) / Noes: 0

15. Report on School District and City Collaboration on Environmental and Sustainability Programs

Don Olsen reported on environmental and sustainability programs. Mr. Gonzalez stated the districts have a committee to review the districts’ recycling efforts, which have had positive results.

Board adjourned for a five-minute break.

16. Report on Status of School District Options for the Hidden Valley Property

Superintendent Sarvis provided a brief history of the districts’ properties and an explanation of basic-aid. Pat Saley, Pat Saley and Associates, reported on the feasibility study for Hidden Valley property.

Board member Malakoff stated that a subcommittee of the two boards would be conducive to discussing further city and district site planning. Board member Noël asked for information in writing in regards to a land swap. Mr. Williams suggested a copy of the land study be provided in lieu of board member Noël's request. Ms. Falcone asked that the dollar amounts be updated on the study from four years ago.

- David Lane spoke in opposition to building on the Hidden Valley property.
- Maeda Palius spoke in opposition to building on the Hidden Valley property.
- Ronald Doctors spoke in opposition to building on the Hidden Valley property.
- Helen Campbell spoke in opposition to high-density housing on the Hidden Valley property.

17. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

- Update on the districts' truancy program
- Information on the city's Youth Advisory Council
- Discussion on gang activity

18. Adjournment of Joint Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Marty Blum, Mayor
City of Santa Barbara

Adopted by Board of Education
on February 27, 2007

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