

# Dress Code Policy Postponed Again

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The Santa Cruz City Board of Education has postponed further discussion of the proposed high school dress code until a special noon meeting on August 26.

The delay will give attorneys additional time to perfect the language of the policy, President Eli Bariteau said. The code is being drafted by the county counsel's office, working with Trustee Eugene Adams and Jerry Stanley.

Stanley was the attorney who represented the board and officials of Soquel High School in the Smiley haircut case last spring, in which the Superior Court upheld the school's dress policies.

Stanley's fee of \$2766 drew the criticism of John Wasserburger, Soquel High School instructor.

Wasserburger told the board that the proposed policy "won't satisfy anyone." Testimony taken at a special June meeting at the Santa Cruz High School also was largely critical of the proposals, Wasserburger said.

He voiced concern about the costs involved in the suit and suggested the funds could have been used more profitably, for example, in buying "3000 paperbacks for the library."

Stanley was retained by the board after the county counsel's office declined to represent the school district. Last week, during a meeting of the Bonny Doon School board, James Rantin, assistant county counsel, said his office didn't take the case because the counsel felt the school's dress code was poorly drawn and not enforceable.

The school won the suit, however, in the trial court. Slightly more than two weeks remain before the deadline to appeal the Superior Court decision.

The board received Wasserburger's remarks without comment.

Later in the meeting, Wasserburger arose to speak on another issue. Trustee Keith Shaffer asked him if he were speaking for himself or as president of the Santa Cruz City Teachers Association.

"I can speak for anyone I please," Wasserburger retorted.

When Shaffer repeated his question, Wasserburger replied, "I expect to be treated with the same courtesy as other citizens. If I cannot be treated with that courtesy, I do not wish to speak."

Earlier, however, in response to a similar inquiry by The Sentinel, Wasserburger said he was speaking as an individual and not in his role as president of the teachers' association.

**SOQUEL POOL**—Trustees approved a contract for architectural services for construction of a swimming pool at Soquel High School.

**ALUMNI OFFICE**—C. E. (Doc) Fehlman of the Santa Cruz High School Alumni Association asked the board for permission to erect a small building on the SCHS campus to house the association office. Bariteau told Fehlman that trustees will study the request and "see what we can do to help."

Shaffer commented, "The board should make every effort to help the alumni association."

The group, Fehlman said, has begun a building fund and "has \$4439 in the kitty at the present time." Pledges also have been received from various local merchants and building firms to supply materials.

**HARBOR HIGH**—Construction is almost completed at Harbor High School, Laurence Gentry, the architect's representative, reported. School district personnel began occupying the new facility on July 1 and work now is continuing on the "punch list" of unfinished items. The architect recommended that \$17,000 be withheld from the final payment until the list is completed.

Gentry also said that the seven change orders approved during the project resulted in a slight reduction in the amount of the original contract. It went from \$1,757,320 to \$1,755,236.45, he said.

## Highway 1 Map Display Set Today

Maps of the new Highway 1 freeway proposal are on display this afternoon and evening at civic auditorium.

State Division of Highways representatives are to be on hand from 3 to 9 p.m. to explain the maps.

The new route, designated No. 5, is designed to meet objections to other proposed routes for taking Highway 1 from its present terminus at Mission and Chestnut Streets to west of the city limits.

At the Buck Island Reef National Monument in the Caribbean, there is an underwater nature trail marked with descriptive plaques. It leads swimmers in snorkels on a winding 1000-foot-long tour through a marine garden of coral, sea fans and swaying gorgonians.