

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held in the Support Services Center on March 31, 2014, with open session at 9:00 a.m. followed by closed session. Members present: Walsh, Tognazzini, Garvin, Kar-amitsos, and Perez.

**Open Session**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order and led the Flag Salute.

**Item Scheduled for Information/Discussion**

**Facility Vision Setting**

Representatives from Caldwell Flores Winters (Yuri Calderon, Jeremy Cogan, and Janet Kleigl) provided a PowerPoint presentation.

An overview of the Workshop Objectives and Facilities Implementation was provided.

Workshop Objectives:

- Identify the educational and facilities priorities of the School Board
- Identify innovative education programs that may be implementable in the District
- Provide an update on the planning and facilities assessment
- Discuss the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Century Classroom and the use of technology to support instruction and academic achievement
- Discuss how the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Century Classroom is supported by improvement to facilities
- Describe the community outreach process to be used to gain valuable information from parents and teachers

Facilities Implementation Plan: The District has tasked CFW to prepare an Implementation Plan that will:

- Analyze methods of implementation of the District Reconfiguration and Facilities Program
- Assess facility needs at each of the District's school sites required to address educational, curriculum, and technology improvement opportunities.
- Contain a capital plan and sequencing strategy for a proposed program of improvement
- Contain a financing plan and implementation strategy

The following topics were presented by CFW representatives:

- Planning Process
- Planning Objectives
- Site/Community Planning Process

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- District Vision and Mission
- Future Trends
- Technology Considerations
- District Academic Program
- Facilities Assessment

CFW also reported their Preliminary General Findings in the following areas: 1) Facilities Conditions; 2) Furnishings and Equipment; and 3) ADA and Safety.

Following the presentation, Board members were asked to describe the ideal school. What will students be doing, learning, and talking about? What will staff be doing? What will facilities look like and how will they support students and staff?

### **Board Discussion**

Board members shared the following comments/concerns:

- An understanding that CFW is working on a vision that will prepare SMJUHSD for the future
- The need to retrain and refocus personnel in order for the district to move on to the next phase of this process
- The need for structure and order
- Agriculture Pathways
- The need to teach students communication skills (currently losing due social media)
- Focus on green buildings for the betterment of the environment
- Institute a Recycle program

Board members support technology, are strong supporters of public education, want to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students and an environment that works for teachers and staff. They are excited about the academies and the added opportunities for specialized skills for our students. They want to support all students and ensure students are engaged in their classes. Mr. Tognazzini spoke about changes in the agriculture industry due to technology. There are now broccoli picking machines— finding a way to pack the produce is still being explored. These changes indicate a need for specialized skills.

In response to the need for a structured program, Mr. Calderon explained that the proposed facilities would not eliminate structure. Rather, there will be more options for students including career technology choices. There was also discussion concerning bonds. Mr. Calderon explained that communities will support bonds if there is a good plan in place. He noted it is difficult to pass a bond to replace roofs, air conditioning, etc. The community wants to know how the bonds will help their students. Mr. Calderon spoke about being prepared should bonds get on the ballot. He noted that the state only funds certain projects— where money is focused on classrooms. CFW's plan is to have a combination of new and retrofitted facilities to ensure the education process is more effective.

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CFW reported that one-on-one meetings with site principals were held on March 17 and 18. The purpose of the meetings was to review classroom information, collect site data, and begin to develop a planning and communication process.

### **Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened for open session at 12:30 p.m.

### **Reconvene in Open Session**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order.

### **Closed Session Actions**

Superintendent Richardson reported the following closed session action: Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions – Government Code Section 54957. By unanimous vote, the Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented.

### **Open Session Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **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 will be held on April 9, 2014, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Maria High School (Cafeteria), 901 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.