REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 19, 1963

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara High School District was called to order by President Henderson on Thursday, December 19, 1963, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 6 of the Administration Annex.

Present: Mrs. Elisabetta P. Henderson, President
Arnold W. Jacquemain, Vice-President
Robert E. Kallman, Member
C. E. Sovine, Member

Absent: David S. Licker, Member

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting included:
Dr. Norman E. Scharer, Superintendent and Secretary-Clerk to Board
G. E. Browne, Associate Superintendent and Assistant Secretary-Clerk
D. C. White, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Charles A. Woodfin, Assistant Superintendent-Elect, Business Services
R. V. Jackson, Assistant Business Manager
Giseola M. Brun, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Katherine McCloskey, News-Press Reporter
Mrs. F. W. Nordhoff, League of Women Voters
Robert Christian and Alice Beattie of the City Teachers' Association
Several other staff members, including Wm. E. McLaughlin,
Dr. Robert C. Rockwell, Claud H. Hardesty, Dixon L. MacQuiddy,
Mrs. Imogene Nair, Guillermo Lopez, Paty Brock
Several others, including Mrs. Robert E. Kallman, and three of the Kallman children

Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meetings on November 7 and November 21 were continued to the next Board meeting for approval.

Welcome to Guests and Staff Members

Mrs. Henderson welcomed those present at the Board meeting.

Hearing of Citizens and Petitions: None presented
Communications

The Superintendent presented a letter dated December 13, 1963, from Robert Christian, President of the Santa Barbara City Teachers' Association, requesting that the Board indicate its active support of the need for the State to increase its percentage of the financial support of public education in California, and that it communicate its concurrence with said need to Assemblyman James L. Holmes and Senator Alvin C. Weingand.

Mr. Christian introduced Mr. McLaughlin, who spoke in the capacity of his membership on the State Council of the California Teachers' Association.

Mr. McLaughlin presented further information on comparative proportions of financial support of education in California provided by the State and local districts 10 years ago and last year; and on present dollar amounts of revenue provided from State and local sources in the Santa Barbara School and High School Districts. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the State had not only failed to take significant steps to meet its financial obligations toward public education, but that it had initiated new programs in education without
providing the funds with which to implement its legislative
directives on such programs. He cited several examples
of such legislation by the State.

There was discussion during which individual Board
members concurred with the seriousness of the situation.
Dr. Scharer pointed out that both the California School
Boards Association and the California Association of
School Administrators had gone on record concerning the
need for the State to take a more active role in meeting
educational costs.

It was moved by Mr. Kallman, seconded by Mr.
Sovine, and unanimously carried, that, upon the
recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board
(1) concur with the need for additional financial support
by the State of public education in California; (2) support
the CSBA in its efforts to obtain additional State financing;
and (3) authorize the Superintendent to communicate these
actions to Assemblyman Holmes, Senator Weingand, and
the CSBA.

At the request of Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Kallman
introduced his children, Kristine, Carol, and Kristofer,
who were special guests at the Board meeting.
Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and following brief reports on questions by Board members re. the justification for additional teachers at the three junior high schools, and payment of an honorarium to Johanna Marble for talks to students at Santa Barbara High School, it was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to approve certificated personnel assignments in accordance with details of Attachment #1 to these Minutes.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Kallman, and unanimously carried, to approve classified personnel assignments in accordance with details of Attachment #2 to these Minutes.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Superintendent presented a written report regarding the Board's approval of adult education classes and instructors, in which he called particular attention to Education Code requirements; the extent of the Board's action on July 5, 1963, to approve adult education classes and instructors for
1963-1964: questions raised by Mr. Kallman at the last Board meeting: and local practices in meeting both legal requirements and providing as much flexibility as possible to meet educational requirements and desires of the community at large.

Dr. Scharer listed the eight classes specifically questioned by Mr. Kallman on December 12, and submitted information on their relationship to the list of study areas approved by the Board last July. He stated that the administration would modify procedures for 1964-1965 to clarify the relationships between Board authorizations and specific class offerings.

The Superintendent recommended that action be taken at this meeting to approve Purchase Order #1044 to the Santa Barbara News-Press in the amount of $730.00 for printing of the Winter-Spring schedule of adult education classes as recommended at the last Board meeting.

There were no questions by Board members.

Dr. Scharer reported on his recent observations on the philosophy of education in Sweden in comparison with the philosophy of education in the United States, and particularly, in Santa Barbara.
He stated that Sweden looks to education in the United States for guidance, and that it is making a transition to incorporate some of the features of education here. Dr. Scharer's comments included references to federal control of education in Sweden, with which he disagreed; the importance of schools in Swedish communities; the length of the school year; grading practices; Swedish emphasis on vocational and industrial training; the lack of parental influence on the course of education in Sweden; increasing awareness of the school's responsibility for pupils' individuality and personality; de-emphasis of the Swedish examination system; instruction in English as a required second language; sponsorship by City governments of kindergartens as part of the social welfare program; concerns by thoughtful Swedish people for young people's delinquency, restlessness, suicide rates, etc.; plans to eliminate Saturday classes in two years; teacher training; and other related matters.

There was a question and answer period, following which Mrs. Henderson thanked the Superintendent for his report.

School Plants and Property

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Jacquemain, and unanimously carried, to accept the new boiler installed
by Ott's at La Cumbre Junior High School, and to authorize the Business Office to file notice of completion and to proceed with progress payments on the contract amount of $6,472.00 (General Fund).

Dr. Woodfin reported briefly on the present status of negotiations for the District's acquisition of a portion of the so-called Wolff property adjacent to the City College. He stated the Architect-Engineers, Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall, were exploring the feasibility of the suggestion by Mr. Jacquemain at the last Board meeting that double-deck parking facilities be provided in the gully area of said portion, and that a report on this matter would be presented to the Board at a later date. There was brief discussion on questions by Board members.

Mr. Browne distributed copies of a preliminary draft prepared by the County Counsel's Office of a contract of sale between the High School District and Donn E. Tatum, owner-trustee of the so-called Willard-Tatum property, for the District's purchase of approximately 23 acres of the northerly portion of said property for a junior high school site. He reviewed the details of said draft, and there was
lengthy discussion, particularly concerning the following points:

1. Location of sheds and garages on property being considered for District purchase; location of 3 houses on portion to be retained by present owner

2. Preliminary approval by representatives of Goleta Union School District on similar sales contract re. 9 acres of Tatum property for elementary school site

3. Mr. Tatum’s desire to retain mineral and oil rights on all of the property he now owns, and possible harm to the District in the event of future exploration of said rights

4. Proposal that the present owner be allowed to farm the land being considered for District acquisition for a period of not to exceed three years, and the basis for his tax liability during said period (taxes to be based on his possessory interest)

5. Drainage problems, and the differing positions by the District, which Mr. Browne recommends provide temporary drainage facilities across the portion of land to be retained by Mr. Tatum; and Mr. Tatum, who wants the District to provide permanent drainage facilities across said land

6. Responsibility for legal costs in connection with the condemnation suit filed by the District on another portion of the Willard-Tatum property

Mr. Jacquemain suggested that a condition be included in the sales contract to provide that, upon dismissal of said condemnation suit, the plaintiff and defendant are each to be responsible for their respective expenses incurred in connection with said suit.

Following further discussion, Board members informally approved the subject sales contract draft substantially as submitted, excepting for the following details:
1. Inclusion of a stipulation concerning the respective responsibilities by the plaintiff and defendant for legal costs in connection with the current condemnation suit upon dismissal of said suit;

2. Authorization for Mr. Browne to explore further with Mr. Tatum the matter of the District's assumption of mineral and oil rights to the property being considered for District acquisition; or, secondarily, inclusion in the sales contract of a proviso to fix responsibility in the event of damages to the District resulting from any future exploration by a party other than the District of such mineral and/or oil rights.

Business and Finance

The Superintendent reported that, in accordance with the Board's action on November 21, 1963, advertised bids on warehouse paper stock were opened December 10. He reported that items on which bids were received were now being compared, and that recommendations would probably be presented to the Board at the first Board meeting in January.

There was discussion on a question by Mr. Jacquemain on the possible price advantages of combining City School purchases with those of the County and/or other school districts in this area.

Mr. Jackson reported that this possibility had been considered from time to time, but that the cost advantage of a greater volume of individual items was exceeded by the cost disadvantage resulting from the necessity for additional deliveries and handling
of composite orders for materials.

Mr. Browne reported that the local school system had opportunity from time to time to compare its prices for stock items with those of other school districts, and that local costs in general were very favorable in comparison with those frequently prevailing in even larger school systems.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Kallman, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify the purchase of supplies, equipment, and services on purchase orders numbers 1044, and 1156 through 1251 in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Kallman, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify the payment of general claims on warrants numbers 3165 through 3237 in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District.

Pupil Personnel: No items

Community Relations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Kallman, and unanimously
carried, to accept with appreciation a gift of $394.78

to be used for the purchase of additional choir robes for
San Marcos High School, said gift being provided by the
Santa Barbara Association of Insurance Agents, Inc.

General Reports

Mr. Browne reported briefly on the action
by the State Board of Education at its meeting on
December 13, 1963, to approve formation as of
July 1, 1964, of the Santa Barbara Junior College
District in accordance with the petition by the Santa
Barbara High School District and the recommendation
by the Santa Barbara County Committee on School
District Organization.

Mr. Browne referred to the agenda statement
concerning the "next steps" re. formation of the new
district as set forth in the Education Code. He reported
that legal problems regarding the following matters must
still be resolved:

1. The date of the election for initial members
   of the governing board of the new district;

2. The means by which the current building program
   for the City College is to be completed either by
   the High School District, or by transfer of
   appropriate bond fund cash to the new district
   as of July 1, 1964.

Mr. Browne reported that special action by the State
Legislature may be required to solve either or both of these problems. There was brief discussion.

General Fund financial statements as of November 30, 1963, were received and ordered filed.

The Superintendent called attention to the date of the next Board meeting on January 9, 1964.

The Superintendent expressed the appreciation of the staff for the Board members' services to young people during 1963, and extended greetings of the Season to Board members.

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Norman B. Scharer, Superintendent
and Secretary-Clerk to Board

Attest:

Mrs. Elisabetta P. Henderson
President, Board of Education

Approved by Board of Education on ____________, 1964