

Santa Barbara School Districts
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2009

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Board Members In Attendance

Kate Parker, *President*
H. Edward Heron, *Vice President*

Annette Cordero, *Member*
Robert Noël, *Member*
Susan Deacon, *Member*

REGULAR SESSION

A.1 Call to Order

Board president Kate Parker called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

A.2 Public Comments (related to closed session)

None

CLOSED SESSION

The board adjourned to closed session at 5:45 p.m.

B.1 Student Discipline (Education Code §48918)

Expulsion case numbers: 08/09-29, 08/09-32, 08/09-35, 08/09-36, 08/09-37, 08/09-40, 07/08-08

B.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency designated representative: Kristine Robertson, Ed.D. Director of Personnel
Employee organizations: Santa Barbara Teachers Association

B.3 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)

B.4 California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Waiver for Graduation for Students with Disabilities (Education Code § 56101, 60851)

The Board of Education reviewed and considered a list of students who qualify for the California High School Exit Exam Waiver, and approved each request as appropriate. Pupil names are unspecified and are protected under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232(g)); 34 CFR Part 99; Education Code § 49073 et. seq.

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 7:03 p.m.

C.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Board president Parker led the pledge.

• **Spanish Translation**

Vivian Rodriguez was present to provide Spanish translation.

• **Headsets for Hearing Impaired**

Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis announced that headsets were available for the hearing impaired.

- **Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations or Recognitions**

Theresa Weissglass of “Afterschool Opportunities for Kids” also known as “A-OK” presented the program’s “No name calling” activities as part of the afterschool program.

Superintendent’s Report

- Writing test
- State budget
- Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team
- *Board Brief*
- Upcoming events

- **Student Report – San Marcos High School – Amy Ransohoff**

C.2 Announcement of Closed Session Action

In the matter of B.3 “Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release,” motion was made by board member Cordero to ratify the release of the principal. Seconded by board member Deacon. Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Parker, Cordero, Deacon, Noël, Heron) Noes: 0

In the matter of B.4, “California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Waiver for Graduation for Students with Disabilities,” motion was made by board member Cordero to approve the requests submitted for CASHEE waivers for student with disabilities for graduation. Seconded by board member Deacon. Motion passed. Vote: 5-0 / Ayes: 5 (Parker, Cordero, Deacon, Noël, Heron) Noes: 0

C.3 General Public Comment

- Cory Bream spoke about special education

C.4 Acceptance of Donations

A motion was made by board member Cordero to approve with appreciation the listed donations. Seconded by board vice president Heron. Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Noël moved to pull items D.3, and D.6 for a separate vote. Board member Deacon moved to pull items D.1 and D.13 for a separate vote. Board member Cordero moved to approve all other consent agenda items. Seconded by board vice president Heron. Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

It was agreed to hear public comment regarding item D.13 at this time.

Public Comment:

- Cory Bream

D.1 Approval of Minutes

January 13, 2009 and January 20, 2009

Motion made by board member Deacon to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes as amended, and to approve the January 20, 2009 minutes. Seconded by board vice president Heron. Motion passed. Vote 5-0

D.2 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2008-09 for Santa Barbara Junior High School and San Marcos High School High School

D.3 Approval of Staff Travel: Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500 Dated February 24, 2009

Motion made by board member Noël to approve the staff travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500 dated February 24, 2009, subject to Title II funding for the La Cuesta segment. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

D.4 Approval of Student Field Trips for Santa Barbara High School

D.5 Approval of Resolution No. 08/09-27 Regarding Audio Taping Closed Session Proceedings of the Board of Education

D.6 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated February 24, 2009

Motion made by board member Noël to approve the recommended personnel action items dated February 24, 2009. Seconded by board member Deacon.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

D.7 Acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Santa Barbara School Districts and California School Employees Association, Swimming Pool Operator Job Description and Allocation, Dated February 13, 2009

D.8 Approval of Paid Commercial Warrant Register Dated February 12, 2009 through February 19, 2009

D.9 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period February 4, 2009 through February 17, 2009

D.10 Approval to Declare Material as Surplus to the Needs of the District, Dated February 17, 2009

D.11 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Re-Bid ADA Phase II, Bid Package B at Dos Pueblos High School

D.12 Acceptance of Completed Contract, ADA Portable Restroom Building & Site Modifications at Adams Elementary School

D.13 Rejection of All Bids, Portable Classroom Relocation at Washington Elementary School

Motion made by board member Deacon to reject all bids for portable classroom relocation at Washington Elementary School. Seconded by board member Cordero.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

CONFERENCE AGENDA

F.1 Public Hearing on State Categorical Flexibility and Mid-Year Budget Reductions

Resource person: Eric D. Smith, deputy superintendent

This item will return to a future board meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Plan to Deny K-5 Interdistrict Transfers Beginning Fall of 2009 in Order to Move Santa Barbara Elementary District Toward Basic Aid Status

Public Comment:

- Debbie Beltran
- Elaine McKaba
- Shannon McCain Jaffe
- Reny Takeda
- Laine Takeda
- Roberto Sanchez
- Nick Tonkin

- Virginia Brobo
- Arjun SaKar
- Ana Rodriguez
- Michael Lazarovits
- Christy Grant
- Nancy Black

Motion made by board president Parker to deny K-5 interdistrict transfers beginning fall of 2009 for all students except 6th graders, and their siblings who are currently enrolled (until the end of the 2009-10 school year), and children of school district employees. Seconded by board member Cordero with the provision that a hardship policy be established. Board president Parker amended the motion to replace the language regarding the provision that a hardship policy be established with the language that, as a next step, an appeals process will be developed by the board. The amendment was accepted by board member Cordero.

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

The board adjourned for a 15-minute break

E.2 Establishment of Two Separate Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committees and Selection of Candidates for Each Committee

Barbara Keyani, coordinator of administrative services and communication, spoke about the two separate parcel tax citizens' oversight committees' candidates.

Public Comments:

- David Holmes

Motion made by board member Cordero to approve the elementary district parcel tax oversight committee list, except for one parent that has yet to be determined. Seconded by board vice president Heron.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

Motion made by board member Deacon to approve the secondary district panel as recommended. Seconded by board vice president Heron.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

E.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 08/09-25 for Harding Elementary School's Farmers Market

Robin Sawaske, associate superintendent, spoke about the proposed Harding Elementary School's Farmers Market.

Public Comments:

- Mark Edelman

Motion made by board member Cordero to adopt Resolution No. 80/09-25 for Harding Elementary School's Farmers Market. Seconded by board member Noël.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

E.4 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers: 08/09-29, 08/09-32, 08/09-35, 08/09-36, 08/09-37, 08/09-40, 07/08-08

In case number 08/09-29, motion made by board member Cordero adopt the recommendation of the hearing panel. Seconded by board vice president Heron.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

In case number 08/09-32, motion made by board member Cordero to adopt the stipulated agreement. Seconded by board vice president Heron.

Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

In case number 08/09-35, motion made by board member Cordero to adopt the stipulated agreement.
Seconded by board member Noël.
Motion passed. Vote 5-0

In case number 08/09-36, motion made by board member Cordero to adopt the stipulated agreement.
Seconded by board member Deacon.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

In case number 08/09-37, motion made by board member Cordero to adopt the recommendations of the hearing panel, but to suspend the expulsion with the agreement that the student would not return to their present school. Seconded by board vice president Heron.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

In case number 08/09-40, motion made by board member Cordero to approve the stipulated agreement.
Seconded by board vice president Heron.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

In case number 07/08-08, motion made by board member Cordero to approve the request to expunge the expulsion. Seconded by board member Deacon.
Motion passed. Vote: 5-0

RETURN TO CONFERENCE AGENDA

F.2 Request to Present to the Board of Education

Shereen Khatapoush, Fighting Back

F.3 Report on Post-retirement Benefit Actuarial

Eric D. Smith, deputy superintendent

F.4 Report on Calculation of Similar School Rankings for Subgroups

Davis Hayden, Ph.D., director of research, evaluation, and technology
This item will return to a future meeting.

G. Return to Consent Items Designated for Discussion

H. Coming Events

None

I. Board Comments and Correspondence

None

J. Future Agenda Items

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Attest:

Kate Parker, President
Board of Education

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education

On: April 14, 2009

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