REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 18, 1963

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara High School District was called to order by

President O'Neal on Thursday, April 18, 1963, at 4:00 P.M.

in Room 6 of the Administration Annex.

Present: Bruce D. O'Neal, President
C. E. Sovine, Vice-President
Mrs. Elisabetta P. Henderson, Member
David S. Licker, Member

Absent: Arnold W. Jacquemain, Member

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting included:
Dr. Norman B. Scharer, Superintendent and
Secretary-Clerk to the Board
G. E. Browne, Associate Superintendent and
Assistant Secretary-Clerk to the Board
Douglas C. White, Assistant Superintendent
R. V. Jackson, Assistant Business Manager
Gleola M. Brun, Executive Secretary
Harry Trimborn, News-Press Reporter
Ed Murphy, Gazette-Citizen Reporter
William E. McLaughlin, Director of Secondary Curriculum
Mrs. R. M. Polsky, League of Women Voters
Robert E. Kallman, candidate for Board member
Dr. Robert E. Barry, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Kenneth G. Johnson, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mrs. Forrest T. Gutshall, PTA Council Representative
Robert Christian, President-Elect, Santa Barbara City Teachers' Ass'n.
Mrs. Thelma A. Varitz, President, Santa Barbara C.S.E.A. Chapter
George Batzianis, Chairman, Special Committee on Classified Salaries
John J. Penney, member, General Salary Committee
Mary K. Bola, Carson Realty
Ernest H. Brooks, Jr., Brooks Institute of Photography
Mrs. Margaret Foster, San Marcos High School PTA
Guido Dal Bello, President, Santa Barbara City Teachers' Association
Dr. Nils W. Bolduan
John P. Franklin, Chairman, Advisory Committee on
Pupil Transportation Services
Mrs. M. Leslie Grant
Robert Grant and Glenn Mosher of Arendt/Mosher/Grant, Architects
Minutes: None

Welcome to Guests and Staff Members

President O'Neal welcomed guests and staff members present at the meeting.

Hearing of Citizens and Petitions: None

Communications

The following subdivision maps were received and ordered filed:

City of Santa Barbara: Green Knolls Park, 99 homes in Veronica Springs area northeast of Arroyo Burro Creek and Palermo Drive; school attendance areas - Adams, La Cumbre Junior High, Santa Barbara High Schools

County of Santa Barbara: Tract #10269, Unit 1, east of Old San Marcos Road, east of Cathedral Oaks Road; school attendance areas - Goleta Union School District, La Colina or La Cumbre Junior High Schools, San Marcos High School

Mr. Browne read the following letter dated April 18, 1963, from Robert C. Newman of the legal firm of Sullivan, Roche, Johnson & Farraher, local attorneys for Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Lewis:

"We have been authorized and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis to pay the full purchase price consideration by Cashier's Check to you or into escrow and to accept a Deed to the property excepting and reserving mineral rights below 500 feet.

"The above is, of course, conditioned upon the transfer of the property at the agreed purchase price. You will understand that the Lewises do
not wish to imply any withdrawal of their cancellation unless the transaction goes through to them and to their nominee, Mr. Brooks. You need not be concerned with the nomination and transfer to Mr. Brooks."

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Licker, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to refer said letter from Mr. Newman on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis’s behalf, to the County Counsel, legal counsel for the Santa Barbara High School District.

The Superintendent reviewed the Board’s action on March 21, 1963, in continuing to this meeting the report and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Pupil Transportation Services. He also reviewed the efforts which had been made to publicize the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Jackson reviewed the bases upon which the Advisory Committee had conducted its studies, as well as the seven recommendations included in the Advisory Committee’s report to the Board.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. John Franklin, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, who reported that he had had very few comments, excepting one telephone call from a man who supported the Committee’s recommendations. The Superintendent reported that letters had been received from the following persons
expressing their reactions to the policies recommended by
the Committee: Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Duncan, Mrs. B. Marcus,
Mrs. J. Stassinos, Mrs. G. L. Wikel. He stated that two
of these letters expressed opposition to the proposals that
parents pay for transportation expense; the other two expressed
the advisability of either providing free transportation for all
students, or having all parents share in the expense.

Mr. O'Neal asked if anyone in the audience had any
comments to make. He stated that the Board would be very
happy to have anyone speak on the subject, and he requested
that the speaker state his name before addressing the Board.
Mrs. Margaret Foster of Holiday Park stated she would
like to read a letter which Mrs. Carlotta Jones, San Marcos
High School PTA President, had received from Mr. Boettner,
Principal of that school. There were questions as to whether
the reactions expressed were those of Mrs. Foster,
Mr. Boettner, the San Marcos High School PTA, the faculty,
or individual parents or teachers. Mr. O'Neal requested
that the statement read by Mrs. Foster be given to the Secretary.

Mr. John Stassinos stated that he represented the
Fairview Elementary School PTA. He said that the members
of this unit had not had sufficient time to discuss the
recommendations and to arrive at any firm conclusion.
He requested that the Board not take any action on the recommendations at this meeting, but rather give interested parties and organizations an opportunity to discuss the report in its entirety. Mr. O'Neal asked how much time Mr. Stassinos felt would be required, and Mr. Stassinos replied that the PTA unit planned to discuss the report more fully at its May meeting. Mrs. Henderson suggested that the matter be continued to the Board of Education meeting on May 16, 1963.

In response to a question by Mr. O'Neal regarding the budget calendar, Mr. Browne replied that if the Board does not make a decision concerning transportation prior to May 23, 1963, when the tentative budgets will be completed, the Administration will have to estimate the cost of continuing the present transportation program.

There was further discussion, following which the regular Board meeting on May 16, 1963, was set as the time at which the transportation recommendations will be discussed further, and a determination will be made upon them.

Mrs. Foster stated she would like to take a message back to the San Marcos High School PTA members on how they could best express themselves on the question, in order that they could tell the Board "yes" or "no" on
the Committee's recommendations. Mr. O'Neal suggested that a flat "yes" or "no" answer would not be sufficient for the Board's consideration. He stated that the subject was rather complex, and that a number of serious questions had been raised, such as finances, possible dropouts, increased parking problems. He felt that any valid reasons for personal reactions in favor of or against the recommendations should be spelled out to a greater degree than would be indicated by a flat affirmative or negative response.

Mrs. Henderson suggested that individuals submit their reactions to the Board in the form of individual letters, and she requested that copies of such letters be duplicated for the information of the Board members.

Mr. Ivan Rasmussen, teacher at San Marcos High School, stated that he wished to make it clear that the reactions expressed earlier by Mrs. Foster were not those of the teachers at San Marcos High School, and he wished to correct any inference that the comments presented represented the general faculty reaction.

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify changes in certificated personnel assignments in

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

ASSIGNMENTS
accordance with details of Attachment #1 to Minutes of this date in the Santa Barbara School District.

The Superintendent reviewed the Board's action on March 21, 1963, concerning recommendations by the General Salary Committee on classified salaries for 1963-1964.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, and unanimously carried, to adopt the classified salary schedule for 1963-1964 as recommended by the General Salary Committee, subject to the availability of funds and contingent upon the Board's approval of the tentative budget for 1963-1964, in accordance with details of Attachment #2 to Minutes of this date in the Santa Barbara School District; to approve classifications of positions on said salary schedule in accordance with details of Attachment #3 to Minutes of this date in the Santa Barbara School District; and to continue the following transportation schedule for certain classified personnel for 1963-1964:

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The Superintendent stated that recommendations on
classified positions qualifying for transportation allowances
and on the amounts of transportation allowance for certain
certificated positions would be presented for the Board's
consideration at a later meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and
following discussion on questions by Mrs. Henderson,
it was moved by Mrs. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sovine,
and unanimously carried, to approve changes in classified
personnel assignments in accordance with details of
Attachment #4 to Minutes of this date in the Santa Barbara
School District.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Superintendent introduced Dr. Robert E. Barry,
Director of Pupil Personnel Services, who stated that the
State Legislature had taken action last year to institute a
compulsory testing program at various grade levels through-
out the State, with periodic reports to the governing board
of the districts being required under the new law.

Dr. Barry utilized graphs projected on an overhead
projector in reporting median test scores of Santa Barbara
students and median test scores reported by the
publishers (so-called "national norms"). He was
assisted by Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Assistant Director
of Pupil Personnel Services. Following is a summary of
the information presented by Dr. Barry:

The tests administered to approximately 5,000
Santa Barbara students in October, 1962, as
well as in the previous approximately 4 years,
were SCAT (School College Ability Test), and
STEP (Sequential Test of Educational Progress).
The SCAT series is used to determine verbal
and quantitative mathematical ability, and the
STEP series, to determine progress in reading,
writing and mathematical problem solving.

Median test scores of Santa Barbara students
were consistently higher than the median scores
of other students throughout the country as
reported by the publisher.

Test scores are used to determine the ability and
achievement levels of pupils in the subjects tested;
to evaluate the effectiveness of the local educational
program in the subjects tested; and to compare
local medians with the so-called "National norms".
The test series utilized were developed by
Educational Testing Services, the largest publisher
of tests in the country. This firm also provides
tests for National Merit Scholarships, Selective
Service, and other well-known purposes.

Median scores for the following grade levels and
tests were reported:

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The graphs prepared showed that:

Median test scores in achievement were higher than
median test scores in ability in 5th and 8th grade
reading, 8th and 9th grade mathematics; median
test scores in ability were higher than such test
scores in achievement in 9th and 11th grade reading,
5th, 8th and 9th grade writing, 11th grade mathematics; achievement and ability levels were equal in mathematics at the 5th grade level.

Board members expressed considerable interest in the information presented. There was discussion on questions they presented concerning the relationship of a student's racial background and/or bilingualism to his achievement in reading and writing English; the relationship of spelling to verbal ability; the meaning of the term "publisher's norm" and "national norm," and other details.

School Plants and Property

Advertised bids opened March 26, 1963, on stage draperies, curtains and equipment for the classroom-auditorium building at La Colina Junior High School were presented for the reconsideration of the Board.

Mr. Jackson reported that further analysis of the bids received confirmed the fact that School Specialties, the firm which submitted the low bid on the major item in the bid specifications, did not comply with all requirements of the specifications.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Licker, and unanimously carried, that the total bid of R. L. Grosh and Sons in the amount of $5,173 be accepted as the lowest and best bid on the three items included in the
The Superintendent reviewed the discussion by the Board at its meeting on April 4, 1963, concerning the recommendation that consideration be given to constructing the Goleta Valley Junior High School on the recently acquired site on Stow Canyon Road instead of the Hollister Avenue site, as originally planned. He reported that, as directed by the Board, Mr. Sovine and Mr. Jacquemain met with Dr. Scharer, Mr. Browne and representatives of Arendt/Mosher/Grant, Architects, to discuss the entire matter at further length.

Mr. Sovine reported on details of the discussion and the investigation by the Board Committee appointed for this purpose. He stated that the Stow Canyon site will accommodate the La Colina plans proposed for reuse for the Goleta Valley Junior High School. He stated that, in view of the time indicated to acquire the Willard-Tatum property by condemnation, he felt that the Board should proceed with the condemnation proceedings, but that it should abandon its earlier decision to build the Goleta Valley Junior High School on that site.

Mr. Sovine said the Architects had assured the Board and the Administration that they would make every effort to cut down the time schedule for construction of the
plant on the Stow Canyon site.

Mr. Sovine said that double sessions at the Junior
High School level may be necessitated due to unexpected
complications in acquiring a junior high school site south-
west of Highway 101 in the Goleta Valley. He reported
that the problem had been discussed thoroughly with the
Architects, and that they had assured him and
Mr. Jacquemain and members of the Administration
that they would make every effort to expedite construction
of the new school on the Stow Canyon site in order to
reduce as far as possible the length of time required for
the double session schedule.

Dr. Scherer presented a letter dated April 16, 1963,
from Mrs. D. Marcus in which she urged that the Board
proceed as rapidly as possible with construction of the
new junior high school on the Stow Canyon site.

There was lengthy discussion concerning various
aspects of Mr. Sovine's report, and other details, during
which the Board members asked questions of Mr. Grant.
Mr. Grant stated that the two-week interval between
regular Board meetings means some delays from time
to time in getting Board approval of progressive steps
in the planning and construction mechanics. He reported
that the Board Committee, consisting of Mr. Sovine and
Mr. Jacquemain had indicated that the Board would be willing to hold special meetings as required to expedite the mechanics. Mr. Grant also reported the hope that it will be possible to get soil tests of the Stow Canyon site immediately.

In response to a question by Mr. Licker, Mr. Browne read a letter from Mr. Grant dated April 12, 1963, regarding the Board's obligation for payment to the Architects for professional services already rendered in planning for construction of the new school on the Willard-Tatum property.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Licker, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, that the Board:

A. Proceed immediately with construction of the Goleta Valley Junior High School on the recently acquired junior high school site on Stow Canyon Road, instead of on the Hollister Avenue site, as originally planned;

B. Designate Arendt/Mosher/Grant as Architects for said school in accordance with terms and conditions of the prevailing contract with said firm for architectural services in connection with a new junior high school in the Goleta Valley;

C. Approve the plot plan as submitted at this
mentioned Board meeting regarding location of the
subject junior high school, with utilization of the
plans for La Colina Junior High School, on the
Stow Canyon site;
D. Authorize immediate conduct of the necessary
soil tests on said site;
E. Authorize the Architects to proceed immediately
with working drawings and specifications for the
Goleta Valley Junior High School.

Mr. Browne stated that the foregoing action by the
Board of Education should not be interpreted in any
way to mean that the District was abandoning or delaying
the acquisition of the Willard-Tatum property. He pointed
out that still further enrollment increases are expected
for the junior high school students in the Goleta Valley
and that every effort should be made to proceed as quickly
as possible with the acquisition of the Hollister Avenue
property for a junior high school site. Board members
and other members of the Administration concurred
unanimously with Mr. Browne’s statements.

The Superintendent reported that notice had been
received concerning action by the City Council at its
meeting on April 10, 1963, to continue third and final
reading on the ordinance to rezone the Riviera Campus
from R-3 to E-1. He reported that this action had been taken at the written request of Mr. O'Neal, President of the Board, following a poll of Board members.

Mr. O'Neal reviewed details of the letter he presented to the City Council on April 10, 1963, in which he recited the facts concerning the Board's position regarding the Riviera Campus, and requested that the City Council continue the ordinance reading for at least 30 days. Mr. O'Neal stated that this request was made in order that the Board members could give serious reconsideration to the original plan to use the Rivier Campus as an educational center for the administration of the Santa Barbara City Schools.

In view of the fact that a letter presented on Mr. Lewis's behalf earlier at this meeting had been referred to the County Counsel, there was no further discussion or action on Mr. O'Neal's report at this time.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, and unanimously carried, to retain Mr. Ralph M. Hults, M.A.L., to appraise a portion of the property across Leadbetter Road from the City College. Mr. Browne reviewed the Bond fund appropriation for acquisition of additional land adjacent
to the City College Campus, as well as his recent contact with Mr. Jean Paul Wolff, the owner.

Mr. Browne presented a request from Mr. Eric P. Ranstrum, expressing his interest in purchasing an easement for public road purposes at the southwest corner of the future junior high school site on San Ysidro Road in Montecito. There was discussion concerning the property desired by Mr. Ranstrum, his purposes in wishing to acquire it, the estimated consideration which might be indicated for the easement, and other details.

Mr. Licker expressed the view that the Board is not interested in selling any of the District properties to private owners by easement or otherwise, when there is a likelihood that the property will be needed for school purposes.

Following discussion on the type of action which the Board wished to take on this request, Mr. Browne was directed to notify Mr. Ranstrum that the Board was not interested in complying with his request.

Specifications on furniture and equipment for the new library building at Santa Barbara High School were presented for the Board's consideration.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and
following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Licker,
seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to
approve the specifications as submitted, and to authorize
the Business Office to advertise them for bids, with the
bid opening to be on Tuesday, May 7, 1963, at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Browne estimated the cost of said furniture and
equipment to be $14,500., payable from High School
District Bond funds.

Business and Finance

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and
following brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sovine,
seconded by Mr. Licker, and unanimously carried, to
accept the lowest and best bids as recommended on a
portion of the warehouse stock which was advertised
for bids in March, 1963, in accordance with details of
Attachment #5 to Minutes of this date in the Santa Barbara
School District.

Mr. Jackson reported that said bids were opened on
March 26, 1963, and that an intensive testing program
was conducted to determine which were the best and least
expensive items. He reported that analysis of the bids
received on other items is continuing, and that further
recommendations would be submitted to the Board at a
later meeting.
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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Licker, and unanimously carried, to authorize the Associate Superintendent to purchase 120-day U. S. Treasury bills in an amount of not to exceed $25,000 through the Security-First National Bank of Santa Barbara, said bills to be purchased from surplus cafeteria funds in the Santa Barbara High School District, and held for safekeeping by the Bank.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following discussion regarding the purchase of counter weights for stage draperies at San Marcos High School, as recommended by the Citizens' Advisory Committee, it was moved by Mrs. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify the purchase of supplies, equipment and services on purchase orders numbers 1421 through 1598 in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify the payment of general claims on warrants numbers B-5481 through B-5722 in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District.
Pupil Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Licker, seconded by Mrs. Henderson, and unanimously carried, to approve an Inter-District Attendance Agreement covering the attendance of Michael P. Franklin, resident of the Carpinteria Unified School District, in the Santa Barbara High School District during the 1962-1963 school year.

Community Relations: No business

Informational Reports

Financial statements as of March 31, 1963, were presented for the Board’s consideration and ordered filed.

The Superintendent called attention to the following tentative schedule of Board meetings which will probably be required during May and June:

Thursday, May 2  Regular Board meeting
Thursday, May 9  Adjourned Board meeting (approval of final plans and specifications on Phase 1 of City College building program; authorization to advertise for bids.)
Thursday, May 16 Regular Board meeting
Thursday, May 23 Adjourned Board meeting (consideration of tentative budgets)
Thursday, June 6  Regular Board meeting
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Wednesday, June 12  Adjourned Board meeting
(consideration of bids
received on City College
building projects)

Thursday, June 20  Regular Board meeting

Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

Bruce D. O'Neal, President

Approved by Board of Education

on _____________________, 1963