GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to order

1.2 Roll call

1.3 Welcome to guests present

1.4 Hearing of citizens and petitions

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

5.1 Tax Election in Santa Barbara School District:
In February, 1951, a majority of the electorate of the Santa Barbara (Elementary) School District approved an increase in the School District's tax rate limit for general school purposes from the statutory limit of 90¢/$100. of assessed valuation to a voted limit of $1.50/$100. of assessed valuation for the five-year period beginning July 1, 1956.

In February, 1956, the electorate of the Santa Barbara School District approved the continuance of the $1.50 voted tax rate limit for an additional five-year period beginning July 1, 1956. It soon became evident that this special tax rate limit of $1.50 would not be sufficient to cover the needs of the School District for the full five-year period if the quality program of elementary education in Santa Barbara schools were to be maintained.

In its concern with problems of finance, the Board of Education appointed an Advisory Finance Committee of 14 representative citizens in November, 1958, to study and make recommendations regarding the financial situation in the Santa Barbara City Schools. After months of intensive study relating to financial operations of the school districts, the Advisory Finance Committee unanimously recommended in August, 1959, that the Board of Education take immediate steps to initiate the calling of a special tax rate election in the Santa Barbara School District to provide for an increase in the present $1.50 tax rate limit.

The Santa Barbara School District is faced with these problems:

Both enrollments and costs continue to rise. The elementary school system has been increased by over 850 students in the past four years, and by the operation of two additional elementary schools, as well as additions to other elementary schools in areas of rapid growth. It is anticipated that at
least two more elementary schools will have to be provided within the next five years to house enrollments in grades kindergarten through six which are expected by 1964-1965. The actual operation of all schools is a charge against general school funds.

Each year for the past four years, the expenditures in the Santa Barbara School District have exceeded the annual income. This "deficit financing" is reflected by drastic reductions in reserves and ending balances, and by lowered standards of building maintenance.

For the current fiscal year, 1959-1960, it is estimated that expenditures will exceed income by approximately $140,000. This will reduce the available cash balance as of June 30, 1960, to approximately $115,000, which will not be sufficient to meet the anticipated difference between expenditures and income for 1960-1961.

Teachers salaries in Santa Barbara are low in comparison with other school systems of comparable size in California. We cannot hope to attract the efficient, well-trained teachers we will need without an adequate salary schedule.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education adopt the following resolutions to initiate the call for a special tax election on Tuesday, March 22, 1960, to ask the citizens of the Santa Barbara School District to increase the voted tax rate limit for general school purposes from $1.50 to $1.87 for the five-year period beginning July 1, 1960:

1 Resolution of intent to order a special election to increase the maximum tax rate in the Santa Barbara School District

2 Order of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara School District

Copies of these resolutions are attached to this Agenda.

5. b Payment of Claims: The Superintendent recommends authorization and/or ratification of the payment of claims on the following warrants in conjunction with the Santa Barbara High School District:

General claims on warrants numbers B-2563 through B-2649.

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Agenda for Adjourned Board Meeting

SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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