

**Santa Barbara School Districts**  
**Board of Education**  
**Santa Barbara City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Joint Meeting Friday, February 27, 2009**

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Board Members In Attendance

Kate Parker, Board President	Annette Cordero, Member
H. Edward Heron, Vice President	Susan Deacon, Member

Board Members Absent

Robert Noël, Member

Santa Barbara Mayor and City Council In Attendance

Marty Blum, Mayor	Roger L. Horton, Council Member
Dale Francisco, Mayor Pro-Tempore	Helene Schneider, Council Member
Iya G. Falcone, Council Member	Das Williams, Council Member
Grant House, Council Member	

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Santa Barbara Board of Education President Kate Parker called the joint meeting of the City Council and the Board to order at 1:35 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Mayor Marty Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Das Williams.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

Board Members present: Annette Cordero, Susan Deacon, H. Edward Heron, President Parker.

Board Members absent: Dr. Robert Noel.

Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Parker

**3. Public Comments**

Speakers: Lanny Ebenstein; Jarrod Schwartz and Raquel Bernaldo, Just Communities; Kate Smith.

#### **4. Spanish Translation/Traducción en Español and Headsets for Hearing Impaired**

Esperanza Villegas stated she was available for Spanish translation.

#### **5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting**

Mayor Blum stated that regular joint meetings of the Council and the Board of Education have fostered good dialog between the two agencies. Board President Parker added that the Board and Council have developed a constant collaboration as a result of these meetings.

#### **Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 11**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts' Superintendent.

Board President Parker stated that Agenda Item Nos. 6 - 11 have written reports and asked if anyone had questions regarding these items. No questions were asked.

#### **6. Update on Joint City/School District Programs and Agreements**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Program Manager, and David Hetynok, School Districts' Director of Facilities and Operations, on behalf of the Joint Use Committee, regarding the following subjects:

- Field Scheduling and Monitoring
- Field Maintenance
- Afterschool Programs
- Ranger Program

Speakers:

Members of the Public: David Pritchett, Kate Smith.

#### **7. Report on School Districts and City Collaboration on Environmental and Sustainability Programs**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by City and School Districts' staff on the following:

- Recycling and Waste Reduction
- Water Conservation

#### **8. Report on Status of City Projects**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by City Public Works and Planning Division Staff on the following projects:

- Safe Routes to School Project
- City Construction Projects Near School Campuses
- Proposed Major New Private Development Projects Near School Campuses or Properties
- Plan Santa Barbara

**9. Report on Status of School Districts' Projects**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by School Districts' staff for information on the following:

- Career Technical Education Pathways
- Student Achievement
- Next Steps on Implementation of Measures H & I

Speakers:

Members of the Public: Jarrod Schwartz and Alena Marie, Just Communities.

**10. Report on Status of Work Underway to Resolve Overlapping City and School District Land Title Interests at Various School Campuses**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written report prepared by Don Irelan, City Senior Real Property Agent.

**11. Report on the Status of Efforts to Acquire the National Guard Armory and the Fremont Hall Army Reserve Center**

Documents:

February 27, 2009, written reports prepared by Robert Patterson, PARC Foundation Board Member and Co-Chair of The Armory Project Steering Committee, and Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager.

**12. Presentation on Response to State Budget Crisis and Economic Crisis**

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara School Districts Staff: Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith, Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- City of Santa Barbara Staff: Finance Director Robert Peirson.
- Member of the Public: Kate Smith.

Discussion:

Deputy Superintendent Smith and Finance Director Peirson each made PowerPoint presentations showing both the impact of the collapse of state and local revenues on each agency's budget as well as each agency's proposed response to the crisis. In answering questions from Board and Council Members, Mr. Smith also explained the school funding concepts of Basic Aid and Revenue Limit.

**13. Presentation on the School Districts' and City's Collaboration in Response to Youth Violence**

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Special Projects Manager Don Olson, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp.
- Santa Barbara County Education Office: Administrator Fred Razo.
- Members of the Public: Cruzito Cruz, Up to Us and La Comunidad; Jacqueline Inda, Esperanza; Eddie Gonzales, Up to Us; Gonzalo Rios, Esperanza; Kate Smith; Layne Wheeler.

Discussion:

City Administrator Armstrong provided background to the effort to resolve the problem of youth violence; he described accomplishments since March 2008, including an inventory of organizations dealing specifically with youth violence, a Summer Program and Bridge Program, and improved collaboration and coordination. Special Projects Manager Olson outlined the development of a long-term strategy to formalize the response to this issue and the formation of a South Coast Gang Task Force. Mr. Razo explained a model for the delivery of services as well as the role of caseworkers and outreach specialists. Also discussed were programs to prevent and intervene in youth violence, and the potential impact of budget cuts on these programs.

**14. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda**

No suggestions were made for matters to be considered at future meetings.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

ATTEST:

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MARTY BLUM  
MAYOR

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SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

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KATE PARKER, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adopted by the Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education

On: February 27, 2009

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