

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2007

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Board Members In Attendance

Nancy Harter, Board President
Laura Malakoff, Vice President

Annette Cordero, Member
Kate Parker, Member

Board Members Absent

Robert Noël, Member

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Nancy Harter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A.2 Public Comment

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session.

B.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6 and 3549.1)

Agency designated representative: Director of Personnel Kristine Robertson
Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Santa Barbara Teachers Association (SBTA)

B.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(Government Code § 54956.9) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code § 54956.9: one potential case.

B.3 CAHSEE Waiver for Graduation for Students with Disabilities – Consideration

(Education Code § 56101, 60851) The Board of Education reviewed and considered a list of students who qualify for the California High School Exit Exam Waiver. Pupil names are unspecified and are protected under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232 (g); 34 CFR Part 99, Education Code § 49073 et seq.

B.4 Student Discipline (Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion cases: Numbers 06/07-23, and 06/07-41

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Harter led the pledge.

C.2 Spanish Translation

Ms. Vivian Rodriguez was present to provide Spanish translation.

C.3 Headset for Hearing Impaired

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

C.4 Announcement of Closed Session Action

Motion made by board member Parker to approve the high school exit exam waiver. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

C.5 Acceptance of Donations

Motion made by board member Parker to approve with gratitude the listed donations. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

C.6 Introduction, Proclamations, Presentations or Recognitions

Superintendent Sarvis thanked the San Marcos High School choir for presenting a singing valentine, courtesy of board president Harter.

C.7 Superintendent's Report

- Dos Pueblos High School construction projects
- San Marcos High School decathlon team
- San Marcos High School marching band
- Instructional Materials Advisory Panel
- *Board Brief*, February 2, 2007
- 2007-08 calendar

C.8 Student Report

Student absent.

C.9 Public Comments

- Brian Tanguay spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Tina Culver spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Ken Stevens spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Julie Holmes spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Mark Childs spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Joe Weiland spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Hozby Galindo spoke in opposition to moving Santa Barbara Community Academy (SBCA) to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Elijah Shelton spoke in support of teachers receiving more than the 1.5 percent salary increase offered.
- Marie Henderson spoke in favor of board adherence to the Facilities Master Plan decision of August 29, 2006 regarding SBCA and La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Katherine Hogensen spoke in favor of board adherence to the Facilities Master Plan decision of August 29, 2006 regarding SBCA and La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Kristin Shi spoke in favor of the SBCA operating as one school.
- Michael Lazarovitz spoke in favor of moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Sarvis indicated that the funding for item D.3 was from EIA. Superintendent Sarvis pulled item D.12.

Motion made by board vice president Malakoff to approve the entire consent agenda. Seconded by board member Parker.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

D.1 Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2006

D.2 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2006-07: Santa Barbara Junior High School, Dos Pueblos High School, and San Marcos High School

D.3 Approval of Staff Travel – Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500 dated January 30, 2007.

D.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-23, A Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara School Districts Reaffirming Support of the Park and Recreation Community Foundation's Efforts to Acquire the National Guard Armory for Conversion to Community Uses

D.5 Approval of Professional Services Agreement between All Access Productions and Goleta Valley Junior High School and Santa Barbara High School

D.6 Approval of Independent Service Agreement with Lindamood-Bell learning Processes

D.7 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Among the Gevirtz Research Center, the Police Activities League (PAL), and Santa Barbara School Districts Concerning the PAL Pilot Tech Project

D.8 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated February 13, 2007

D.9 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period January 26, 2007 through February 9, 2007

D.10 Approval of Agreement with Northwest Capital Recovery Group for Utilities Audit

D.11 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period January 17, 2007 through February 6, 2007

D.12 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Infrastructure Upgrades Phase II at Santa Barbara High School

Item pulled by Superintendent Sarvis.

ACTION AGENDA

E.1 Approval of the Santa Barbara School Districts' Independent Audit Report for the Period Ended June 30, 2006

Brian Ruff, from Vavrinek, Trine Day & Co. presented the combined elementary and high school audit report for the 2005-06 school year.

Ed Diaz, assistant superintendent of business services indicated that the business office is working on resolving the ongoing findings and will provide training to site bookkeepers.

Motion made by board member Cordero to approve the 2005-06 audit report. Seconded by board member Parker.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

E.2 Approval of Waterford Mobile Reading Lab Vehicle Donation

Mr. Diaz reviewed the conditions under which the vehicle would be accepted. He reiterated that no district funds would be spent for expenses related to the Waterford Mobile Reading lab vehicle. Board president Harter suggested Preschool for All information be available to parents participating in the Waterford Mobile Reading lab vehicle.

Motion was made by board member Parker to approve the Waterford Mobile Reading lab vehicle donation. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff. .

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

E.3 2007 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election Ballot

Board president Harter announced that Mr. Dean Nevins from the Goleta Union School District is a candidate for CSBA delegate assembly for the subregion 11-A, which includes all of Santa Barbara County.

Motion was made by board member Parker to vote for Dean Evans to fill a vacancy for the CSBA delegate assembly, region 11A. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

E.4 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 06/07-23, and 06/04-41

In the case of 06/07-23, a motion was made by board member Parker to accept the stipulated agreement. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

In the case of 06/07-41, a motion was made by board member Cordero to accept the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel with the following revisions: item E under the rehabilitation plan be removed and item A be revised to read "the student will be transferred to an alternate junior high school other than his/her home school." Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 4-0 / Ayes: 4 (Parker, Cordero, Malakoff, Harter) / Noes: 0

CONFERENCE AGENDA

F.1 Report on the Secondary District Truancy Process, including a Historical Perspective from the 1996 Challenge Grant forward to 2007

Mike Couch, former assistant superintendent of secondary education, spoke about the origin of the truancy prevention program. Carrie Anderson, District Attorney's (DA) office, reported on the Santa Barbara School Districts' partnership with the DA's office to prevent truancy. Board vice president Malakoff inquired if truancy issues show up in the student's discipline records. Kathy Abney, La Cuesta High School principal, responded that it depends on the schools; as some enter the information and others do not. Superintendent Sarvis will work with the principals to assure that the truancy is added to the student's discipline records consistently. Board member Cordero noted that she had received a number of complaints from parents and students that felt intimidated by the language in the letters sent out by the DA's office. Board member Parker requested copies of the letters that parents referred to. Superintendent Sarvis will add the letters to a future *Board Brief*. Principal Abney reported on what schools are doing to alleviate truancy at the sites. Board member Cordero suggested sites take a look at what they might be doing that prevent students from wanting to be at school.

Board adjourned for a break.

F.2 Report on Enrollment Projections and General School Closure Procedural Guidelines

Superintendent Sarvis explained that as a result of the facilities master plan, the district was required to check on school closure guidelines. Pat Saley, from Pat Saley & Associates, presented an outline of the proposed guidelines for a school closure. Board member Cordero requested that the linguistic background composition of a school be added to the criteria for a school closure. Board president Harter reminded the board that the proposed guidelines would return to future meetings for further discussion, edits, and recommendations.

F.3 Future Report on Clarification of Basic Aid Issues

Superintendent Sarvis indicated that statements were made at a previous board meeting regarding basic aid and the Santa Barbara School Districts. Some of the statements were incorrect; clarification will be provided at a future board meeting.

F.4 Analysis of 2006-07 and 2007-08 Possible Budget Reductions

Mr. Diaz explained that the figures he was presenting were estimates and that he was not requesting the board make any cuts at this time. He explained that all items on the budget reduction list were negotiable and did not include grades 9-12. He indicated he was "simply setting the table for what future recommendations might look like." Mr. Diaz explained this item would return to future agendas as a conference item, and that the board would have the option to take action at any point.

Superintendent Sarvis indicated he would like the board to offer ideas for discussion regarding additions and or deletions to the possible budget reductions. Board president Harter suggested e-mailing Mr. Diaz their ideas.

H. Coming Events

- Board workshop on preventing sexual harassment on Tuesday, February 20, 2007
- Special board meeting to review board policies on Tuesday, February 20, 2007

I.1 Board Correspondence

None.

I.2. Board Comments

None.

J. Future Agenda Items

None.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on May 22, 2007

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