

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting – Friday, June 29, 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

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Nancy Harter called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

A.2 Public Comments Relating to Closed Session

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session.

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

Claimant: Eric Winter

Agency claimed against: Santa Barbara School Districts

REGULAR SESSION

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Harter led the pledge of allegiance.

C.2 Spanish Translation

Esperanza Villegas was on hand to provide Spanish translation.

C.3 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

C.4 Public Comments

None

President Harter noted there was no agenda item to report out the closed session item. Item B.1 liability claim, claimant: Eric Winter, claim against the Santa Barbara School Districts. Motion by board vice president Malakoff to settle the liability claim. Seconded by board member Cordero. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 2 (Noël, Parker)

ACTION AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Tentative Agreement between the Santa Barbara School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2007-08 School Year

Elaine Alvarado, coordinator of classified personnel, reviewed points of the agreement discussed at the Tuesday, June 26, 2007 board meeting.

Board member Cordero moved to approve the tentative agreement between the Santa Barbara School District and the California School Employees Association for the 07-08 school year. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

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

D.2 Approval of Agreement for Financial Services between Dale Scott & Company and the Santa Barbara School Districts

Ed Diaz, assistant superintendent of business services, stated the agreement was a contract for financial advisory services with regard to the general obligation bond refunding and other debt instruments the district may or may not pursue. There would be no general fund impact; the costs would come out of the closing cost of the financing.

Board member Cordero moved to approve the agreement for financial services between Dale Scott & Co. and the Santa Barbara School Districts. Seconded by board vice president Malakoff.

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

D.3 Approval of 2007-2008 Budget for Adoption and 2006-2007 Estimated Actuals

Mr. Diaz gave an overview of budget development and stated that the closing budget for 2006-07 will be included in a *Board Brief* in September. Reductions and expenditures for the elementary school district and the high school district were presented in detail.

The board adjourned for a five-minute break.

Mr. Diaz stated that all reserves are at the discretion of the board for allocation. Board member Parker stated her concern over the budget cuts of \$2.5 million made in April 2007 to make the three percent reserve for economic uncertainties. District staff account analysis yielded \$2 million. Mr. Diaz asked the board to wait for two events to happen before making decisions: (1) hear from the county office regarding a thorough review of the budget and (2) wait until the closing of the books in August and any adjustments that would happen. He cautioned the board about spending the monies before the first interim report for 2007-08, but it is at the board's discretion and direction on how the monies should be spent. Board member Parker also stated that waiting until the first interim report would be a loss for the children on programs for the school year with board member Cordero agreeing. Board president Harter suggested that a special meeting be held in August, after the books are closed, to consider allocation of funds. Mr. Diaz stated that would not be possible until early September. Board member Parker would like to see a portion of the funds, \$1 million, be distributed now before the school year begins to reinstate some of the cut programs. Board member Noël requested clarification of future commitments or encroachments. He asked that there be an explicit understanding that the reserves not be targeted for specific use except those that are legally required and for the board to have discretion and direction about reinstating programs and spending the monies. Board member Parker reiterated her request to have the budget come back before the board before the school year begins to look at future commitments and designated reserves. Mr. Diaz stated that when the county has done its review, which should be before the end of July, he would make available the information to the board via a *Board Brief*. Mr. Diaz cautioned the board to wait for the county review before making any decisions. Board president Harter stated that she requested a discussion regarding the forming of a budget committee in August and how it would be comprised.

Board member Parker moved to adopted the 2006-07 estimated actuals and 2007-08 budget. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Board president Harter asked board member Parker to use the wording of the item which is "adopt the actuals and approve the budget."

Board member Parker moved to approve the 2007-08 budget and adopt the 2006-07 estimated actuals. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Board member Noël moved to bifurcate the vote.
Board president Harter asked the mover and the seconder if they would agree to two separate votes. It was agreed by both board member Parker and Cordero to vote separately.

Board member Parker moved to adopt the 2006-07 estimated actuals. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

Board member Parker moved to approve the 2007-08 budget. Seconded by board member Cordero.
Motion passed. Vote: 4-0-1 / Ayes: 4 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 0 / Abstention: 1 (Noël)

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on September 25, 2007

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