Agenda for Adjourned Board of Education Meeting

SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, May 24, 1962, 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL PLANTS AND PROPERTY

1. Advertised Bids on Additional Classrooms at San Marcos High School:
   There was discussion at the regular Board meeting last Thursday concerning advertised bids opened Tuesday, May 15, 1962, on 24 additional classrooms at San Marcos High School (4 units of 6 classrooms each). At the request of the Board, this item of business was continued for further consideration at the adjourned meeting today.

   Attached is a tabulation of the advertised bids received. As noted thereon, the bond fund appropriation for this project is $237,000. The low base bid is $304,870. (estimated total project cost of about $326,000.); the low base bid less the deduction alternate for one unit of 6 classrooms is $245,759. (estimated total project cost of about $266,000.)

2. Proposed Sale of Riviera Campus:
   At its meeting on May 3, 1962, the Board indicated its intent to sell the Riviera Campus, and authorized Mr. Browne to get quotations on appraising the value thereof preparatory to the Board's advertising this property for sale. Mr. Browne has information on the cost of such an appraisal, and will report at the Board meeting.

   The administration recommends that the Board retain an appraiser on the Riviera Campus property, and that the matters of determining the minimum sale price and adopting the necessary resolution of intent to sell said property be scheduled for the earliest possible regular Board meeting. There is a great deal of interest in this property, judging by the number of calls we have had concerning it.

3. Recommended Further Steps re. Development of Santa Barbara City College:
   At its meeting on January 18, 1962, the Board indicated its interest in acquiring approximately 37 acres of land immediately adjacent to the present City College campus on the Mesa; and authorized Mr. Browne to secure an appraisal thereon. The appraisal has been completed, and it appears it will not be possible to acquire said property with the funds available.

   As the Board knows, the master plan recommended by the Architects Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall, and approved by the Citizens' Advisory Committee, envisioned the development of the City College as a community college. The master plan was predicated on acquisition of the above-noted property, and joint use of both School District-owned properties and adjacent City-owned properties.
There were questions during the recent election campaign on the advisability of expanding the City College on its present site, and our answer to these questions was that the Board would re-evaluate the entire matter of location of the City College after the election results were known. Three principal alternatives are available to the Board and the community at this time:

1. Development of City College at its present site, which would require the firm willingness of the City to cooperate wholeheartedly in joint use of publicly owned properties in the vicinity of the present campus.

2. Development of the City College on a larger site outside the City limits which would de-emphasize the community college precept envisioned for the present site. It appears there are several possible sites available for this purpose.

3. Development of two college campuses, one for a restricted student body at the present site, and a second campus in another location for future expansion.

The administration is of the opinion that the Board should proceed immediately to get a decision from the City on its interest and willingness to cooperate with the Board in developing a community college at the present site. The administration also suggests that the Board take steps to ascertain the trend of thinking in the community on whether the City College should be left where it is or moved to another location.

Attached for the Board’s consideration is a draft of a proposed letter to the City of Santa Barbara. This letter sets forth the problem, requests a decision by the City almost immediately, and schedules a meeting of the Board at which time the entire matter can be discussed with City representatives and representative citizens.

The Superintendent requests suggestions from Board members on the content of the proposed letter, and on names of representative citizens who should be invited to attend the proposed Board meeting.

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