

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 22, 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 Laura 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 at 5:35 p.m.

B.1 Student Discipline (Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion case numbers: 07/08-50, 07/08-59, 07/08-60, 07/08-65, 07/08-54, 07/08-56, and 07/08-52

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 6:00 p.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 that headsets were available for the hearing impaired.

C.4 Announcement of Closed Session Action

No action to report.

C.5 Acceptance of Donations

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve with gratitude the listed donations. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

C.6 Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations or Recognitions

John Becchio, principal of Santa Barbara Junior High School, showed a video of Santa Barbara Junior High School's seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

Board member Noël arrived at the proceedings.

C.7 Superintendent's Report

- Santa Barbara High School elevator ribbon cutting event
- Graduation and promotion schedule
- Santa Barbara School Districts' eighth annual Employee Appreciation Day
- Spring book drive
- *Board Brief*, April 11, 2008
- Upcoming events

C.8 Student Report

None

C.9 Public Comments

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Harter pulled items D.1, D.2, and D.4 for further discussion later in the meeting. Board member Noël pulled items D.3, D.7, D.9, D.10, and D.12 for further discussion later in the meeting.

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. 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 12, 2008; February 19, 2008; and March 18, 2008

Item D.1 pulled by board member Harter for further discussion.

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

Item D.2 pulled by board member Harter for further discussion.

D.3 Approval of Staff Travel: Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500, dated March 14, 2008

Item D.3 pulled by board member Noël for further discussion.

D.4 Approval of Contract between Los Padres Council, Learning for Life, and Santa Barbara Elementary School District for 2008-09 School Year

Item D.4 pulled by board member Harter for further discussion.

D.5 Approval of Elementary Science Instructional Materials Adoption of Houghton Mifflin Publishers for Kindergarten through Sixth Grades

D.6 Approval of 2007-08 Elementary Library Master Plan

D.7 Approval of 2008-09 Career Technical Education Application

Item D.7 pulled by board member Noël for further discussion.

D.8 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and All SELPA Member Educational Agencies (LEA's)

D.9 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated April 22, 2008

Item D.9 pulled by board member Noël for further discussion.

D.10 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets Dated March 28, 2008 through April 18, 2008

Item D.10 pulled by board member Noël for further discussion.

D.11 Arrival of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Peabody Charter School Second Interim Report

D.12 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period March 26, 2008 through April 15, 2008

Item D.12 pulled by board member Noël for further discussion.

D.13 Approval of Proposal from Flowers & Associates for Engineering Services for Pavement Maintenance at Adams, Cleveland, and McKinley Elementary Schools.

D.14 Approval of Donor Naming Opportunities for the Dos Pueblos Engineering Academy Capital Campaign for the Career Technical Education Facility

D.15 Approval of Revised Proposal for Engineering Services from Ehlen Spiess & Haight, Inc. for Dos Pueblos High School Column Weld Repairs

D.16 Approval of Proposal for Architectural Services from Robert Robles Architecture Inc. for Converting Portable No. 23 to Offices at Adams Elementary School

D.17 Approval of Completed Contract, ADA Upgrades at McKinley Elementary School

D.18 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Library and Classroom Replacement at Franklin Elementary School

D.19 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Demolition of Portable Building at Goleta Valley Junior High School

D.20 Acceptance of Completed Contract, ADA Upgrades at Santa Barbara Junior High School

D.21 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Campus Modernization Phase I Bid Package A at Dos Pueblos High School

D.22 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Theater ADA Upgrades at Santa Barbara High School

D.23 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Campus Modernization Phase II Bid Package A at Santa Barbara High School

ACTION AGENDA

The board heard item F.1, School Services of California Including Staffing Recommendations: Fiscal Health Analysis, Comparative Analysis, and Efficiency Study, before taking action on item E.1, Second Reading and Approval of Fiscal Recovery Plan and Budget Cuts.

F.1 Report by School Services of California Including Staffing Recommendations: Fiscal Health Analysis, Comparative Analysis, and Efficiency Study

John Grey, vice president of School Services of California, Inc., presented the final report on the fiscal health analysis, comparative analysis, and fiscal services division efficiency review.

E.1 Second Reading and Approval of Fiscal Recovery Plan and Budget Cuts

Eric Smith, deputy superintendent for business and non-instructional operations, reported on the second reading of the fiscal recovery plan and budget cuts.

Public Comments:

- Paul Rainbolt spoke in favor of the library program at Goleta Valley Junior High School.
- Emma Steinkellner spoke in favor of the library program at Goleta Valley Junior High School.
- Daniel Richman spoke in opposition of cutting school librarians.
- Helen Murdoch spoke in favor of keeping librarians at San Marcos High School and La Cumbre Junior High School.

- Ramona Marten spoke in favor of keeping school librarians.
- Maggie Mason spoke in favor of retaining the class size reduction for ninth grade.
- Silvia Gutierrez spoke in favor of keeping the health assistant at Cleveland Elementary School.
- Michael McLaughlin spoke in favor of shifting two of the four FTEs to categorical funding.
- Christina Aguirre-Kolb spoke in opposition of cutting school psychologists.
- Juan Gallardo spoke in favor of keeping school psychologists.
- Laura Larios spoke in favor of keeping school psychologists.
- Melissa Perez spoke in favor of retaining school psychologists.
- Larry Green spoke in favor of keeping school psychologists.
- Rita Newhouse spoke in opposition to cutting school psychologists.
- Woody Barrett spoke in opposition to cutting school psychologists.
- Kathy Abney spoke in favor of moving La Cuesta Continuation High School to the Ortega Street location.
- Kirk Taylor spoke about staffing parity between three high schools.
- Frances Corella spoke in opposition to cutting a health assistant position at Dos Pueblos High School.
- Debra Teton spoke in favor of moving La Cuesta Continuation High School to the Ortega Street property.
- Michael Harte spoke in favor of increasing ninth grade class size in English and math.
- Hajir Sailor spoke in opposition to cutting school librarians.
- Kelly Baeza spoke in favor of moving La Cuesta Continuation High School to the Ortega Street location.
- Ann Cumming spoke in opposition to cutting school librarians.
- Carmela Galvez spoke in favor of obtaining students opinions about moving La Cuesta Continuation High School.
- David Holmes spoke in favor of collaboration with staff regarding cuts at San Marcos High School.
- Mitch Torina spoke in support of providing equity to the students of La Cuesta Continuation High School.
- Nancy Stevens spoke in favor of moving La Cuesta Continuation High School to the Ortega Street property.

The board adjourned for a fifteen-minute break.

A motion was made by board member Cordero to adopt the cuts of items A through K, O, Q, T, W, Z, and AA. Seconded by board member Harter.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to include items M and N in the list of reductions. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to remove ninth-grade class size reduction for English from the list. Seconded by board member Noël.

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

A motion was made by board member Cordero to adopt the cut of item L. Seconded by board president Malakoff.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to place item Y on the list of reductions. Seconded by board president Malakoff.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to place items U and X on the list of reductions. Seconded by board president Malakoff.

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

Public Comments:

- Deborah Pentland spoke in opposition to cutting health assistants.
- Wendy Landeros spoke in opposition to cutting health assistants.
- Brian Tanguay spoke in opposition to cutting health assistants.

Per board consensus, item E.5 was taken out of order and the continuation of item E.1 followed.

E.5 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 07/08-50, 07/08-59, 07/08-60, 07/08-65, 07/08-54, 07/08-56, and 07/08-52

In the case of 07/08-50, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-1-1 / Ayes: 3 (Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 1 (Cordero) / Abstain: 1 (Noël)

In the case of 07/08-59, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

In the case of 07/08-60, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

In the case of 07/08-65, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

In the case of 07/08-54, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

In the case of 07/08-56, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

In the case of 07/08-52, a motion was made by board vice president Parker to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Harter.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-2 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff) / Noes: 0 / Abstain: 2 (Noël, Parker)

Item E.1 continued.

A motion was made by board member Cordero to adopt item S as a cut, with the understanding that it is negotiable. Seconded by board member Harter.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to include ninth-grade class size reduction in math on the reduction list. Seconded by board president Malakoff.

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

A motion was made by board member Cordero to cut two school psychologists instead of five. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

A motion was made by board member Cordero to retain items R and V on the list of possible cuts in the event that \$320,000 is not achieved in the parity issue. Seconded by board member Harter.
Motion passed. Vote: 4-1 / Ayes: 4 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 1 (Noël)

A motion was made by board member Harter to continue the board meeting past 10:30 p.m. Seconded by board member Cordero.
Motion passed. Vote: 4-1 / Ayes: 4 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 1 (Noël)

E.2 Second Reading of Proposed Santa Barbara School Districts' Discipline Guidelines and Dress Code

Item E.2 postponed to a future board meeting.

E.3 Approval of Resolution Number 07/08-32 Authorizing the Borrowing of \$15 million in Funds for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and the Issuance and Sale of 2008-09 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for the Santa Barbara School Districts

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve resolution number 07/08-32, authorizing the borrowing of \$15 million in funds for fiscal year 2008-09 and the issuance and sale of 2008-09 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) for the Santa Barbara School Districts. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

Board member Noël left the proceedings.

E.4 Approval of Classified General Fund and Categorical Position/Layoffs due to Lack of Funds

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve classified general fund and categorical position/layoffs due to lack of funds. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

CONFERENCE AGENDA

F.2 Report and Discussion of Possible Budget Advisory Committee

Postponed to a future board meeting.

F.3 Report Discussion of Possible Audit Committee

Postponed to a future board meeting.

F.4 (Time Permitting) First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141, "Health Care and Emergencies" and Automated External Defibrillator Implementation Plan

Postponed to a future board meeting.

G. Returned to Consent Items Designated for Discussion

D.1 Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2008; February 19, 2008; and March 18, 2008

Board member Harter stated board member Cordero was absent at the February 19, 2008, board meeting and board member Harter was absent at the March 18, 2008, board meeting.

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve the February 12, 2008, minutes. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve the February 19, 2008 minutes. Seconded by board president Malakoff.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-1-1 / Ayes: 3 (Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 1 (Noël) / Abstain: 1 (Cordero)

A motion was made by board president Malakoff to approve the March 18, 2008 minutes. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Motion passed. Vote: 3-0-1-1 / Ayes: 3 (Cordero, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 1 (Noël) / Abstain: 1 (Harter)

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

Board member Harter stated the fundraising forms were filled out incorrectly.

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve additional fundraising for 2007-08 for Santa Barbara Junior High School and Dos Pueblos High School. Seconded by board vice president Parker. Motion passed. Vote: 4-0-1 / Ayes: 4 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Parker) / Noes: 0 / Absent: 1 (Noël)

D.4 Approval of Contract between Los Padres Council, Learning for Life, and Santa Barbara Elementary School District for 2008-09 School Year

Board member Harter inquired about the programs and classes offered by Los Padres Council, Learning for Life interfering with STAR testing. Robin Sawaske, assistant superintendent of elementary education, stated that it would not interfere with testing.

A motion was made by board member Harter to approve the contract between Los Padres Council, Learning for Life, and Santa Barbara Elementary School District for the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

A motion was made by board member Cordero to approve the remaining items from the consent agenda [D.3, D.7, D.9, D.10, and D.12]. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

H. Coming Events

None

I. Board Comments and Correspondence

Board member Harter shared correspondence about the Santa Barbara County Science Fair and stated most students were from Santa Barbara School Districts.

Board member Cordero commented on the recent Don Riders film screening.

J. Future Agenda Items

Superintendent Sarvis stated he would direct his secretary to query board members about an extra board meeting on May 20, or before.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Attest:

Laura Malakoff, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on June 10, 2008

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