

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 2008

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Board Members In Attendance

Laura Malakoff, Board 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 5:30 p.m.

A.2 Public Comments (related to closed session)

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session.

B.1 Student Discipline (Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion case numbers: 07/08-27, 07/08-44, 07/08-48, 07/08-50 and 07/08-51

B.2 CAHSEE Waiver for Graduation for Students with Disabilities – Consideration (Government Code § 56101, 60851)

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 6:05p.m.

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Malakoff led the pledge.

C.2 Spanish Translation

Vivian Rodriguez was present to provide Spanish translation.

C.3 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

C.4 Announcement of Closed Session Action

Board president Malakoff announced the following:

Motion made by board vice president Parker to approve the CAHSEE waivers. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

C.5 Acceptance of Donations

Motion made by board member Harter to accept with the gratitude the listed donations. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

C.6 Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations or Recognitions

Ed Martin and John Coie of California Concern spoke about their work with the Child Development Program and the Mobile Waterford Van, a classroom on wheels that provides English language and learning readiness to Spanish speaking four-year-olds.

San Marcos High School's vocal music teacher, Carolyn Teraoka-Brady, vocal students, and their parents spoke about their experience at Carnegie Hall in New York.

C.7 Superintendent's Report

- Santa Barbara Community Academy reunited as one school on the La Cumbre Junior High School campus
- *Board Brief* of March 21, 2008
- Coming school events

C.8 Student Report

None.

C.9 Public Comments

- Joan Stuster thanked Ms. Teraoka-Brady for her work with the San Marcos High School vocal students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Harter pulled items D.2, D.8, and D.27 for discussion later in the meeting. Board member Noël pulled items D.4, D.5, D.8, D.11, and D.13 for discussion later in the meeting.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve all items on the consent agenda, with the exception of items D.2, D.4, D.5, D.8, D.11, D.13 and D.27. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

D.1 Approval of Minutes – February 29, 2008 (special meeting) and February 29, 2008 (joint meeting)

D.2 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2007-08 for Santa Barbara Junior High School, Dos Pueblos High School, San Marcos High School, and Santa Barbara High School

Item pulled by board member Harter for discussion later in the meeting.

D.3 Approval of Student Field Trips for Dos Pueblos High School and La Cumbre Junior High School

D.4. Approval of Staff Travel: Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500, dated March 24, 2008

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

D.5 Approval of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Implementation Agreement between the AVID Center and the Santa Barbara Elementary School District for the 2008-09 School Year

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

D.6 Adoption of Independent Contract Agreement with Karen Schnee, M.A. CCP-SLP/BET to Provide a Comprehensive Speech and Language Evaluation for a Special Education Student per Dispute over District Assessment Results (Stu-AV)

D.7 Approval of Independent Contract Agreement with Jordan Witt, Ph.D., to Provide a Psycho-educational Evaluation for a Special Education Student per Dispute over District Assessment Results (Stu-AM)

D.8 Approval of the Contract between the Santa Barbara School Districts and the Anti-Defamation League of Santa Barbara to Deliver “A World of Difference” Peer Leadership Training for the School Year 2008-09

Item pulled by board members Harter and Noël for discussion later in the meeting.

D.9 Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Settlement

D.10 Approval of Site Discretionary Block Grant Contract for Harding Elementary School Sustainability Training and Coaching

D.11 Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-30, Approval of Amendment 02 of State Preschool Contract No. CPRE-7368 between the Santa Barbara School Districts’ Child Development Program and the California Department of Education for the 2007-08 School Year

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

D.12 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Barbara School Districts’ Child Development Program and Santa Barbara County Education Office, Health Linkages Program for the 07-08 and 08-09 School Years

D.13 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action items Dated April 8, 2008

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

D.14 Memorandum of Understanding for the Antioch Clinical Training Consortium to Establish Respective Practicum Sites

D.15 Approval of Annual Teacher Assignments

D.16 Approval of Paid Commercial Warrant Register Dated March 3, 2008 through March 21, 2008

D.17 Approval of Updated Authorized Signature Forms per Education Code Section 17604 for Submission to the Santa Barbara County Education Office

D.18 Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-31 Intent to Leave the Southern California ReliEF Risk (SCR) Management Pool

D.19 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period March 5, 2008 through March 25, 2008

D.20 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Pavement Rehabilitation at La Colina Junior High School

D.21 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Barbara High School District and the California Academy Foundation for Loan Repayment of State Funds for the Multimedia Academy Modernization at Santa Barbara High School

D.22 Approval of Proposal from Flowers & Associates for Engineering Services for Pavement Maintenance and Re-striping at Santa Barbara High School

D.23 Approval of Proposal from Knowland Construction Services for Division of State Architect Inspection for Modernization Phase III, Santa Barbara High School

D.24 Approval of Proposal from Knowland Construction Services for Division of State Architect Inspection for Site ADA Improvements, Santa Barbara High School

D.25 Approval of Contract Award to RSH Construction, Inc., for Modernization Phase III, Santa Barbara High School

D.26 Approval of Proposal from Simpson Land Surveying Company for Engineering Services for Pavement Maintenance at McKinley Elementary School

D.27 Approval of Proposal for Architectural Services from Robert Robles Architecture Inc. for Exterior Painting Upgrades at Monroe Elementary School

Item pulled by board member Harter for discussion later in the meeting.

D.28 Approval of Proposal for Architectural Services from Robert Robles Architecture Inc. for Exterior Painting Upgrades at Cleveland Elementary School

D.29 Approval of Proposal from Knowland Construction Services for Division of State Architect Inspection for La Cuesta Continuation High School Modernization and ADA Work at the Santa Barbara High School Campus

D.30 Approval of Change Order No. 4, ADA upgrades at McKinley Elementary School

CONFERENCE AGENDA

E.1 First Reading of Fiscal Recovery Plan and Public Hearing on Budget Cuts

Superintendent Sarvis stated the governor's proposal required the districts to cut \$4M from its current budget. He clarified staff was not suggesting cutting music and arts; however, there was a need to reduce staff due to enrollment decline and some music teachers might be affected. Eric D. Smith, Deputy Superintendent reviewed the list of suggestions referred to by Superintendent Sarvis.

Board member Noël requested the district examine the need for a public information position and inquired about the cost for directors, administrators, and Craig Price, districts' legal counsel, to attend board meetings. Superintendent Sarvis indicated there was no extra cost for administrators to attend board meetings as it was part of their contract. He will look into Mr. Price's fees. Board member Noël requested analysis regarding district administration staff ratios. He also suggested eliminating board compensation.

Board member Harter requested junior high school (JHS) electives and ninth-grade class size reduction (CSR) be taken off the Fiscal Recovery Plan (FRP) list. She requested staff's thoughts in placing CSR on the list and further information regarding psychologists and librarians versus library technicians. Other board members agreed on removing JHS electives and CSR from the FRP list.

Board vice president Parker inquired what the staffing plan was to replace the certificated librarians and questioned the removal of Oral-J testing. Robin Sawaske, assistant superintendent of elementary education, indicated Oral-J would be replaced with other free assessments.

Superintendent Sarvis stated the current budget included funding for 6.0 full time equivalent (FTE) in JHS electives. Board member Cordero would like the ability to hire the 8.0 FTE and at a later time discuss how to equally distribute the 8.0 FTE amongst the JHS. Superintendent Sarvis indicated the \$577,000 in the FRP, under "Reduce 7.4 Certificated FTE Providing Junior High School Electives", covers the cost of 7.4 FTE, and therefore would cost an additional \$46,800 to get to 8.0 FTE. He indicated the \$156,000 figure in the FRP is incorrect.

The board adjourned for a ten-minute break.

Board president Malakoff requested Superintendent Sarvis explain electives. Superintendent Sarvis indicated that since the secondary district is anticipating 360 fewer students next year, layoff notices were sent out across most subject areas, including music, but that there might not be any actual reductions in the number of music classes because electives are staffed depending on demand.

Motion made by board member Cordero to remove JHS electives from the list of potential program reductions. Seconded by board vice president Parker.
No vote was taken.

Board member Harter requested more information regarding the staff parity issue at the various high schools. She also indicated she was willing to go up to 8.0 FTEs but needed further information on master schedules, types of class demands, and what could be offered.

Board member Cordero amended her motion to include a staff report on parity and master schedule, and also up to 8.0 FTE, could be 7.4 or something different.
No vote was taken.

Board president Malakoff formally opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

- Juliet Stuster spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- David Holmes spoke in favor of keeping performing arts in school.
- Daniel Hanley spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- Eric Burrows spoke in favor of keeping the block schedule at SMHS.
- Linelle Glass spoke in favor of keeping credentialed certificated librarians at schools.
- Michael McLaughlin spoke in favor of keeping the block schedule at SMHS and requested the Santa Barbara School Districts work with SMHS on a two-year plan to establish parity at schools and meet the instructional minute requirements.
- Kirk Taylor spoke in favor of keeping the block schedule at SMHS and indicated the information that the districts' staff had regarding the block schedule was incorrect.
- Chris Speer spoke in favor of keeping junior high school electives.
- Mary Kerby spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- Les Rose spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- Nikki Lagerquest spoke in favor of keeping the arts in schools.
- Frank Anderson spoke in favor of keeping the arts and junior high school electives in schools.
- Laurie Tingstrom spoke in favor of keeping Robert Ortega, music teacher at Santa Barbara High School.
- Aislinn Dunn spoke in favor of keeping instrumental music.
- Kieran Dunn spoke in favor of keeping instrumental music.
- Ellen Lewis spoke in favor of keeping instrumental music.
- Ann Crawford spoke in favor of keeping instrumental music.
- Hagir Sailors spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- Olivia Harrell spoke in favor of keeping music in schools.
- Denice Adams stated there was a need for other things besides music and seven-period days.
- Carol Pasternack spoke in favor of connecting with other school districts to protest and demand more funding.
- Evan Bell spoke in favor of keeping performing arts in school.
- Rebekah Sillars spoke in favor of keeping credentialed certificated librarians at schools.
- Ursula Ferrall spoke in favor of keeping credentialed certificated librarians at schools.
- Steve Wacker spoke in favor of keeping performing arts in school.
- Marie Henderson indicated more bathroom facilities were necessary for Santa Barbara Community Academy (SBCA) students at La Cumbre Junior High School (LCuJHS).

Board president Malakoff announced the public hearing was closed.

Motion made by board member Cordero to remove the JHS electives from the list of potential program reductions. Maintain up to 8.0 FTE, and request that staff bring back a report on parity and master scheduling. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

E.2 Facilities Master Plan Update on Implementation for La Cuesta Programs

Superintendent Sarvis explained that it was anticipated in the Facilities Master Plan (FMP), board approved on December 4, 2007, that the Las Alturas Program and some of the La Cuesta Santa Barbara

High School students would be relocated to the Ortega Street location. Paul Turnbull, assistant superintendent of secondary education, indicated the board directed the district to form an ad hoc committee composed of La Cuesta staff to put together a coherent phase-in plan. Pat Saley, Saley & Associates, presented the results of the ad hoc committee. Ms. Saley indicated the Dos Pueblos High School La Cuesta program would stay on the Dos Pueblos High School campus. Board member Noël requested cost figures associated with the proposed move and added he would not support any decision that might jeopardize ninth-grade CSR. Mr. Turnbull indicated there were a variety of categorical funds that could be used to fund the move. He will provide a report to the board.

Public Comment:

- Layne Wheeler indicated it was important to work with the union so that there would be no conflict with the teachers' contracts.
- Paul Cronshaw spoke in favor of the consolidation of the La Cuesta High School programs and asked for the board's support.

E.3 Report and Discussion of Possible Budget Advisory Committee

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

E.4 Report and Discussion of Possible Audit Committee

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

E.5 Report on Expulsion Policies Instituted Last Year

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

F.1 Second Reading of Proposed Santa Barbara School Districts' Discipline Guidelines and Dress Code

Item was postponed to a future board meeting.

Board member Noël left the meeting.

F.2 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 07/08-27, 07/08-44, 07/08-48, 07/08-50, and 07/08-51

In the case of 07/08-51, a motion was made by board member Harter to approve the stipulated agreement. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

In the case of 07/08-50, board member Harter indicated the board had not reached on agreement and the item would be brought to another meeting where all board members are present.

In the case of 07/08-27, a motion was made by board member Harter to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

In the case of 07/08-44, a motion was made by board member Harter to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

In the case of 07/08-48, a motion was made by board member Harter to approve the findings and recommendation of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

H. Return to Consent Items Designated for Discussion

D.2 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2007-08 for Santa Barbara Junior High School, Dos Pueblos High School, San Marcos High School, and Santa Barbara High School

Board member Harter requested a uniform form for all schools requesting approval for fundraising activities.

D.8 Approval of the Contract between the Santa Barbara School Districts and the Anti-Defamation League of Santa Barbara to Deliver “A World of Difference” Peer Leadership Training for the School Year 2008-09

Board member Harter inquired on the actual number of student trainees. Mr. Turnbull indicated there were two trainings with 30 students each, for a total of 60 students.

D.4. Approval of Staff Travel: Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500, dated March 24, 2008

Board member Noël was not present to discuss item.

D.27 Approval of Proposal for Architectural Services from Robert Robles Architecture Inc. for Exterior Painting Upgrades at Monroe Elementary School

Board member Harter requested confirmation that the painting upgrades were in fact for Monroe Elementary School and not McKinley Elementary School, as indicated on the attachments. David Hetyonk, director of facilities and operations, confirmed it was Monroe Elementary School.

Mr. Hetyonk indicated there was an error in D.27 and D.28; both sites are scheduled for construction in the summer of 2009, not summer of 2008 as indicated in his memo.

D.5 Approval of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Implementation Agreement between the AVID Center and the Santa Barbara Elementary School District for the 2008-09 School Year

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D.11 Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-30, Approval of Amendment 02 of State Preschool Contract No. CPRE-7368 between the Santa Barbara School Districts’ Child Development Program and the California Department of Education for the 2007-08 School Year

Board member Noël was not present to discuss item.

D.13 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action items Dated April 8, 2008

Board member Noël was not present to discuss item.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve D.2, D.4, D.5, D.8, D.11, D.13 and D.27. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

I. Coming Events

Coming events were covered previously.

J. Board Comments and Correspondence

None.

K. Future Agenda Items

- April 17, 2008, 4:30 p.m., special board meeting

Board member Harter requested a report on a future *Board Brief* regarding the bathroom situation between SBCA and LCuJHS.

Board vice president Parker requested information on a future *Board Brief* regarding the Happy Canyon property.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Attest:

Laura Malakoff, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on June 17, 2008

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