

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 13, 2007

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Board Members In Attendance

Nancy Harter, Board President
Laura Malakoff, Vice President

Annette Cordero, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Kate Parker, Member

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Nancy Harter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A.2 Public Comment

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session.

B.1 Liability Claim: (Government Code § 54956.95)

Claimant: Jose Ramirez

Agency Claimed Against: Santa Barbara School Districts

B.2 Liability Claim: (Government Code § 54956.95)

Claimant: Roberto Sanchez III

Agency Claimed Against: Santa Barbara School Districts

Board member Noël entered the proceedings.

B.3 Student Discipline (Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion cases: Numbers 06/07-08, 06/07-38, 06/07-44, 06/07-49, and 06/07-51

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 7:00 p.m.

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Harter led the pledge.

C.2 Spanish Translation

Alma Flores 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 vice president Malakoff to reject the Ramirez claim. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

Motion made by board vice president Malakoff to reject the Sanchez claim. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

C.5 Acceptance of Donations

Motion made by board member Noël to approve with gratitude the listed donations. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

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

C.6 Introduction, Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

David Ortiz, La Colina Junior High School principal, reported on events happening at La Colina Junior High School. Students from La Colina Junior High School performed a song from *Once Upon a Mattress*. Superintendent Sarvis announced that the 2007 Leroy F. Greene Design Award of Honor, from the American Institute of Architects, was presented to the Santa Barbara School Districts and KBZ Architects for the design of the Peabody Charter School Exploration Center.

C.7 Superintendent's Report

- Revised 2007-08 school calendar
- Santa Barbara County spelling bee
- San Marcos High School's (SMHS) Mock Trial Team
- 2008 Arbor Day poster contest winners
- Tri County GATE council honored Barbie Evans, Janet Imel, and Kareem Battle
- SMHS will host career day next year
- Measure V construction tour
- Construction fact sheet will be in *Board Brief*
- *Board Brief*, March 2, 2006
- Upcoming events

C.8 Student Report

Cailyn Katsev, San Marcos High School student, gave the student report

C.9 Public Comments

- Christopher McDermut announced the grand opening of 1235 Teen Center.
- Trisha Bartlett announced the grand opening of 1235 Teen Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board president Harter announced an updated seniority list for item D.12 was available on the table at the back of the room. Board president Harter requested item D.2 be pulled for discussion later in the agenda. Motion made by board member Cordero to approve the entire consent agenda, with the exception of D.2. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

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

D.1 Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2006; January 9, 2007; January 19, 2007

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

Item pulled by board president Harter for discussion later in the agenda.

- D.3 Approval of Staff Travel – Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500 dated March 13, 2007**
- D.4 Approval of Library Master Plan for the Elementary and Secondary Districts**
- D.5 Approval of the Elementary and Secondary Library Plans**
- D.6 Approval of the Purchase of Destiny Library Manager for the Elementary and Secondary Libraries**
- D.7 Approval of a Revised Contract with the University of California Santa Barbara in the Amount of \$46,924 for Evaluation of the After School Safety and Education Grant Program (A-OK Program) for 2006-07**
- D.8 Approval of Santa Barbara Junior High School Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan**
- D.9 Approval of Santa Barbara High School Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan**
- D.10 Approval of Physical Education Leadership Course**
- D.11 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated March 13, 2007**
- D.12 Approval of Seniority Lists**
- D.13 Approval of Competency Criteria and Tie Breaker Criteria used for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services and Adoption of Resolution Number 06/07-26**
- D.14 Approval to Notice Temporary Teachers Effective End of 2006-07 School Year**
- D.15 Approval to Notice Probationary Teachers Effective End of 2006-07 School Year**
- D.16 Approval of Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services and Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-25**
- D.17 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period February 15, 2007 through March 9, 2007**
- D.18 Approval of 2006-07 Audit Contract with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP**
- D.19 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period February 15, 2007 through March 6, 2007**
- D.20 Approval of Proposal from Cardenas and Associates for Engineering Services for Eight New Classrooms at San Marcos High School**

ACTION AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Revision of the Peabody School Charter Document, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Charter Facilities Use Agreement

Kate Ford, Peabody Charter School principal, highlighted the recent changes to the MOU. Board member Cordero requested the word “workmen” be changed to a more gender neutral word as is district standard. Paul Minney will find a more appropriate word. Board vice president Malakoff suggested that the Peabody Charter School board of directors be composed of at least a few “in-district community members.” Board president Harter requested Ed Diaz, assistant superintendent of business services, include the pro-rata formula developed for Peabody in a future *Board Brief*.

Motion made by board member Noël to approve the Peabody Charter School document, memorandum of understanding, and facilities use agreement. Seconded by board member Cordero.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

E.2 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 06/07-08, 06/07-38, 06/07-44, 06/07-49, and 06/07-51

In the case of 06/07-49, a motion was made by board member Cordero to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

In the case of 06/07-51, a motion was made by board member Noël to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

In the case of 06/07-44, a motion was made by board member Cordero to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Parker.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

In the case of 06/07-08, a motion was made by board member Noël to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

In the case of 06/07-38, a motion was made by board member Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Noël.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

CONFERENCE AGENDA

F.1 Request to Address the Board — Presentation on Concerns Regarding Consolidation of the Santa Barbara Community Academy (SBCA) at La Cumbre Junior High School

Greg Carlson, PTA president of La Cumbre Junior High School, presented a summary of La Cumbre Junior High School's classroom requirements, and its programs. He requested the board of education create a directive to guide future discussions for La Cumbre Junior High School.

Public Comments:

- Dayna Jordan spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Tiare Dodson spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Alice Tarbush spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Laura Baker spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Lynn Montgomery spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.

F.2 Request to Address the Board Regarding Permanent Location of the Santa Barbara Community Academy at La Cumbre Junior High School Junior High School

Michael Lazarovitz, SBCA parent, spoke on the history of SBCA, its facilities, and the benefits of reunification.

Public comment:

- Tiare Dodson spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Laura Baker spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Erin Cavazos spoke in support of a reunited SBCA.
- Marie Henderson spoke in support of a reunited SBCA.

Board adjourned to 15-minute break.

F.3 Superintendent's Report on Requested Information Regarding La Cumbre Junior High School and Santa Barbara Community Academy and Recommendation for Facilities Plan

Superintendent Sarvis responded to a number of questions that had been presented at previous board meetings: (1) the elementary district pays the secondary district \$112,000 to rent space for SBCA, (2) transportation cost from Ortega Street to La Cumbre Junior High School would be approximately \$25,000, (3) environmental firm, Dudek & Associates, was contracted with board approval to complete a report regarding California Environmental Quality Act requirements, (4) developer fee monies can be used for construction or reconstruction of school facilities, (5) I-98 and Measure V bond funds can also be used for reconstruction by virtue of passage of the single district resolution, (6) all students are viewed as single school district students, due to single district resolution, and therefore rent payment is optional.

Board member Parker expressed concern about utilizing both I-98 and Measure V funds to accommodate an elementary school on a secondary campus and requested a report on how future bonds could be run either separate or possibly combined. Board member Noël indicated he also was troubled by the possibility of co-mingling bond money. Board president Harter reminded board members that it was not being suggested that bond monies be pulled together and that Mr. Price was simply providing information.

Superintendent Sarvis recommended moving towards permanently relocating SBCA at La Cumbre Junior High School. He reviewed the adjustments needed for the relocation, alternatives for SBCA and La Cumbre Junior High School, SBCA needs, and a timeline for the proposed relocation. Superintendent Sarvis noted that SBCA would have to fund its own transportation. The total cost of the relocation is \$375,000. Funding could be provided by I-98 and Measure V bonds, and developer fees; however, no general fund monies will be used. He explained that if bond money was considered, only money from refinancing of bonds would be used, so not to take away from other construction projects.

Public Comment:

- Armando Ortega thanked Superintendent Sarvis for his presentation.
- Kum-Kum Bhavnani thanked Superintendent Sarvis for his presentation.
- Tiare Dodsen spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Laura Baker spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Luther Lewis spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- John Foran spoke in favor of moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Brad Hufschmid spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Don Haws spoke in opposition to moving SBCA to La Cumbre Junior High School.

Board member Cordero requested assurance that La Cumbre Junior High School programs would not be reduced or eliminated to accommodate SBCA. She clarified that she was not suggesting that class levels remain the same. Board president Harter preferred a phased relocation plan and would like to see an ongoing committee with representation from both school sites and district administration. La Cumbre Junior High School neighbors should be notified so that they can participate in the committee as well and a facilitator should be available. Board member Parker would also like to see a more phased transition and was concerned that SBCA would be required to fund its transportation.

F.4 First Reading of the Tentative Agreement between the Santa Barbara School Districts and the Santa Barbara Teachers Association (SBTA)

Superintendent Sarvis reviewed the major points of the three-year SBTA tentative agreement: a three percent salary increase for 2006-07, retroactive through July 1, 2006; another three percent increase in 2007-08; and another three percent increase in 2008-09 and compaction of the longevity steps. Superintendent Sarvis indicated the agreement would be returned to the board for their approval in April, after ratification by the SBTA. The board then has 45 days to make the necessary cuts to meet the three year plan, which will require approval from the he Santa Barbara County Education Office.

F.5 Continued Discussion of Budget Reductions

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

F.6 Report on Career Technical Education Planning

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

F.7 (Time Permitting) Discussion on District Advisory Committee, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, School Closure, School Reorganization, and Disposal of Surplus Property Requirements

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

F.8 (Time Permitting) Report on Update of 2006/07 New Categorical Programs

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board returned to consent items pulled earlier in the meeting.

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

Board president Harter requested the fundraising request for artificial turf at San Marcos High School be placed as a separate item on a future board agenda, as has been done for other major fundraising events.

Motion was made by board president Harter to approve all of the fundraising requests, with the exception of the San Marcos High School turf fundraising. Seconded by board member Noël.

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

H. Coming Events

- Special board meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

I.1 Board Correspondence

None.

I.2 Board Comments

Board member Cordero reported on a town hall meeting that she and Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categoricals, attended last week regarding gang activity.

J. Future Agenda Items

- Program Improvement schools will present their three year improvement plan
- Safe School Plans
- American Charter High School petition

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on June 12, 2007

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