

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held at the Student Services Center on February 10, 2015 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Garvin, Karimitsos, Perez, Palera. Absent: Tognazzini

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and immediately adjourned to closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened and Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The flag salute was led by Carlos Alvarado.

Dr. Garvin asked for a moment of silence for Breanna Rodriguez.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Richardson announced the closed session actions. The board approved the certificated and classified personnel actions as submitted. Student matters were approved as presented. The board was also updated on labor negotiations.

PRESENTATIONS

Caldwell Flores Winters Scholarship Presentation

Ernesto Flores presented the CFW scholarship to Stevie Wisz, a senior at Righetti High School. Stevie was awarded \$4,500 from CFW. Her parents, grandparents and siblings were in attendance. Mr. Flores commented that she is a great example for her siblings and thanked her parents.

EL Program Update – Maria Larios-Horton, Director of Multilingual and Migrant Education Programs

Maria Larios-Horton presented information on the EL Program in the district.

- The EL Program served over 2100 English learners in the District; 2186 Reclassified English Proficient Students and 594 Migrant students. They have increased our parent advisory committees by over 300% this year.
- EL qualifications: 1. Home Lang Survey; 2. CELDT (levels 1-5); 3. EL or IFEP; 4. Program Determination
- Over the last few years the EL numbers have increased while enrollment has remained stable.
- Most of the EL learners are served at SMHS. They have more combined than the other high schools.
- Some of the incoming EL students coming in have been in schools in this community for 6 years.

- She and her staff have revamped and restructured the program.
- Up to 85% of EL was not receiving a dedicated EL Development course.
- 36% of 10th grade EL were passing CAHSEE.
- Only 1 EL met a-g requirements.
- 33% of course grades assigned to EL's were D's and F's.
- In 2014 they convened an EL Program Restructure advisory committee.
- Course pathway was given to Board members.
- Concentration is on CELDT Levels 1-3 – this took a lot of work. Her department screened and tested over 1000 students.
- Received 20 pallets of new Common Core aligned curriculum.
- 18 classroom labs with over 160 new computers are now set up and used for adaptive software.
- Her department has set up a comprehensive and robust professional learning and collaboration with teachers and administration.
- Know they need to monitor and actually make sure this is working for our students.
- Would like to increase our services to all CELDT levels 1-5.
- Thinking of a Student and Community Support Services Center. Need to explore that.

Questions from Board:

Dr. Karamitsos: Have you seen SM Bonita dual immersion program? These students have been here their whole life; have you been speaking to them about articulation?

Ms. Larios-Horton: She is on the committee for the SM Bonita immersion program. It will begin in Kindergarten and 1st grade. What we cannot forget is we have another district that feeds into our district. How will we support our students to graduate Biliterate? It will be woven into the LCAP. We are thinking of it and it is the future.

Dr. Karamitsos: What sort of services would the Community Support Services Center be offering? Is it limited to English Language Learners and their parents?

Ms. Larios-Horton: We are just at the beginning of the exploration. It needs to be driven by our school community. It shouldn't be limited to anybody. The vision of Dr. Richardson is that there is a place that parents and students can feel supported.

Ms. Perez: The numbers of students in this program are impressive. How are you doing this with the limited number of staff? How can we better support? I agree with your recommendations and how do we get there? I appreciate your work.

Dr. Garvin: Board retreat in March and K-12 articulation is on the agenda. I am hoping the superintendent will revisit this topic. This is related to student achievement and graduation rates. It is tragic that students born here are struggling.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson thanked Ms. Larios-Horton for a great presentation and introduced Mary Andrade who was presenting an update on the Governor's Budget.

She and Brenda Hoff attended the governor's budget workshop in January. She spoke on the state of the economy. There is continued improvement nationally and statewide. Governor Brown is conservative on fiscal policy as economy remains volatile.

Funding factors and increasing employer costs were shared. The next step is to wait until the May Revise – the last official proposal from the Governor.

Principal Reports

Principals recognized Guidance staff as part of the National School Guidance and Counselors Week. Pioneer Valley and Righetti High School had incoming freshmen registration so not all staff was in attendance.

Those being recognized were:

Delta High School: Ryan Abshere, Jamie Ellis, Al Garcia, Cathy Simpson, Tami Contreras

Pioneer Valley High School: Angela Collina, Rebecca Arce, Sandra Arreguin, Susan Avrit, Dona Hinchliff, Karen Apple, Kristen Katz, Blanca Lopez, Maria Fruge, Vicky Ramos, Robin Rocco, Nadia Ventura

Righetti High School: Eric Blanco, Dayna DeBernardi-Watson, Norma Hernandez, Adriana Martinez, Jose Pereyra, Lorena Santos, Julie Santoyo, Elva Solorio, Vicki Dirkes

Santa Maria High School: Saira Diaz, Patty Fraire, Terzino Gaeta, Cecilia Grimaldo, Margarita Guillen-Franco, Helena Hernandez, Martha Janzen, Victoria Lopez, Yolanda Medina, Monica Pallan, Heather Reese, Anita Romero-Salomon, Donna Trombetta, Mariana Valdovinos

Student Reports

Carlos Alvarado/Delta: Delta High School won 1st place in the Orcutt Christmas Parade for most food donations by raising 351 pounds of food! Twenty-two students participated in the Blood Drive. Delta's annual BBQ fundraiser is hosted by the Orcutt Lion's Club and will be held on March 14th. Tickets are \$10.00. Delta has a WASC visit March 1st through the 3rd.

David Torres/PVHS: Class Rally Week was held and finished by Panther Pride Week. Senior have been placing cap and gown orders. This month was also the senior class fundraiser. Tickets for junior class winter formal are on sale. Rally was held in memory of Breanna Rodriguez. Eighteen leadership students are going to the CASL conference. Three students are running for CASL Board.

Jhaicelle Laron/ERHS: Righetti held a CASL workshop for all three schools to learn how to be a better student learner. They are sharing a bus with PVHS to attend the CASL conference; seventeen students are going. Righetti beat St. Joseph in Boys' Basketball. They will continue the WAR zone into CIF. Choir is selling singing grams for Valentine's Day. The school is handling the death of Breanna Rodriguez the best we can. Her AVID class held a rally. It has been a hard week - Breanna will always be in our memory.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Palera: Hearing the loss of Breanna Rodriguez was so hard. He was a sheriff for over thirty years and his deepest sympathy goes to her parents. We have another angel looking down at us. PVHS had two students that took first and second place in the Poetry Contest this week. Have to give a shout out to the teachers to get those students motivated. This is the second year in a row.

Ms. Perez: My deepest sympathy for the loss of Breanna Rodriguez. It is so tough to lose one of our students. Well wishes to the family. Ms. Perez attended the Allan Hancock College and SMJUHS Joint Counselor Meeting. They were having discussions on how we can move forward. Thanked Steve Molina for leading the charge. Encourages other board members to check it out. It is impressive to see. It is financial aid time and there are many teachers and counselors that are working together for high school seniors. It is an important piece. Lois Capps is coming to SMHS (for Cash for College); lots of impressive work with lots of folks and she is impressed with the collaborative work and leadership in the community.

Dr. Karamitsos: Speaking for the loss of Breanna – there is only one thing she is afraid of in life (it is to lose a child). The family needs our support. Likes the board presentations that have been going on over the past year. They uncover the work that everyone is doing. She appreciates all the hard work and effort that goes on.

Dr. Garvin: He agrees with the comments made. He had a chance to visit Righetti High School (Room 104 – Classroom of the Future). It is exciting to see the teachers and students excited about it. Appreciates the presentation from Maria Larios-Horton. We know we have work to do. We, as a board, are taking on some of that responsibility. Visited the LCAP committee meeting – it is on the road for positive outcome.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

GENERAL

Approval of MOU for Classified Bargaining Unit, Article 19, Reclassifications

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached tentative agreement on changes to the reclassification process for 2014/15. The new process will replace the existing reclassification process as enumerated in Article 19, Classification/Reclassification, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to on January 22, 2015 changes the makeup of the Reclassification Committee and creates a process for reviewing and finalizing approved reclassification requests. The MOU will take effect upon approval by both parties and will be in effect for 2014/15.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the MOU with the Classified Bargaining Unit as presented for Article 19, Reclassifications.

Approval of Board Policies/Administrative Regulations – Appendix D

The administration has reviewed the following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations, aligned with California School Boards Association updates, which are provided as education code and laws change. These policies and regulations are being presented for the Board's review and adoption and will be included in the existing sections upon approval.

A summary of the new policies are presented in Appendix D of the agenda. The complete revised policies and regulations are posted on the district's website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us.

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations

Business

Educational Travel Program Contracts BP 3312.2/AR 3312.2

Instruction

School-Sponsored Trips BP 6153/AR 6153

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as presented in Appendix D.

INSTRUCTION

Approval of the Single School Plans for Student Achievement

Delta High School, Ernest Righetti High School, Pioneer Valley High School and Santa Maria High School are presenting their Single School Plans for approval. These plans were developed on tentative budgets; therefore, budget revisions will be made once the Consolidated Application is completed. Plans will only be returned to the Board if major changes are made in the goals and strategies.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Single School Plans for Student Achievement as presented.

New Textbook Preview

The following textbook is presented to the Board of Education for preview. This textbook is aligned with the common core.

Santa Maria High School Social Studies Department/Amy Hennings

- American’s History, Bedford/St. Martin, Hereta/Hinderaker/Edwards, © 2014

The textbook will be on the March 10, 2015 agenda for second reading and approval.

Approval of Resolution No. 16-2014-2015 - Proclamation Declaring February 2-6, 2015 as National School Counseling and Guidance Week

National School Counseling and Guidance Week was celebrated from February 2-6, 2015, to focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional school counseling and guidance staff members in our schools across the country. The National School Counseling and Guidance Week, sponsored by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors and guidance staff can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 16-2014-2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tognazzini	Absent
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Ms. Perez	Yes
Mr. Palera	Yes

BUSINESS

Approval of Proposition 39/C2004 Bond Audits for Year Ended June 30, 2014

In accordance with Proposition 39 Bond Funding Requirements, an independent audit of the financial statements of the proceeds and expenditures from the issuance of the C2004 Bond was conducted for the year ended June 30, 2014. The audit was completed by the firm of Christy White Accountancy Corporation. The audit report is hereby presented to the Board of Education for review and acceptance.

The report states: “There were no audit findings or recommendations related to the 2013-2014 Measure C2004 Bond Building Fund Financial and Performance Audits.”

Pursuant to Education Code 15286, a copy of this report has been forwarded to Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Copies of the report are on file at the District Support Services Center for review by the public.

Ms. Ortiz said they are actively seeking members for the Citizens Bond Oversight committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the C2004 Bond Project Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Approval of Filing the General Obligation Bond Continuing Disclosure Statement for 2013-14 – Appendix C

Because the District’s General Obligation Bonds are publicly traded, the District is required to publish (or cause to be published) updated financial and demographic information on an annual basis. This is accomplished by posting documentation to a website approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), no later than 240 days after the end of the fiscal year. Due to financial reform legislation (Dodd-Frank) it is now a recommended practice that the Board review & approve the report prepared by staff before it is uploaded to the specified website.

The report appears in Appendix C. It contains demographic information about our District such as Average Daily Attendance, revenue limit and LCFF funding amounts, budgets, debt issued, property tax information on the top 20 taxpayers in Santa Barbara County, and statistics on assessed valuations and collections in the District’s enrollment area.

Brenda Hoff noted that there are two differences from last year’s report. The first is a discussion of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that is the new funding model for education financing in the State of California. The second is that the report when uploaded will contain full versions of the District’s budget and audited financial statement documents; previous years’ reports contained just a link to those documents as posted on the District’s website.

She also noted that there has been continued improvement from the last four years on property taxes. This is an indication of economic recovery.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve filing of the General Obligation Bond Continuing Disclosure document for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Public Hearing for Attendance Boundary Realignment Criteria, Process and Timeline

The Board approved the Attendance Boundary Realignment Criteria, Process and Timeline on November 12, 2014. The Boundary Committee met and reviewed multiple options for boundary changes. They agreed to submit two options for consideration and selection by the Superintendent. The proposed boundary change meets the approved criteria and best utilizes the capacity of all three campuses.

Gary Wuitschick presented the proposed option – Plan G. There were some changes on the north boundary (toward College Drive) that would move over to the PVHS area. The south end moved up (to capture communities into Righetti area). In the end this particular option is a fair balance in 2020/2021.

Public hearing was opened. There were no verbal or written comments made. Will come back in March for approval.

Public Hearing for Preliminary Environmental Assessment

The district has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed New CTE School site as required by California Department of Education and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. The proposed new agricultural education center and career technical education center school site location is 1280 Founders Avenue, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California.

As a condition of receiving State funds, any project on a school site that requires review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) must also undergo a complete environmental review and if necessary, a cleanup to protect students, faculty and staff who will occupy the school.

The report and supporting documents are available during the 30 day public comment period. The district seeks public comments at this time on the PEA report.

Public hearing was opened. There were no verbal or written comments made.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve the consent items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Tognazzini	Absent
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Ms. Perez	Yes
Mr. Palera	Yes

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Karen Draper: Commented on QEIA funding and the distribution of carryover funds recommended keeping class size reductions (math and English departments). Need the district to apply for a waiver. School Site Council has a meeting with Tracy Marsh on Thursday.

Mark Goodman: Believes the LVN's should be hired back.

Clint Hinkle: Teachers met with the Aspire group and the dialogue went well.

Tami Contreras/CSEA: MOU is going for ratification on Feb. 17. Negotiations will be meeting on that day as well. They signed a settlement with reclassification/classification. Delta High School had a former Delta graduate speak to them about the new Industrial building

at Hancock. He went through the certification program at Hancock and is now a lead mechanic at an Auto Shop. CSEA provides service and motivation to our students.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Catherine Boyle: Spoke about graduation rates. SMHS administration changed her schedule (documented in emails) due to graduation rates. She pulled 2001 – 2013 student records to determine the why behind this.

Rich Boyle: Added some information to Catherine’s information. The investigation was conducted by the law firm that the district hired. The result of the investigation is that Catherine went 0-9. You should revisit this issue. The board’s integrity could be questioned.

Shelly Klein: Spoke about Common Core. What is important is that testing has changed and she is asking the district when do we notify the public?

Willie Galvan: Appreciates the past year of work that the Board has done. The parents and community are ready to work collaboratively with everyone. Parents are positive and happy. He also thanked the administration at SMHS. The group knows there is bond issue and want to work with the community to pass it. The mood has changed. He thanked Dr. Richardson and Mr. Davis, the Board and the teachers (and union) for collaborating with them.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no items discussed that were not on the agenda.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 10, 2015. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Support Services Center.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015

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| Tuesday, April 14, 2015 | Tuesday, July 14, 2015 | Tuesday, October 13, 2015 |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2015 | Tuesday, August 4, 2015 | Tuesday, November 10, 2015 |
| Tuesday, June 9, 2015 | Tuesday, September 8, 2015 | Tuesday, December 8, 2015 |

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.