

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting – Friday, January 15, 2008

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Board Members In Attendance

Laura Malakoff, President
Kate Parker, Vice President

Annette Cordero, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Robert Noël, Member

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Malakoff called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Malakoff led the pledge.

A.3 Spanish Translation

Esperanza Villegas was present to provide Spanish translation.

A.4 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

A.5 Public Comments

- Kenneth Loch spoke in favor of promoting reality for children.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

B.1 Negotiation Procedures for Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees

Craig Price, legal counsel, responded to questions about the negotiation procedures for unrepresented management and confidential employees.

The board adjourned for a fifteen-minute break.

B.2 Board Discussion of Gang Interventions and Prevention Strategies in the Santa Barbara School Districts

Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categorical programs, gave a presentation responding to the board's request for additional information on gang violence intervention and prevention in the districts.

Public comments:

- Michael Furlong spoke in favor of school safety.
- Dr. Jill Sharkey spoke in favor of the implementation of a positive plan.
- Penny Jenkins and Ed Cue spoke about Teen Court and educating teachers.
- Esteban Ortiz spoke in favor of parent education and funding programs by the community, not the district.
- Vince Castro spoke in favor of All for One youth and mentoring program.
- Matt Sanchez spoke in favor of addressing youth violence, not just gang violence.
- Karolyn Renard spoke about violence being symptoms of a much larger problem.
- Joan Esposito spoke in favor of creating alternatives for students.
- Laura Bakers spoke in favor of early intervention at the elementary level.

- Alma Uribe spoke in favor of education and communication for parents.
- Graciela Fernandez spoke in favor of focusing on prevention and on the parents.
- Layne Wheeler spoke in favor of working together as a collaborative team.
- Craig Morgan spoke in favor of video surveillance, gang task force personnel, and extra security staff.
- Veronica Rogers spoke in support of collaboration between students, teachers, and parents.
- John Becchio spoke in favor of a tip-line.
- David Ortiz spoke in favor of accepting each child as an individual.
- JoAnn Caines spoke in favor of school being a place where children feel safe.
- Mark Capritto spoke in favor of good communication and a connection with the children.
- Mark Swanitz spoke in opposition to equipment to solve issues of youth violence.
- Mike Vail spoke about violence in elementary schools.

Board members requested an agenda item to consider a job description for a gang intervention specialist, further discussion about a tip-line, appearances of more community outreach program members, and discussion about where grant money would come from and alternative ways to use the funding such as developing proposals with currently involved groups and community members.

ACTION AGENDA

C.1 Adoption of Resolution 07/08-15, “Delegation of Governing Board Powers/Duties”

Per board consensus, Item C.1 was deferred to a future board meeting.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:

Laura Malakoff, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on March 11, 2008

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