

**REGULAR 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 on March 14, 2017 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and an open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Perez, Palera, Lopez, Garvin

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and immediately adjourned to closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by Diana Perez.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session actions.

The Board was updated on labor negotiations. They approved all personnel actions and all student matter recommendations. The Special Education settlement agreement was also approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE OLIVE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL: ORCUTT/SANTA MARIA

A public hearing was held pursuant to Education Code section 47605 for the District's Board of Trustees to consider the level of support for the Olive Grove charter petition by teachers and other employees of the District, and parents.

Dr. Karamitsos opened the public hearing. She introduced Bill Schuetz, an attorney for the district from Dannis Woliver Kelley. He explained that the public hearing was an information item only and the determination of whether the Board will grant or deny the petition will be agendized for action at the April 11, 2017 Board meeting.

The petitioners were granted 15 minutes to present before the public hearing. Speakers in support of the petition included: Laura Mudge, Victor McConnell, Dawn Wilson, Lisa Miller, Valerie Wilson, Kyle Radford, Helengrace Halpin, Delia Garnett, David Edwards and Michelle Winters. Speakers opposed included John Raymond.

The public hearing was closed and the item will be on the April 11, 2017 agenda.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Roberto Aguilar-Luis/Delta: On February 24, students, parents, and staff attended a presentation hosted by Donald Denoyer about an anti-bullying and mentorship program. There was a Blood Drive on March 3. Mrs. Ortiz took a group of students to the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Museum on February 22. It was the first time the Dragon Wagon was used on a field trip. Mr. Tracht and Delta athletes will be competing in a tournament against Maple High School in volleyball and softball. Mr. Fraser has started a new company with his students. Go to getclickio.com if you would like more information.

Isabella Powell/RHS: Girls Basketball made it to 2nd round of CIF finals; Kindness week was held and was a success. ASB hosted Warrior Idol (like American Idol). Marimba Band is celebrating their 40th annual Big Show in April. Powder Puff Events begin next month. PTSA BBQ will be next month and money raised goes to senior scholarships. College Fair was held today.

Candice Corpuz/PVHS: PVHS Student Scientists placed at County Science Fair. Dominique Aranda placed 1st! Key Club hosted their annual blood drive. ASB held their annual Campus Beautification Day. Prom tickets are on sale. Student Council is having their ASB Executive and Class Officer Elections.

Yailin Orozco/SMHS: They kicked off the Pennies for Patients Campaign. The goal is \$4000. They are planning Spirit Week for a Spring Fling Dance (free dance for all students). Eight students will attend the CASL conference in San Jose. There are two assemblies coming up on March 24.

Dr. Karamitsos asked the students about the Superintendent's Council. She wanted to see how they felt things were going.

- Candice explained that she and two other ASB students attend the meetings.
- Yailin said that speaking on behalf of the other students, it is great to be able to ask the Superintendent anything and getting answers and she really likes it.
- Isabella said that the students get a lot of background information and it is great for the ASB classes to get behind the scenes look at everything (including budgets). It is very helpful and useful.
- Roberto said the experience is amazing. It is interesting to hear the different viewpoints and he feels it makes the school better for everyone (not just the students involved).

Dr. Karamitsos encouraged the students to bring more information next month. Let them know what you will be doing once you graduate. She thanked them for their comments.

Principal Report

Shanda Herrera, PVHS Principal honored a community member that has partnered with PVHS this year – Mr. Jose Uriate.

She introduced Mr. Zachary Starr, the executive pastor of Four Square Church. Jose is a member in his church. She then introduced Greg Dickinson, one of the Assistant Principals of PVHS to speak about Mr. Uriate.

Mr. Dickinson described the issues the community and schools are having. When PVHS lost one of their own they brainstormed about things they needed to offer the kids. He kept going back to his coaching roots. He kept telling Ms. Herrera the big thing is finding a mentor that a kid can make a connection with. Around that time, Santa Maria Four Square Church reached out to the school.

They set a family up with Mr. Uriate. He has done so much for the family. He has done home visits and has been available on weekends for the family. They are very proud of him.

Mr. Uriate wanted to thank Shanda and Greg for giving him the opportunity to meet with the students. It is needed. He explained that Gabriel Morales was, and still is, his mentor. A mentor can make a difference.

Mr. Uriate has a wife and two small children at home. He has been faithful to PVHS and in appreciation they gave him a plaque and thanked him for all of his help.

Ms. Lopez thanked Ms. Herrera for bringing this to their attention. It is great to reach out to community based organizations. Mr. Uriate does a lot of great things for the community.

Dr. Garvin said the amount of community support has been an awakening to him.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson announced that it was Dr. Karamitsos' birthday. A birthday cake was brought out and shared with everyone while the meeting proceeded.

He said it was great to hear from the students about the Superintendent's Council and having the communication with the kids and getting their feedback. They have learned from Carla Hart about nutrition and what they do in the cafeteria. For example, the pizza we get from Domino's has a special recipe that they cook just for the schools. They have covered interesting topics and are going to continue to do some work with the students. The group is working on what districtwide activities they can come up with for the kids. They have spoken about a joint orchestra and a district all-star band so far.

He thanked the students for the positive comments.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Garvin: All members of the school board had an unsupervised boardwalk at Righetti and Delta. He was very impressed with the organization and preparation that went into the walks. He spoke about Mr. Fraser's class at Delta and Mr. Nesper's class at Righetti. He also noticed the physical appearance at the sites was great. Mrs. Rotondi gave full credit to her Plant Manager. He is proud of the way the schools look. He has had parents say to him before that if the outside looks bad what does the inside look like? He thanked everyone.

Ms. Lopez: She also enjoyed the site tours. They went to the construction site at Righetti. Time lapse photos would be great. They snuck into Mr. Nesper's AP class and she enjoyed the visit and the dialogue. They had such a good visit at Delta as well. She enjoys hearing the successes of everything that happens here. She commended the SMHS Soccer Team, the Coke Scholarship winner and the two Harvard acceptances. Kudos to our students and to all the staff that helped them succeed. She is looking forward to hearing more about the Ethnic Studies program.

Mr. Palera: He thanked everyone for the wonderful tour. The Superintendent keeps us informed on everything. Kenny gets all the press releases out. It is great. He went to PVHS Awards Night and it is so great to see them all so excited about it. The academics are great and to see them get excited is truly amazing. It was great to be there.

Ms. Perez: She enjoyed the tours and enjoys visiting the schools every time she goes out. She mentioned that Esther Prieto-Chavez is being recognized with the Latino Legacy Award. She has known Esther for a very long time. She has been a dedicated employee, beloved by many and she has done a great job at Delta. Congratulations! The AP Class at Righetti with Mr. Nesper was great. She asked how many of our students that take AP courses pass the exams. How much do families pay for exams and how many waivers do we have? She spoke of her sons and how her older son has taken eight AP classes and has not passed an exam. Her other son is a junior and hasn't taken any AP classes and is taking concurrent classes through Hancock and has passed a few courses already. Is it in the best interest of these students to increase college classes? She is very appreciative of the work that our district is doing with Hancock. It is something to put on the table for discussion.

Dr. Karamitsos: She thanked everyone for making her birthday special. The boardwalks were a big success and they look forward to visiting PVHS and SMHS. She has been busy going to Water Polo and wrestling events. Her son won CIF in Wrestling but broke his hand right before Masters. This Friday there is a talent show at SMHS. The District is doing great things. She appreciates Olive Grove coming to the meeting and presenting their program. She thinks we do strive to have the square pegs fitting into the round hole. Where we see a need we want to fit that need. Doing the boardwalks we get to see this in action. Most of us in life are ordinary but it doesn't mean we aren't extraordinary. She would like to see us honor students that don't necessarily win a trophy or a contest. These students are loved by their families and we need to honor them as well.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

General

Reopener Proposals for Negotiations with CSEA 2017-18 – *Appendix D*

The Contract with California School Employees Association, Chapter 455, allows the parties to reopen articles for negotiation. In order to commence negotiations with CSEA and to fulfill conditions of the Rodda Act, the Board needs to acknowledge receipt of the proposal from CSEA.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Palera. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0 to acknowledge receipt of the proposal from CSEA. A public hearing will be held at the April Board meeting.

Approval of AR5127

The following Administrative Regulation was revised and presented for approval:

AR5127	Graduation Ceremonies and Activities
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Dr. Richardson reviewed the policy. It was reviewed by the Superintendents Council and the graduation attire section was added. The student representatives spoke about how they came up with the policy. There were no student complaints at the school sites and students seemed content with the policy. If groups meet the four criteria they should be approved for sashes and cords.

A motion was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Palera. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0 to approve AR 5127.

BUSINESS

2016/2017 Second Interim Report – *Appendix E*

California Education Code requires each school district to file two interim reports detailing the financial and budgetary status to the County Office of Education. The Second Interim report shall cover the period of July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017, and be approved by the Board of Education no later than 45 days after the close of this period.

Brenda Hoff presented the 2nd interim revised budget. Revenues total nearly \$96 million.

The full report is in accordance with the state-adopted Standards and Criteria, is posted on the District website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0 to adopt a Positive Certification for the Second Interim report for fiscal year 2016/2017 as shown in Appendix E.

Authorization to Make Budget Revisions – Resolution Number 16-2016-2017

Income and expenditures have been updated in accordance with revenues, grant awards, personnel and other expenditure adjustments. The working budget, as shown in the Projected Year Totals column of the 2016/2017 Second Interim Report has been adjusted to reflect these changes, was presented as Resolution Number 16-2016-2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera and seconded by Dr. Garvin. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve **Resolution** Number 16-2016-2017 authorizing budget revisions as identified in the 2016/2017 Second Interim Report.

A roll call vote was required:

- Dr. Karamitsos Yes
- Ms. Perez Yes
- Mr. Palera Yes
- Ms. Lopez Yes
- Dr. Garvin Yes

Consider adopting the 5th Status Report on the Reconfiguration and Facilities Program dated March 2017

In August 2014, the Board adopted a Reconfiguration and Facilities Program (“Program”) prepared by Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. (CFW) that assessed the facilities needs at the District’s four high school sites and presented an improvement and financing program to accommodate these needs.

As part of the Agreement with the District, CFW prepares semi-annual Program updates to the Board that review implementation activities. The fifth Program update has been completed and was presented to the Board by representatives from CFW: Ernesto Flores and Kevin Crosby. Also in attendance was Scott Burkett and Emilio Flores.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Palera. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0 to adopt the 5th Status Report as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve all consent items as presented.

A roll call vote was required:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Ms. Perez	Yes
Mr. Palera	Yes
Ms. Lopez	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports from employee organizations.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker	Topic
Francisco Lozaro	Invited Board to Mixteco PIDA Meeting

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 April 11, 2017. 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 2017

May 16, 2017	July 11, 2017	October 10, 2017
June 13, 2017	August 1, 2017	November 14, 2017
June 20, 2017	September 12, 2017	December 12, 2017

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.