

Santa Barbara School Districts
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 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 5:00 p.m.

A.2 Public Comments (related to closed session)

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session.

B.1 Public Employment (Government Code § 54957)

Title: Associate Superintendent of Education

B.2 Public Employment (Government Code § 54957)

Title: San Marcos High School Principal

B.3 Public Employment (Government Code § 54957)

Title: Franklin Elementary School Principal

B.4 Public Employment (Government Code § 54957)

Title: McKinley Elementary School Principal

B.5 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency designated representative: Board President Laura Malakoff

Unrepresented employee: Superintendent

B.6 Student Discipline (Education Code § 48918)

Expulsion case numbers: 07/08-78 and 07/08- 84

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session.

D. Board Workshop on Proposed Parcel Tax

Mr. Brian Godbe and Alice Chahn from Godbe Research presented the results from the community opinion survey regarding the viability of a parcel tax.

Board member Harter indicated that some of the polling questions were vague. Mr. Godbe agreed and stated polling questions were very different than ballot statements and the ballot statements would be very specific.

Mr. Godbe presented a summary and recommendations based on the survey results: (1) sufficient voter support was found for an annual parcel tax of \$44 for the high school and elementary school districts, (2) communication before and after the measure is placed on the ballot is critical, (3) address voter concerns regarding distrust of school district administration and school board, and (4) ballot statements should feature the educational programs of most importance to voters, and emphasize the benefits of the measure most salient to the voters.

Board members Cordero and Harter agreed with Mr. Godbe's recommendation to place the measure in the November ballot. Board member Harter suggested forming a subcommittee, governed by the Brown Act, to bring forward recommendations to the board. Board vice president Parker agreed and requested district staff put together recommendations, based on various amounts of income, that would reflect the survey results. These recommendations would be taken to the subcommittee for review. Board member Harter suggested holding a special meeting to review the requested staff recommendations. Board member Noël agreed.

Mr. Godbe indicated the campaign cost would be between \$50,000 and \$150,000, depending on the level of support. Eric D. Smith, deputy superintendent, clarified this would not be district money, but rather money raised through campaigning. Mr. Godbe indicated board members, as individuals, could be part of the campaign committee.

REGULAR SESSION

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E.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Malakoff indicated the pledge of allegiance had been done earlier in the board meeting.

E.2 Spanish Translation

Vivian Rodriguez was present to provide Spanish translation.

E.3 Headsets for Hearing Impaired

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

E.4 Announcement of Closed Session Action

Board president Malakoff indicated no action had been taken in closed session.

E.5 Acceptance of Donations

Motion made by board member Harter to accept with the gratitude the listed donations. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

E.6 Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations or Recognitions

Superintendent Sarvis introduced the four San Marcos High School and one of Dos Pueblos High School student award recipients of the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The top two outstanding community service students from the three traditional high schools were recognized.

Superintendent Sarvis presented awards to the Dos Pueblos High School student team, lead by Roland Lewin, who took the top prize in the state's Economic Challenge competition.

Jackie Rotman spoke about her interest in community service.

E.7 Superintendent's Report

- Harding Elementary School principal Sally Kingston will be trading places for a day with Chief of Police Cam Sanchez
- *Board Brief of May 30, 2008*
- Coming school events

E.8 Public Comments

- La Cumbre Junior High School students spoke about the *Be True To Yourself* brochure they created.
- Kenneth Loch spoke in favor of an education based on serving God.
- Kate Smith thanked various special education department staff for their work with her daughter, Emily Rose.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Harter requested item F.1 be taken under a separate vote because there was a board member absent at that particular board meeting. Board member Noël pulled items F.5 and F.6 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 F.1, F.5 and F.6. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

Motion made by board member Harter to approve item F.1. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

F.1 Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2008 and May 2, 2008

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

F.3 Approval of Student Field Trip for Santa Barbara High School

F.4. Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-40, Approval of Facilities Renovation and Repair Contract No. CRPM-7144 between the Santa Barbara School Districts' Child Development Program and the California Department of Education beginning December 15, 2007 through June 30, 2010

F.5 Second Reading of Math Textbook Adoption for Secondary Schools

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

F.6 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated June 10, 2008

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

F.7 Approval of the Chapman University College Internship Contract Agreement in Partnership with the Santa Barbara School Districts*

F.8 Initial proposal to open 2008-2009 negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA)

F.9 Acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Santa Barbara School Districts and California School Employees Association (CSEA) of Article XIV, Disciplinary Action and Appeal

F.10 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets Dated May 30, 2008 through June 6, 2008

F.11 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period May 21, 2008 through June 3, 2008

F.12 Upholding of Bid Protest by Schock Contracting Corporation, Rejection of Bid from Lack Construction as Non-responsive and Approval of Contract Award to Schock Contracting Corporation for Main Building Waterproofing at Santa Barbara High School

F.13 Approval of Contract Award to RSH Construction for Portable Buildings Bid Package II, Utility Installation at Santa Barbara High School

F.14 Denial of Bid Protest by Bob Trautz Land Development Co., Inc. and Approval of Contract Award to Spiess Construction Co., Inc. for Column Weld Repairs at Dos Pueblos High School

F.15 Rejection of All Bids, La Cuesta Continuation High School Modernization

F.16 Approval of Proposal from Spectrum Management Solutions for Measure V and Measure I-98 Bond Fund Accounting Support Services and Preparation of Office of Public School Construction Reporting Requirements Documentation

ACTION AGENDA

G.1 Approval of Issuance of Diplomas to End-of-Year High School Graduates

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the issuance of diplomas to high school graduates. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

G.2 Approval of Elementary and Secondary Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program Applications

Robin Sawaske, assistant superintendent of elementary education, explained that, per California Department of Education regulations, it was time to submit for approval the GATE program applications and requested the board's approval to submit.

Board member Noël was concerned about possible problems from parents that felt that placing bright students that are not prepared with bright students that are prepared could lower the quality of GATE instruction. Ms. Sawaske indicated the districts provide support in these cases so that these students can reach their full potential. Sandy Robertson, secondary GATE coordinator, indicated Advancement Via Individual Determination support is available for students that need it. Board member Noël explained he was in agreement with the method in which students are placed in GATE and with the district providing the necessary support; however he was concerned about quality control of the GATE program.

Board member Cordero was pleased with the GATE identification process of the applications and felt the board was headed in the right direction. She reiterated the importance of recruiting more students of color into the GATE program.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the elementary and secondary GATE program applications. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

G.3 Approval of 2008/2009 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part I) for the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Michael Gonzalez, director of compliance and categorical programs, indicated there was one revision needed on the elementary application: in part 1, item 6.1, the state computed 12.3 percent low-income students in Cesar Chavez Charter School. That number is incorrect. Based on the free and reduced meal applications, that number will change to 50 percent or higher. The exact number will be provided by the end of the week. He requested the board approve the applications with the indicated revision.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the 2008-09 consolidated elementary and high school applications. Seconded by board member Cordero.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

G.4 Second Reading, Reconsideration, and Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7215, "Fundraising for the Purpose of Augmenting Bond and Capital Funds"

David Hetyonk, director of facilities and operations, indicated he made the board requested changes to the board policy and administrative regulation.

Motion made by board member Noël to adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7215.
Seconded by board member Harter.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Cordero, Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Parker) / Noes: 0

G.5 Approval of the Management and Confidential Employees Salary Increase Similar to the Salary Increase Granted to Certificated Employees

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the management and confidential employees salary increase. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Public Comment:

- David Hetyonk thanked the board for their continued support.

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

G.6 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 07/08-78 and 07/08-84

In the case of 07/08-78, a motion was made by board member Harter to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

In the case of 07/08-84, a motion was made by board member Harter to uphold the stipulated agreement. Seconded by board vice president Parker.

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

CONFERENCE AGENDA

H.1 School Services of California Business Office Efficiency Study Implementation Plan

Mr. Smith indicated the business division management staff developed a plan for the implementation of the School Services of California recommendations. Mr. Smith reviewed the plan, talked about the fiscal impact and reviewed some proposals to mitigate the fiscal impact.

The item will return to the board for action at a future board meeting.

The board adjourned for a break.

H.2 Report on Unfunded Measure V Projects and Update on Measure V Funds

Superintendent Sarvis announced the district had yet to receive the opinion from the attorney general regarding the funds from the bond refinancing.

Mr. Hetyonk reviewed a list of remaining Measure V projects for which funding was no longer available, and a list of remaining Measure V priority one projects.

Board vice president Parker inquired what other districts are doing with their bond refinancing monies and if they too are waiting for the attorney general's opinion. She indicated she was concerned because although the district wants to protect the tax payers it could be two to three years before they could access the bond refinancing funds. Mr. Smith indicated it was his belief there were Internal Revenue

Service regulations that would obligate the district to spend the funds and will contact Dale Scott & Company, public and government agency financial advisors, to confirm. He will report back to the board.

Public Comment:

- Layne Wheeler thanked district staff and the board for their work with the San Marcos High School pool project.

H.3 Report on Annual Latino Achievement Indicators

Superintendent Sarvis began the presentation by sharing his concern about the lack of growth within in the Latino achievement indicators. Davis Hayden, director of research and evaluation, presented various graphs demonstrating Latino student achievement in a variety of measures. Board members agreed the lack of Latino achievement needed to be addressed more often, perhaps on a monthly basis. Board member Cordero asked to see the achievement level of high school Latino students who have been with the district since elementary school. Dr. Hayden will provide the data in a *Board Brief*.

H.4 Discussion of Maintenance and Operation Property

Superintendent Sarvis indicated the city had discussed releasing 2.4 acres of redevelopment (RD) property off of Calle Cesar Chavez. Superintendent Sarvis suggested the possibility of moving the maintenance and operations department to the city RD property and accessing state funds to build a new school facility that could be leased to El Puente School.

I. Return to Consent Items Designated for Discussion

F.5 Second Reading of Math Textbook Adoption for Secondary Schools

Board member Noël indicated he could not vote for the adoption of College Preparatory Math (CPM) textbooks because he did not feel there was evidence demonstrating success for disadvantage students through the use of CPM textbooks. Ms. Sawaske indicated the four junior high schools went through a selection process and three out of four selected CPM.

Motion made by board member Harter to approve the math textbook adoption for secondary schools. Seconded by board member Cordero.

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

F.6 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated June 10, 2008

Board member Noël indicated he could not support math workshops through CPM textbooks.

Motion made by board vice president Parker to approve the recommended personnel action items. Seconded by board member Harter.

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

J. Coming Events

- Graduation ceremony schedules

K. Board Comments and Correspondence

None.

L. Future Agenda Items

None.

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Attest:

Laura Malakoff, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education
on September 9, 2008

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