

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting – Tuesday, March 20, 2007

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Board Members In Attendance

Nancy Harter, President
Laura Malakoff, Vice President

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

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Harter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Harter led the pledge.

A.3 Spanish Translation

Noemi Vazquez was present to provide Spanish translation.

A.4 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

A.5 Superintendents Report

- Tragedy from Wednesday, March 14, 2007, gang attack.

A.6 Public Comments

- Laura Baker spoke in opposition to moving Santa Barbara Community Academy (SBCA) to La Cumbre Junior High School.
- Alice Tarbush spoke in favor of reuniting SBCA.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board president Harter stated a correction was necessary in item B.4. The address on the change order should be changed from the Dos Pueblos High School address to Franklin Elementary School address. Board member Noël pulled items B.1 and B.2.

A motion was made by board member Parker to approve the items on the consent agenda plus the correction to item B.4, and with the exception of items B.1 and B.2. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

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

B.1 Approval of Accounting Technician I and Accounting Technician II Job Descriptions

Item B.1 pulled by board member Noël for discussion later in the meeting.

B.2 Approval of an Additional Accounting Technician II for Categorical Programs

Item B.2 pulled by board member Noël for discussion later in the meeting.

B.3 Approval of Purchase Order 75286 for San Marcos High School

B.4 Approval of Change Order No. 8, Franklin Elementary School Library and Classroom Replacement

B.5 Approval of Change Order No. 4, Santa Barbara High School, Campus Modernization Phase II, Bid Package A

CONFERENCE AGENDA

C.1 Report on McKinley Elementary School's Interim Progress as a Year Three Program Improvement School

Juanita Carney, McKinley Elementary School principal, presented the interim progress report of the school plan and student achievement. Board president Harter requested that the board review the extensive report and direct any questions to Robin Sawaske, assistant superintendent of elementary education.

Item D.1 was taken out of order.

D.1 Board Certification of McKinley Elementary School's Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Improvement Plan

Ms. Sawaske stated McKinley Elementary School was identified by the California Department of Education as being eligible to apply for the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) funding. The deadline to apply was March 30, 2007. California Department of Education will announce the schools that qualify on the CDE website in May 2007.

C.2 Report on Year Three Program Improvement Plan Progress for Santa Barbara Junior High School and Year Four Program Improvement Plan Progress for La Cumbre Junior High School

John Becchio, Santa Barbara Junior High School principal, presented the three-year program improvement plan for Santa Barbara Junior High School. The board requested a hard copy of the presentation be sent to Barbara Keyani, coordinator of special projects and communication, to be put into the *Board Brief*.

JoAnn Caines, La Cumbre Junior High School principal, spoke about the year four program improvement plan progress at La Cumbre Junior High School.

Public Comments:

- Mike Nunn spoke in favor of the good job performance of JoAnn Caines and Jorge Fulco.
- Dean Jensen spoke in favor of the positive changes made to La Cumbre Junior High School.

The board adjourned for a 10-minute break.

C.3 Public Hearing on Petition for American High School Charter

Board member Noël announced that he would be assisting in the presentation of item C.3 and would resume his board position when the item was over.

Public Comments:

- Jack Harris spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Norman Boyan spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Marilyn Gevirtz spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Ken Rotman spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Lanny Ebenstein spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Jacqueline Rotman spoke in favor of American High Charter School.
- Victor Martinez spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Das William spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Don Gordon spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Sarah McKittrick spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Lynn Montgomery spoke in favor of American Charter High School.

- Susan Young spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Cesar Sierra spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Leslie Esposito spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Gina La Monica spoke in favor of American Charter High School.
- Michael Zoradi spoke in favor of American Charter High School.

A motion was made by board member Noël to bring item C.3 back to the April 10, 2007 board meeting for action. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-2 / Ayes: 3 (Harter, Malakoff, Noël) / Noes: 2 (Cordero, Parker)

C.4 Report on Career Technical Education Planning

Moved to a future board meeting.

C.5 Continued Discussion of Budget Reductions

Ed Diaz, assistant superintendent of business services, stated the item is continued from last month's budget reductions and enhancements. The board directed Mr. Diaz to move several items from the list to low priority. All items would be brought back to the April 24, 2007 board meeting, focusing on the priority list first, then the low priority list.

Public Comments:

- Ann Cumming spoke in opposition to eliminating class size reduction.
- Lanny Ebenstein spoke in opposition to eliminating class size reduction.

C.6 Discussion on District Advisory Committee, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, School Closure, School Reorganization, and Disposal of Surplus Property Requirements

Moved to a future board meeting.

Public Comment:

- Lanny Ebenstein spoke in opposition to the closure of McKinley Elementary School.

C.7 Report on Update of 2006-07 New Categorical Programs

Moved to a future board meeting.

B.1 Approval of Accounting Technician I and Accounting Technician II Job Descriptions

Board member Noël inquired about the funding. Superintendent Sarvis stated the accounting technician I and II are reclassifications and funded with general fund monies.

B.2 Approval of an Additional Accounting Technician II for Categorical Programs

Board member Noël inquired about the bond accounting position. Kristine Robertson, director of personnel, stated the position is for an employee who works strictly with all of the districts' bond accounts.

A motion was made by board member Cordero to approve item B.1, approval of accounting technician I and accounting technician II job descriptions, and approval of item B.2, approval of an additional accounting technician II for categorical programs.

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

ACTION AGENDA

D.2 Approval of Safe School Plans

Moved to a future board meeting.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:37 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

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

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