A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara High School District was called to order by President Henderson on Thursday, February 20, 1964, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 6 of the Administration Annex.

Present: Mrs. Elisabetta P. Henderson, President
Arnold W. Jacquemin, Vice-President
Robert E. Kallman, Member
David S. Lack, Member
C. E. Sovine, Member

Absent: None

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting included:
Dr. Norman C. Schoen, Superintendent and Secretary-Clerk to Board
G. E. Brown, Associate Superintendent and Assistant Secretary-Clerk
D. G. White, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel and Special Services
Dr. Charles A. Woodfin, Assistant Superintendent-Elect, Business Services
R. V. Jackson, Assistant Business Manager
Everts C. Moore, Senior Stenographer-Clerk
Mrs. Katherine McCloskey, News-Press Reporter
Goegele M. Brun, Executive Secretary
Mrs. E. W. Nordhoff, League of Women Voters
Mrs. Robert D. McMurtry, President, Santa Barbara PTA Council
Several CTA members, including Robert M. Christian,
Alice L. Doettker, Donald K. Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacKenzie, Santa Barbara Co. Taxpayers' Association
Several staff members, including William C. Baisa, Thomas J. Murphy,
Dr. Minna M. Hansen, Faith O. Mason, Dale Schmuck, Frank Van Schaick,
Ilmogene Neher, William E. Miller, James A. Jacobson, Dr. Robert E. Barry,
Virginia J. Faber, Gene S. Hall, Dr. Richard W. Boaden, Earl R. Gaylor,
Barbara J. Wright, Dorothy W. Rowley, Dr. Robert G. Rockwell,
William E. McAuliffe, Kenneth G. Johnson, George Batzianis,
Claud H. Hardesty, Thelma Nielson, Dr. J. R. Barron, Hazel C. Bickmore,
Dixon L. MacQuiddy, Paul F. Davis
Several citizens, including Mrs. Robert R. Kallman, Bruce O'Neal,
Mrs. Silvio C. Varini, Eugene A. Harris

Welcome to Guests and Staff Members

Mrs. Henderson welcomed those present at the meeting, saying she was pleased to see so many interested citizens and staff members in attendance.

Hearing of Citizens and Petitions: None
Communications

Public hearing was held on February 19 upon the application of Harley Barling to rezone the northwesterly corner of Turnpike Road and Hollister Avenue for shopping center use, Mr. Browne said, but the application was denied by the County Planning Commission.

Subdivision maps from the County of Santa Barbara were received and ordered filed on Tract #10257 and Tract #10811 (Unit 1) in the Goleta Union School District.

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and following discussion regarding attendance at conferences (particularly City College staff) and budgeted travel allowances, 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. Licker, and unanimously carried, to approve classified personnel assignments in accordance with details of Attachment #2 to these Minutes.

Mr. William E. Miller, Chairman of the Joint Committee on District-Paid Health Insurance, reviewed the committee's proposal, printed copies of which were presented to the Board. He listed the following main recommendations:

a. That the District participate in a health insurance plan.
b. That this plan be supported by an override tax as provided by 1963 legislation (Education Code Sec. 20806).
c. That the existing committee draw up specifications for the policy and assist in selection of an underwriter.

Mr. Licker questioned whether it would be wise to request and override tax, and Mr. Browne reported that other districts had revised their thinking about this type of tax in order to finance demands on public education. Mr. Kellman and Mr. Jacquemain asked the cost of the proposed insurance plan, and Mr. Miller reported it would be about $10. per employee per month for a group of 900 employees. Dr. Scherer stated that this matter was being brought before the Board at this time because of advance planning for the 1964-1965 budget.

After further discussion, the Board members agreed that they favored this type of insurance plan in principle, but did not wish to take any action until budget needs for the 1964-1965 school year were definitely stated.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Superintendent recommended second reading and final adoption of proposed statements of Board policy on "Selection of Books and Other Published or Recorded Reference Materials." He reviewed procedures and resource materials used in developing said recommendations, and he presented the following additional recommendations developed by the staff following discussion at the last Board meeting:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY RE, SELECTION OF BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLISHED OR RECORDED REFERENCE MATERIALS 6161.1-A

First paragraph: No further changes recommended

Second paragraph: No further changes recommended
Point #1: The adoption of textbooks for use in Santa Barbara secondary schools is a legal responsibility of the Board of Education. (Additional sentence) The process of selecting and evaluating books and supplementary instructional materials for use in the schools is primarily a professional responsibility by personnel deemed most competent for this task by virtue of their professional training, experience, and assignments.

Previous
Point #2: (Deleted)

New
Point #2: Freedom to read and freedom of the press are inseparable parts of the total concept of freedom upon which our society is based. (Additional sentence) In a free society, differences of opinion may develop relative to the appropriateness of books and other reference materials selected for use in the schools. It is the duty of the Board and staff to consider objectively any questions in this regard. It is also the duty of the Board and staff to guard against pressures by individuals and groups who wish to use the schools as instruments of biased views through exclusion or removal of books and other reference materials with which they do not agree, or through inclusion of a disproportionate quantity (instead of "higher proportion") of materials that support such views.

Dr. Scharer also called attention to suggested revisions received from Mr. Kallman earlier that day, and there was discussion. Mr. Kallman said he believed the points set forth in the proposed general statement of policy were unnecessary, and that the Board should limit its policies on book selection to specific authorizations in the Education Code. Dr. Scharer stated it was the purpose of recommended statements of Board policy to outline discretionary viewpoints and powers of the Board as operational guides for the staff rather than to attempt to rewrite the Education Code. Mr. Licker and Mr. Jacquemain agreed that it was not necessary to spell out specific provisions of the Code since they were already
incorporated by reference in other wording of the recommended policies. Mr. Sovine stated the proposed policies do not take any power away from the Board, and Mr. Kallman agreed.

Following further comments by Board members and the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Licker, and carried with one dissenting vote by Mr. Kallman, that the Board accept for second reading and adopt statements of Board policy on "Selection of Books and Other Published or Recorded Reference Materials" in accordance with recommendations by the Superintendent, including revisions recommended by the Superintendent at this meeting. Mr. Kallman said he agreed with the policies in general but opposed the motion because he thought the general philosophy set forth in Section 6161.1-A was unnecessary, and that such wording should be limited to specific provisions of the Education Code.

The Superintendent recommended approval of a Special Education Program for the 1964-1965 school year for educationally handicapped minors. Mr. Thomas J. Murphy, Director of Special Education, reported on the need for this program to provide individualized training for youngsters with behavioral disorders and neurological handicaps. Mr. Murphy stated that this program would have to be financed by the District for the first year, but that afterward it was reimbursable from the State.

Dr. Scharer said this was a very necessary program, and that the schools have already referred students who would benefit
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from such special classes. It was the consensus of the Board
members that they were in favor of this program, but that they
wished to avoid an override tax if at all possible in financing
the first year's work.

It was moved by Mr. Licker, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and
unanimously carried, to approve a Special Education Program for
educationally handicapped minors for the 1964-1965 school year.

School Plants and Property

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unani-
mously carried, to approve authorization to advertise for
bids for furniture and equipment for Goleta Valley Junior
High School, the bid opening to be Tuesday, March 10, at
2:00 p.m.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was
moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and
unanimously carried, to approve authorization to advertise
for bids for electronics laboratory equipment for Santa
Barbara City College, with bid opening to be Tuesday, March 10,
at 2:00 p.m.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and
following brief discussion of need for this change order, it
was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and
unanimously carried, to approve Change Order #3 to the general
contract with Greynald Construction Co., Inc., on Goleta
Valley Junior High School, at an additional cost of $285.86.
This change order covered relocation of sewer manholes, relocation of television distribution panel, installation of additional speakers in auditorium building, electrical changes to comply with fire and industrial safety codes, changes in certain door hardware, and substitution of sound reduction doors.

Public hearing was held on the Board's intention to convey waterline easement to the Goleta County Water District on the Goleta Valley Junior High School site. It was moved by Mr. Licker, and seconded by Mr. Kallman, to adopt the necessary resolution to convey an easement as described therein for water purposes to the Goleta County Water District, and to authorize the President and Assistant Secretary-Clerk to execute said resolution and the easement deed on behalf of the District.

Roll call on the motion was as follows:

**Ayes:**
- Mr. Jacquemain
- Mr. Sovine
- Mr. Licker
- Mr. Kallman
- Mrs. Henderson

**Nays:**
- None

**Absent:**
- None

**Not Voting:**
- None

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**Business and Finance**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and following brief discussion on tuberculin testing program and La Cumbre Junior High School stage lights; it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Kallman, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify purchase of supplies, equipment, and services on purchase orders numbers 1927 through 2135, in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District.
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and brief discussion about printing claim under Warehouse Revolving Fund, it was moved by Mr. Kallman, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to authorize and/or ratify payment of the following claims, in conjunction with the Santa Barbara School District:

General claims on warrants numbers B-4501 through B-4692 1608 “M” payroll warrants for February, 1964, in the amount of $781,526.87

General Fund financial statements as of January 31, 1964, were received and ordered filed.

Following review of details by Mr. Browne and discussion thereon, it was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, and seconded by Mr. Sovine, to adopt the necessary resolution prescribed by Education Code Section 21051, requesting the County Board of Supervisors to make a temporary loan in the amount of $200,000, from the County General Fund to the High School District as of March 2, 1964. Roll call on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Jacquemain, Mr. Sovine, Mr. Licker, Mr. Kallman, Mrs. Henderson
Nays: None
Absent: None
Not Voting: None

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Sovine, seconded by Mr. Licker, and unanimously carried, to request the County Counsel to prepare the appropriate resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to offer for sale the remaining portion of authorized but unsold bonds, in the amount of $1,800,000.
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to authorize the Associate Superintendent to purchase U.S. Treasury Bills, maturing in 90 days with a maturity value of $500,000, from the High School District bond funds, said purchase to be handled through the Crocker-Anglo Bank of Santa Barbara, with the bills to be held for safekeeping by said Bank and retained for a period of not to exceed 90 days, unless sold at the request of the Associate Superintendent prior to maturity date.

Pupil Personnel

The Superintendent recommended that the following elementary school attendance areas be assigned in their entirety to the respective junior high schools:

To Goleta Valley Junior High School - Elkwood, Isla Vista, Goleta Union, La Patera, Fairview, Kellogg, Goleta School #3 (to be named at a later date)
To La Goleta Junior High School - Peabody, Hope, Viaja Valley, Hollister, Cathedral Oaks
To La Cumbre Junior High School - Adams, Garfield, Wilson, Monroe, Washington, Harding, McKinley
To Santa Barbara Junior High School - Gold Spring, Montecito, Cleveland, Franklin, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt

Mr. Kenneth G. Johnson, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, answered questions about the new boundaries, stating that procedures had been set up to handle transfer requests in hardship cases, especially those involved in setting up Goleta Valley Junior High School's area.

It was moved by Mr. Kallman, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, to approve the junior high school attendance areas as stated above.
Dr. Robert E. Barry, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, reported on the California State Department of Education's State-wide testing survey, which had been used to compare Santa Barbara with other California cities administering the same standardized tests. Dr. Barry stated that Santa Barbara exceeded all California results, which, in turn, exceeded the published norms.

The Superintendent recommended that double sessions be established at La Colina Junior High School next September, in order to accommodate Goleta Valley Junior High School students, since the latter school would not be ready for occupancy until after November 14, 1964.

Mrs. Henderson reported receiving a telephone call from a parent who was very much upset over the prospect of double sessions, and she asked if there were any alternatives. Mrs. Imogene Nair, Assistant Principal at La Colina Junior High School, said that double sessions were not the ideal solution, but were considered the best way to handle this situation at present.

Following brief discussion on previous double sessions, and the advisability of shortening the school day from 7 periods to 6 periods, it was the consensus of the Board that decision on this matter be postponed until the March 5 Board meeting.

General Information

The Superintendent called the Board's attention to the recent deaths of William S. Porter and Arnold C. Van Wyk, who had both been closely connected with public education in
this area, Dr. Schazer stated that letters of condolence had been sent to the families, on behalf of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Jacquemain, seconded by Mr. Sovine, and unanimously carried, that mention of the deaths of Mr. Porter and Mr. Van Wyk be made a matter of official record, and that recognition be made of their many fine years of service to education.

Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

Mrs. Elisabetta P. Henderson, President, Board of Education

Approved by Board of Education on ____________, 1964