# 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 in the Support Services Center on September 8, 2010, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: None

# **Open Session**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

# **Announce Closed Session Actions**

The Board will announce the following actions:

Closed Session Actions - Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions: (1) Student Matters - The Board approved one proposed expulsions as presented (expelled and placed at Fitzgerald); (2) Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions - The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented; 3) Conference with labor negotiators.

The Board was provided a brief overview of the Education Jobs Bill Webinar which was attended by CTA and CSEA representatives as well as district management. Meetings with both unions to discuss the use of the Jobs Bill funds have been scheduled for October and November. Dr. Kimberly also clarified that there have been no changes concerning stipends for certificated staff. Dr. Kimberly explained the separation of the stipend and salary was necessary due to the furlough days implemented this year. Dr. Walsh, Dr. Karamitsos, and Dr. Reece signed a Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office in closed session. Dr. Kimberly said the Board members will be sworn in at the December 8<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting.

#### **Presentations**

#### Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Recognition – Alesia Yglesias

Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented Ms. Alesia Yglesias a recognition plaque on behalf of the district. Ms. Yglesias completed her second two year term on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). Ms. Bennett noted it is the responsibility of the CBOC to ensure bond dollars are spent appropriately. Ms. Yglesias is also a SMHS parent who has been very involved in school activities, parent committees, and was also involved in the Bond Elections in 2000 and 2004. Ms. Bennett thanked Ms. Yglesias for her dedication to the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. Mr. Chuck Scheithauer added that Ms. Yglesias has been a valuable member of the committee. He asked principals to check with PTA parents for anyone who might be interested in serving on the CBOC which meets bi-monthly.

#### Riccardo Magni – Wave Energy Project

Riccardo Magni, PVHS teacher, and four of his students were recognized for their work on an energy-saving device. Mr. Magni introduced the following students: Melissa Tinoco, Tami Mau, Jenn Atmaja, and Tiffany Rios. He announced that these students will be the first district students to enter in the Santa Barbara County science fair contest. Mr. Magni thanked Kevin Young and Gayle Pratt (Petroleum Engineer and the Oil & Gas Industry) for their support and funding of the project.

The students provided an overview of the project and its goals. They reported the device generated 77 volts of power. They explained that the energy generated is dependent on the number of waves; the more waves, the more energy the device will provide. Mr. Magni stated the success of the project was due to a team effort approach as well as the support of the Board, district staff and the Society of Petroleum Engineer and the Oil & Gas Industry. Mr. Magni will report on the outcome of the science fair contest in April.

#### **Items Scheduled for Information**

# **Superintendent's Report**

#### Physical Fitness Test Results - Lorene Yoshihara

Ms. Lorene Yoshihara provided a brief overview of the district's most recent performance on State Fitness Testing. Students are tested in the following areas: Aerobic Capacity, Body Composition, Abdominal Strength and Endurance, Trunk Extensor and Flexibility. Ms. Yoshihara provided a three-year summary for all schools showing the total number of students tested as well as pass percentages by category. Ms. Yoshihara reported that the State considers students as passing if they pass 5 of the 6 areas.

Ms. Yoshihara said that the focus at SMHS this year will be to review their testing data to identify any changes needed and then determine how the changes will be implemented. She added that some of the tests are more difficult to pass as students mature. As an example, the mile time changes for female students as they mature; 10.5 minutes for a 14 year old; 10 minutes for 15 year old; and 9 minutes for a 16 year old. Students who do not pass all of the tests as a ninth grader will have to retest (only areas failed) during their tenth grade year. Ms. Yoshihara reported that at SMHS more males are passing more tests (in some areas) than females due to their upper body strength. Ms. Yoshihara clarified that the physical fitness testing does not have an effect on graduation. She added that classes available to help increase pass percentages include aerobics, weight training, and swimming at Paul Nelson.

#### **District Student Assessment Summary**

Dr. Kathy Frazier, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, provided an overview of the recent California Standards Testing in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. Dr. Frazier reported that English Language Arts and mathematics percentages district-wide have increased in most areas while other areas have remained the same. However, the progress made in previous years indicates that the district is going

in the right direction.

Dr. Frazier also reported on school-wide results by school site: Pioneer Valley showed an increase in English Language Arts and a slight increase in mathematics; Righetti High School results indicate a slight decrease in ELA and mathematics; and Santa Maria High School remained the same in ELA and showed a decrease in mathematics. Delta High School showed a decrease in ELA and mathematics. Percentages by site and sub groups show an increase in some areas, a decrease in some areas, while some areas remained the same. Dr. Frazier noted that some of the sub groups were not significant due to the small number of students tested in certain areas.

Dr. Frazier reported she would provide the Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results at the October Board meeting as that data had not yet been publicly released. Dr. Karamitsos asked if there are any changes concerning the way test results and accountability results are being used, such as making use of the data in a positive manner rather than penalizing schools/districts. Dr. Frazier responded that there is discussion about reauthorization, but nothing definite at this time. She added that at the federal level, they want 100 percent of all students to be proficient or advanced including students with disabilities by 2013-2014.

Dr. Karamitsos asked about progress concerning articulation with feeder schools. Dr. Frazier responded that this year principals and teachers will be more involved in addressing how high schools articulate with all feeder elementary school districts including Orcutt, Blochman, Los Alamos, Guadalupe, and Santa Maria-Bonita School Districts. Dr. Frazier said it has been a pleasure to work with teachers from the feeder elementary schools. She announced the next articulation meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at Santa Maria High School. Dr. Frazier added that staff continues to work on the LEAP in order to implement their site plan.

Dr. Garvin commented on a recent editorial in a local paper that disclosed the names of Los Angeles teachers along with student test scores; linking assessment with teacher evaluations. Dr. Frazier said her goal is to help teachers by providing the data they need in order for them to make adjustments to meet student needs. Dr. Frazier commented this data would not be for teacher evaluation purposes.

# **Principal Reports**

Dee Ringstead, PVHS Principal, reported her staff is reviewing the LEAP and the work that has been accomplished to date. The Pyramid of Intervention team in place for three years developed the freshman exit criterion and an assessment calendar for all intervention classes. Pioneer Valley's intervention coach is working with math and English teachers and data show that scores are increasing. Ms. Ringstead reported that data teams which have been in place since 2005 have evolved into Professional Learning Communities. Also, the AimsWeb progress monitoring system piloted last year is now being used in all intervention courses for students who need extra assistance. Pioneer Valley is also piloting CELDT testing during the school year rather than during the summer. The goal is to see if more progress is made as previous scores indicate there has been no progress when testing has taken place during the summer.

Joe Domingues, SMHS Principal, wants to be familiar with the culture and system of the school prior to implementing any changes. He is working with staff, parents, and all stakeholders and requesting their input to determine the best direction for SMHS. Other areas he will address include increasing student achievement, realigning resources, and ensuring the school is operating well. Mr. Domingues will also work on refining instruction and collaboration to ensure student needs are met, and will research methods to develop functioning Professional Learning Communities.

Esther Chavez, DHS Principal, reported that this year she will concentrate in two areas of the LEAP, English and math. Glynda Maddaleno will help teachers with the EduSoft software program. Delta's new English teacher, Shawn Tracht, will test English language students and Kristie Van Horn will work with special education students. Ms. Chavez stated all teachers and department are working on increasing student achievement.

Steve Molina, RHS Principal, said his site is off to good start despite the relocation of the administration office during construction in August. He reported school goals and expectations have been shared with all departments. In an effort to follow the LEAP, assistant principals will present and explain the plan in core classes. Mr. Molina said it will be a challenge, but he is looking forward to making needed changes. He thanked Dr. Frazier for organizing the district-wide meeting for math teachers which resulted in all teachers working collaboratively. Mr. Molina also thanked Mark Goodman for his help with special education and noted teachers are attending student Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

# **Student Reports**

Lauren Gomes is the new SMHS Board representative. She reported on the activities at her site. Some of the highlights include: the Welcome Back rally, the racing team in the summer nationals, FFA students received over \$50,000 for their projects at the Santa Barbara County Fair, the Cheerleader fundraiser at the Maya Restaurant on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Magazine sale begins on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on September 17th there will be two assemblies presented by motivational speaker, Richard Santana.

Melissa Tinoco will be the PVHS Board representative again this year. Activities at PVHS include: the Link Crew orientation on August 13, Spirit days on September 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Varsity football vs. SMHS on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Varsity football vs. Lompoc on September 10th, Parent Teacher Night on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the Welcome Back dance on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sensika Niyathapala is the new RHS Board representative and is the ASB president at RHS. Activities for September include: the first home football game vs. Cabrillo, the Senior Magazine sale, football vs. Camarillo, Back to School Night, voting on senior personality, spirit week, and the homecoming voting.

Ms. Chavez, DHS Principal, reported on the activities at Delta. She reported on the presentations by Sgt. Donald Denoyer from the National Guard and Mr. Robert Jaime from Universal Technical Institute. Chris Garcia, 12<sup>th</sup> grader, received a new laptop and

a printer from the Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council. Also, Back to School Night will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Delta's Ribbon Cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 27th at 4 pm.

# **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Lisa Walters, Faculty Association Representative, clarified that CAHSEE is based on the number of tenth grade students that score proficient which is 380; 350 is passing. Ms. Walters noted that twelve teachers retired in June and she is hoping that teachers are made permanent as soon as the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources is on board. Her concern is that it is difficult to retain good teachers if positions are not made permanent. There was no classified report.

### **Board Member Reports**

There were no Board member reports.

#### **Items Scheduled for Action**

#### Instruction

#### **Instructional Materials Certifications for 2010-2011**

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119, the governing board of a school district must conduct a public hearing to discuss "whether each pupil in each school in the district has, or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that are consistent with the content and cycles of curriculum framework adopted by the state board." Dr. Frazier asked that district Resolution Number 2-2010-2011 be approved. The resolution indicates that the district has certified for 2010-2011 that Education Code Section 60119 has been followed

A public hearing was held with no comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve the adoption of Resolution Number 2-2010-2011, which indicates that the district has fulfilled Education Code Section 60119.

# <u>General</u>

#### **Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers**

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires the Governing Board to adopt a "Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators" certifying there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the District's specified employment criteria. Dr. Kimberly explained that the Declaration of Need requires approval on an annual basis. It is not anticipated that this declaration will be needed as currently all teachers are fully qualified in their subject area.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 3-2010-2011 to certify the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2010/11 school year.

# **Ed Code Sections used for Assignment Options**

The District is required by state law to have all teachers properly assigned within their credentialed subject areas according to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. However, there are several Education Code options to assign teachers in areas in which they have a requisite number of units and/or expertise. A resolution outlining specific names, subject areas and Education Codes to meet this annual criterion was provided.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 4- 2010-2011 to certify the Teacher Assignment Options Resolution for the 2010/11 school year.

#### 2010 Conflict of Interest Code

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code §81000-§91015) provides that "no public official at any level of state or local government shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his official position to influence a governmental decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has a financial interest." In addition, the Act requires every public official to disclose all his or her economic interests that could forseeably be affected by the exercise of the official's duties (§87200-§87313).

The Political Reform Act requires every multi-county agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially and submit a notice to the code reviewing body that specifies if the code is accurate, or alternatively, that the code must be amended. The Fair Political Practices Commission, as our code reviewing body, must receive this notice no later than October 1, 2010.

Dr. Kimberly explained that the only change is the addition of the position of the Director of Special Education.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code for the district as presented.

#### **Business**

#### 2009/2010 Unaudited Actuals

Pursuant to Education Code Section 42100, the school district must file an annual statement with the County Superintendent of Schools regarding prior year actual income and expenditures no later than September 15. Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business, explained that closing the books for 2009-2010 was a team effort by her department. The 2009-2010 Unaudited Actuals were posted on the District website at <a href="https://www.smiuhsd.org">www.smiuhsd.org</a> under "Latest News".

Ms. Bennett provided the year-end actuals, including the change in the 2009/2010 Ending Balance. She reported the general fund actual ending fund balance is \$11.6 million, which is \$2.4 million greater than what was projected at the time the District adopted its 2010-11 budget. Included in the \$11.6 million are \$1.0 million in various school site carryovers, \$3.8 million in restricted program ending balances, and \$1.95 million in other required reserves and designations. After taking into account the various reservations and designations, the district's unappropriated ending fund is \$4.9 million, an increase of \$959,779. Ms. Bennett explained the increase is due to revenue increases, expenditure decreases, and changes in numerous designations and reservations of the ending fund balance.

Ms. Bennett provided a detailed list of revenue increases totaling \$612,042. She noted that some of the items listed are one-time items while others are ongoing and the 2010/2011 budget would be adjusted as necessary. Expenditures of unrestricted resources decreased in total by \$1.05 million. She explained some of the savings are due to staff making an effort to reduce expenditures. Ms. Bennett thanked principals and staff (district-wide) for their efforts.

Ms. Bennett stated that budget estimates are sometimes up and sometimes down. The district cannot always plan due to various changes such as State revenues which are based on prior years. The medical assistance program (MAA) is another program where the district cannot plan for a certain dollar amount. Ms. Bennett explained this program provides medical services to students as needed, and once reported the district gets reimbursed. She explained that summer school and Adult Education no longer exist so those dollars received are unrestricted general fund dollars which become available for the 2010-2011 beginning balance. Ms. Bennett said the district is also reviewing facility usage fees in order to bill accordingly as the district has not increased its fees for some time. She added that one-time sources such as grants and stipends are also accounted in expenditure areas. Because the district serves as the fiscal agent for grants, meaning all funds go through the district, it is reimbursed for staff doing the work.

Ms. Bennett reported that district management and both the classified and certificated unions jointly watched a webinar on how the federal jobs dollars can be expended. She added that although these dollars will help the district's ending balance and will allow time to make adjustments, it does not address the shortfall. She reminded all that the district adopted a budget with a \$1.6 million deficit in June so it needs to be aware of its financial standing.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve to authorize the District to file the 2009/2010 Annual Statement with the County Superintendent of Schools.

### Adoption of 2010/11 Gann Limit

Education Code Section 42132 requires that by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year school district governing boards adopt a resolution identifying their estimated appropriations limit for the current year and their actual appropriations limit for the preceding year. Resolution Number 5-2010-2011 reflects the calculation of the estimated appropriation limit for

the 2010/11 school year. She explained that the Gann Limit was instituted years ago with the intent to curtail spending at local levels. The report consists of the total of unrestricted dollars received from the state as well, local taxes received and any interest earned.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution Number 5-2010-2011, adopting the 2010/11 Gann Limit be approved.

### **School Bus Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofitting Grant**

In September 2008, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced to school districts the availability of funding opportunities that would assist in the retrofitting of 1987 or newer school buses with diesel particulate filters that would produce lower emissions. This is part of a continuing effort to reduce air pollution from school buses operating in the State of California. In October 2008, the Board authorized the district administration to apply for grant funding to cover the cost of retrofitting 15 district school buses under the program. However, due to State budget shortfalls, the grants were not available.

In December 2009 the CARB negotiated a deal with San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District to implement the Lower Emissions School Bus Program (LESBP). Ms. Bennett explained that the district has been advised by Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBAPCD) that funds have become available to assist the district with the required retrofitting of 15 buses in our fleet. Ms. Bennett noted that two buses were replaced two years ago. Since the superintendent is the authorized signer for these grants it is necessary to update the resolution that authorizes Doug Kimberly as the current authorized representative of the district for the purposes submitting an updated application to receive grant funding in the amount of \$289,798.29. These funds (if received) will bring 15 buses, #73–87 into compliance with 2007 engine standards. The grant will cover the cost of all unit and required maintenance equipment, two extra filters, and infrastructure.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 6- 2010-11 authorizing Doug Kimberly, Superintendent, as the authorized representative for submission of the grant application to the California Air Resources Board for the retrofitting of 15 school buses, #73-87 and associated infrastructure to support the program.

#### **Consent Items**

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented:

#### A. Approval of Minutes

August 11, 2010 – Regular Meeting August 23, 2010 – Special Meeting

### B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of August 2010

 Payroll
 \$1,353,945.38

 Warrants
 1,629,185.92

 Total
 \$2,983,131.30

#### C. Pupil Personnel Matters

SMHS student #326539, 11th grade.

For: Under the influence of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia

Recommendation: Expelled through June 15, 2011 with preferred placement in FCS.

The following students have NOT met the conditions of their suspended expulsions and will be moved to the Reach Program extending their expulsion through December 2010.

ERHS #325542, ERHS #325389

#### D. Acceptance of Gifts

# **Pioneer Valley High School**

| Donor                     | Recipient                        | Amount          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Judge & Mrs. Jed Beebe    | College/Career Center            | \$120.00        |
|                           | (Resource books valued at \$120) |                 |
| SM Police Officers Assoc. | Link Crew                        | 100.00          |
| Santa Maria Search        | PVHS (Sound system valued at     | <u>1,000.00</u> |
|                           | \$1,000.00)                      |                 |

# TOTAL PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL \$1,220.00

# Santa Maria High School

| Donor                      | Recipient    | Amount      |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Altrusa Club/Central Coast | Scholarships | \$5,000.00  |
| Virginia & Manolilto Badua | Waterpolo    | \$100.00    |
| Community Health Center    | HOSA         | \$500.00    |
| Donna & Martin Slimak      | Waterpolo    | \$100.00    |
| SM FFA Boosters            | National .   | \$6,000.00  |
| SM FFA Boosters            | Conference   | \$2,000.00  |
| SM FFA Boosters            | General      | \$2,000.00  |
| TOTAL SANTA MARIA SCHOO    | DL           | \$15,700.00 |

### E. Student Teaching Agreements for 2010-2011 School Year

California Polytechnic University/San Luis Obispo, Brandman University, National University, University of Phoenix, Western Governors University and California State University/Bakersfield have requested the District's participation in their teacher training programs for the 2010/11 school year, whereby the District would provide teach-

ing experience through practice teaching to their students. The District's participation in these programs benefit both the new teachers that are training for the teacher credentialing program and also allows the District first hand experience with prospective teaching candidates for future teaching vacancies.

# F. Request for Travel

Pioneer Valley High School teachers, Brooke Baarstad and Mike Wolstenholm, are requesting permission for 55 AVID students and tutors to participate in a two day field trip. The purpose of the trip is to expose the PVHS AVID Class of 2011 to various northern California colleges. Students will visit 5 to 6 colleges which may include, but will not be limited to San Francisco State, Stanford, CSU Chico, CSU East Bay, CSU Monterey Bay, San Jose State, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, University of San Francisco, and University of the Pacific. The group will be traveling by charter bus and will be staying in a hotel.

Completed pre-arranged Absence and Release of Liability Forms with parent/guardian's signature are on file at each site. The names of students and chaperones are also on file and have been approved by the site principal.

# G. Notice of Completion

The following projects have been substantially completed and in order to file the necessary Notice of Completion forms with the County of Santa Barbara, the Acceptance of Substantial Completion needs to be formally accepted by the Board of Education.

- Delta High School-Continuation School Replacement Project #06-017;
   Vernon Edwards Constructors General Contractor
- Pioneer Valley High School Phase 1 Repairs Buildings A, B and C -Project #07-038.4; Vernon Edwards Constructors – General Contractor-
- 3) Santa Maria High School-Arts Building, Reroof Project #09-062; Channel Islands Roofing, Inc. General Contractor

#### H. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

| P.O. #   | Vendor           | Amount       | Description & Funding Source |
|----------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| B11-0069 | Gold Star Foods  | \$620,000.00 | Fund 13 - Cafeteria          |
| B11-0070 | Jordano's        | \$370,000.00 | Fund 13 - Cafeteria          |
| B11-0072 | Pepsi-Cola of SM | \$146,000.00 | Fund 13 - Cafeteria          |
| B11-0073 | Producers Dairy  | \$166,000.00 | Fund 13 - Cafeteria          |
|          | Foods            |              |                              |
| B11-0083 | Campus Foods     | \$183,000.00 | Fund 13 - Cafeteria          |

I. Facilities Report, Appendix B

# **Open Session Public Comments**

Patricia McCoskey, Summit Hills Association representative shared her concerns since the expansion of Delta High School. They include: trash in neighborhood backyards when windy; students parking on both sides of street; students speeding after school; and students leaving school to smoke marijuana. Ms. McCoskey stated she is also concerned that enrollment at DHS will increase to 450 students. She asked if an impact study had been completed to determine the number of students the area can house due to the small size of the streets and the lack of curbs.

Ms. Bennett responded that an EIR study had been done as required. She added that the increase in students parking on the street is due to the construction on the campus not being completed and explained that additional student parking will be available once the construction has been completed. Ms. Bennett said the district cannot approach students about the speeding that takes place after school but it can work with the county. Dr. Kimberly asked that Ms. McCoskey schedule an appointment with him for further questions.

#### Items not on the Agenda

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

# **Next Meeting Date**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting will be held on October 13, 2010, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

#### <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.