

**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 May 8, 2013, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Reece, Walsh, Garvin. Absent: Tognazzini

Open Session

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

Vicki Ramos, SMHS guidance technician, shared a concern about a counselor not fulfilling an agreement to work with guidance technicians resulting in workload for the guidance technician. This is an issue that has been brought to the attention of administration. In some cases the counselor's time is invested in other tasks not related to counseling. Mrs. Ramos is in support of keeping counselors Sara and Becky Domingues who have established great relationships with students and staff.

Catherine Boyle teaches Economics at Santa Maria High School. She works closely with counselors regarding students who need additional help, specifically during Term 4. It is realized that all must work as a team in order to meet the needs of students. She is in support of retaining both counselors who have done a good job counseling students. There is data to support their success which she feels should be considered prior to their termination. She asked that a waiver be submitted if that is what it takes to keep good people in the district.

Mark Goodman, Faculty Association representative, stated that there was no indication that QEIA counselors did not meet the requirements when they were hired (2006/07?). Both counselors have been working with the understanding that they had the appropriate credential. The initial response from the district (Tracy Marsh) was that there was no option to correct this issue. After contacting CTC, it was learned that a waiver can be submitted under certain circumstances. Both counselors are currently enrolled in a credential program and will complete all requirements in December 2013.

Clint Hinkle, RHS teacher, agrees with Mr. Goodman that the counselors were led to believe that they met the requirements when they were hired. He noted that in the past the district helped teachers acquire the classes they needed in order to complete their credential— these counselors were not given the same consideration.

Riccardo Magni, Pioneer Valley High School teacher, also spoke in support of keeping the counselors who were recently informed that there was an issue with their credential. The counselors do good work for students and are vested in the community. He asked that the Board consider filing a waiver and allow them to take the classes they need.

Dr. Karamitsos adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened for open session at 6:45 p.m. Daisy Cervantes-Soria, Student Board Representative, led the

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Closed Session Items

Superintendent Richardson reported on the following closed session items:

Student Matters - Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918: The Board approved the proposed expulsions/suspended expulsion(s) as presented.

Certificated and Classified Personnel Action: The Board approved personnel actions as presented.

Conference with Labor Negotiators: The Board was updated on negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Real Property Negotiations Update: The board was updated on property negotiations.

Presentations

Comprehensive Technology Audit Presentation

Larry Dragan, Industrial Technology Director, provided a report on the Comprehensive Technology Audit which began in December 2012 and completed in February 2013. The Personnel and Operations Audit focused on the following six areas: Organization and Operations; Policies and Standards; Planning, Administrative Technology; Instructional Technology; and Network Security. In total, there are 51 findings/changes to address in order to improve services.

The Infrastructure Audit addressed the following: Network; Servers; Monitoring; Network Services; Help Desk/Issue Resolution; Exchange (messaging); and General/Management/Process. There are 27 recommendations in this area which were rated by risk level: Critical, High Risk, Medium Risk, and Low Risk. All recommendations will be addressed according to the risk level. Recommendations involving replacement of high cost/outdated equipment will be phased in over the course of a few years. Examples of outdated technology include; a system for asset tracking for purchasing, outdated computer systems, and old office suite programs.

Energy Update

Gene Overton, Energy Manager, provided an annual update on the district's energy cost. To date the district has saved \$2.3 million under the energy management program. He also provided data on the cost avoidance by school showing the dollar amount and percentage savings.

Mr. Overton explained how a new program to monitor heating, air conditioning allows him to view and make adjustments without actually going out to the school sites. As an example he showed on the computer program, the air conditioning units, listed by room number at Pioneer Valley. An exclamation mark indicates something is wrong with the unit. He is also able to make adjustments for additional savings such as turning off the air/heat on

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Friday afternoons at Delta as there is no afternoon session.

Items Scheduled for Information

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Retirees

The Board recognized certificated and classified retirees for their many years of service to the students in our district. The classified group represents a total of 120 years while the certificated group represents a total of 113 years. Tracy Marsh, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, acknowledged that the district is losing good people with many years of experience.

Principal Shanda Herrera loves working with Jan Breit. Prior to working at PVHS for 8 years, Jan worked at Delta for 14 years. During her career with the district she was also part of the negotiating team and the executive board for the classified union. Jan has six children, all RHS graduates under the principalship of Dr. Walsh. Her children also attended Orcutt schools under the direction of Dr. Garvin. Mrs. Herrera described Jan as very a kind overall good person. In her role as registrar, Jan pays attention to detail and is great with parents. Esther Prieto-Chavez also thanked Mrs. Breit for her years of service at Delta.

Pearl Romero has been an instructional aide for 37 years. She is described as a silent professional— always working with students and keeping them on track. Mr. Domingues said she is also known to always have a smile. She is described by other teachers as a “gem” for devoting so many years to her students. Mrs. Romero will be missed by all.

Mr. Domingues has had memorable and positive interactions with Skip Sage. Mr. Sage cares deeply about his students who are always his priority. Mr. Domingues told of a former student that was motivated to be a science teacher because of Mr. Sage. He has been with the district for 34 years and continues to have the enthusiasm of someone in their first year of teaching.

Mr. Molina said it has been a pleasure to work with Erma Estrada. Her 34-year career includes working in the Migrant Ed program and Guidance Department. Mr. Molina noted her dedication to students; guiding them and informing them of opportunities available to them. Her role as guidance technician has made an impact in our community as well as in the lives of her students.

Mr. Molina remembers Kathy Diaz as always being a joy to work with no matter the circumstances. She is always willing to help students and work with them. Mrs. Diaz is a person who works well with all staff and keeps great documentation on her students. She has been with the district for 19 years. Mr. Molina said he couldn't ask for better person for the health technician position.

Emma Rodriguez has worked for the district for 39 years. She has worked for five principals at Delta and has taught thousands of students. Outside the classroom, she is also involved in organizing student field trips and events. She is described as a true profes-

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sional who performs above and beyond her responsibilities. Her favorite quote, "Be the change that needs to happen." Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the school board, especially Dr. Reece who transferred her to Delta and as it turned out— she couldn't be happier. She feels blessed for great health, great husband and her daughter, a RHS graduate who is now an English teacher. She hopes to continue to be active in the community.

The following retirees not in attendance were recognized: Larry Kappen, SMHS Art Teacher for 24 years; Donna Phillips, Music Teacher for 16 years; and Laura Lloyd, Instruction Aide Special Education II for 27 years.

Dr. Karamitsos was inspired to hear what employees do for students and the district. The Board wished retirees well and Dr. Richardson noted a total of 233 years of dedication to the SMJUHSD.

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Richardson provided an update on the last Strategic Planning meeting held on May 6. A PowerPoint was provided showing Day One and Day Two activities. The first meeting activities included: Characteristics of Effective Strategic Plans; Strategic Analysis; and Profiles of Graduating Students and High Performing District. The data collected from that day was provided to the focus group at the second meeting. The topics for the second meeting included discussion on: Vision, Mission, Core Values/Beliefs, Strategic Goals, Strategic Initiatives, and Leading Training Indicators.

Jim Brown who led the focus groups on both days will consolidate the data gathered. The information will then be returned to the Writing Team. The data will be presented to the committee for feedback via email/blog. Once adjustments are made they will be presented to the Board at the August 14 board meeting. Dr. Richardson noted that extra time is needed in order to incorporate feedback from the committee. A suggestion was made to hold a public forum in an effort to engage community members. Dr. Richardson thanked Santa Maria Energy for the use of their facility and all committee members for a job well done.

Principal Reports

Delta: Esther Prieto-Chavez reported that 23 parents graduated this year through the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQUE), a program available at all schools. Through PIQUE, parents are well informed and more aware of what goes on at school. Mario from PIQUE thanked the principals for their support of the program and looks forward to continuing the program. Principal Chavez recognized graduating parents in attendance. Dr. Karamitsos looks forward to continuing the PIQUE program.

Righetti: FFA Students were pleased to talk about their experiences, activities and championships this year. The following are some of the highlights: 2013 Tree Pruning Champions: Michael Guerra, Grant Porter, Haleigh Jones, and Tanner Tuttle. The state finals were very competitive and it was especially rewarding to win since our students don't have access to all the orchards the other teams have. The welding team captured first place and are now state welding champions. The team has been competing statewide since March and also placed first during the recent annual Allan Hancock welding competition.

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Welding team members are: Tanner Tuttle, Devin Miller, Justin Rich, and Patrick Stemlock. Dr. Richardson acknowledged the dedication of teachers involved in student activities including those that take place during the evenings and on weekends. It is a great commitment to students and it is noticed. The Board congratulated students on their achievements.

Pioneer Valley is preparing for 564 graduating seniors. The Elks acknowledges a Student of the Month from area schools. At the end of the year one female and one male student is selected Student of the Year. Mrs. Herrera announced that both Student of the Year were students from PVHS. Ninety-six students received college acceptances and have been awarded \$76, 000 which does not include scholarships from the Santa Barbara Foundation. Mrs. Herrera reported that good things are happening at PVHS.

SMHS: Mr. Domingues reported on the achievements of FFA students. Valerie Canas was elected State FFA Vice President— one of four state officers in SMHS's 82 year history. She is also a member of the school's horse judging team. On May 4 the team won State Championship at Cal Poly, and is qualified to compete at the FFA Nationals in October. SMHS has not had a state champ horse team since 1977. Almost all of the students participating on judging team have no background with horses. Carolyn Sherry, judging team advisor, is very proud of her students who have come a long way in a short time. Team winners were introduced: Valerie Canas, Giselle Sanchez, Yessica Hernandez, and Noe Perez. Students are thankful for the support of the FFA program and hope to win nationals.

Recognition of Student Board Representatives

Dr. Karamitsos thanked student board representatives on behalf of all board members. She acknowledged that they do a good job in representing their school. They are well spoken and well prepared for meetings. Dr. Karamitsos encouraged them to continue their leadership role.

Student Reports: Daisy Cervantes-Soria, Delta; Raul Macias, Santa Maria; Stephany Rubio, Pioneer Valley; and Ryland Towne, Righetti.

Delta: Students are preparing for graduation; 36 students will attend Grad Nite; Delta grads are invited to the annual Senior Barbecue at Waller Park; and Mrs. Glynda Maddaleno's Leadership class created inspirational posters for every staff member. Career Exploration speakers include: Sergeant Army Recruiter, Tony Orlando; Teresa Hanan, Art Institute representative; and Tammy Brown, investigator from USIS. Delta's last Blood Drive was held on May 10th. Dragon Battles: April 19; Chocolate Chip Tower and May 3, Flower-Topia where advisors and students decorate their side of the quad. Daisy thanked the Board and Principal Prieto-Chavez for the opportunity to represent her school.

SMHS: Highlights include a successful spirit week, election of new ASB officers and Commissioners for next school year; Saints Choir Spring Concert; Future Teachers club visited Cal Poly and Allan Hancock's Teaching Symposium; Cinco de Mayo hosted by Club SOMOS; FBLA State Leadership Conference; Senior Prom; Grad Nite; and Senior BBQ. FFA News: Light Horse Judging placed first; Land Judging second place; Agronomy, second place; Vegetable Judging, fourth place; Dairy Products, fourth place; Live-

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stock, sixth place; and Farm Power, fourth place. Sports: SMHS is hosting a state wrestling tournament; the boys' tennis team won their CIF playoff match; and a staff/student soccer game was held on May 10th.

Reports from Employee Organizations

Krista Ballard, CSEA President, reported on the annual awards banquet held on April 27 where Stacy Newby was named Political Activist. Tom Fast, bus driver/security at SMHS earned his steward jacket and was also recognized at the banquet. Mrs. Ballard said classified employees will be recognized during CSEA week.

Lisa Walters, Faculty Association, commented that staff is excited about FFA and the accomplishments of students. She noted the work of advisors to inspire students and how much retirees care about students. Again, she delivered a message from parents and their desire to meet with the superintendent and one board member. Negotiations is scheduled for May 13; SDM is on the agenda.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Garvin attended the Strategic Planning meeting and was very impressed with the positive articulation taking place. He thanked Dr. Richardson for organizing the committee and meetings.

Dr. Karamitsos also attended the meeting. She recognized the commitment and work of all committee members. Dr. Karamitsos thanked them for their support of our schools and being a part of the lives of students. She agreed that a public forum will help engage community members and enhance the outcome of Strategic Planning. She recognized the busy summer months for the maintenance department as graduations take place.

Items Scheduled for Action

General

Classified School Employee Week

Tracy Marsh presented Mrs. Ballard a certificate in recognition for Classified Employee Week. Mrs. Ballard accepted on behalf of classified employees and noted the "behind the scenes work" performed by classified employees. She thanked Mr. Marsh for recognizing the work that classified do for the kids and the community.

Resolution 26-2012-2013 declares May 19 through May 25, 2013 to be Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's Classified School Employees Week. Since 1986, California has taken the third week in May to honor the invaluable contributions of classified school employees.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution 26-2013-2013 as presented.

Roll Call:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes	Dr. Reece	Yes	Dr. Walsh	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Absent	Dr. Garvin	Yes		

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SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 26-2012-2013

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 25, 2013
TO BE CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK

WHEREAS, the varied and essential services provided by classified school employees are considered of great importance to the safety and welfare of the staff members and students of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District; and

WHEREAS, these services are integral to an effective and successful instructional program; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees contribute to the excellence in education that is the hallmark of the high schools within the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District; and

WHEREAS, the skills, commitment, and cooperation that classified school employees consistently display are recognized by the educational community of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District classified school employees are role models for District students preparing to become contributing and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District classified school employees are respected and appreciated by the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and the residents of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education hereby recognizes and honors the contributions of classified school employees to quality education in the State of California and the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District and declares the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, be observed as Classified School Employee Week in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this eighth day of May, 2013.

SIGNED: _____
President of the SMJUHS
Board of Education

SIGNED: _____
Clerk of the SMJUHS
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Day of the Teacher

Resolution 27-2012-2013 declares May 8, 2013 to be “Day of the Teacher” in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. This year’s theme is “California Teachers: Honoring the Past, Guiding the Future.” Mr. Marsh thanked teachers for their role in lives of our students and the great events/activities taking place at our school sites. Mr. Marsh presented a certification of appreciation to Karen Draper, SMHS business teacher.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution 27-2012-2013.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Yes
Dr. Walsh	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Absent
Dr. Garvin	Yes

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SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 27-2012-2013

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 8, 2013
TO BE "DAY OF THE TEACHER"

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers provide an exemplary instructional program for District students; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers are dedicated to providing outstanding learning experiences for all students; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers have spent many years preparing for professions as educators and are continually updating professional skills; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers work to motivate students to achieve maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers spend time after school, during evenings, and on weekends with tutoring, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and parent conferencing; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers are committed to parent involvement and positive community activities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers are role models for District students preparing to become contributing and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District teachers are respected and appreciated by the Board of Education, administrators, support staff members, parents, students, and the residents of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that May 8, 2013, be declared Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's "Day of the Teacher."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this eighth day of May, 2013.

SIGNED: _____
President of the SMJUHSD
Board of Education

SIGNED: _____
Clerk of the SMJUHSD
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California Interscholastic Federation League Representation (CIF)

Education Code 33353(a) (1) gives the authority for high school athletics to high school governing boards. The code also requires that the boards, after joining CIF, designate their representatives to CIF leagues. Dr. Richardson requested the Board approve the following representatives.

Athletic Directors

Joseph Graack

Santa Maria High School

Eric Albright

Righetti High School

Greg Lanthier

Pioneer Valley High School

A motion was made by Dr. Wash, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the district's designated representatives to the CIF league as presented.

Reclassification of Classified Employees

Mr. Marsh explained that the recommendation to reclassify two Instructional Assistants (Special Education) is based on the requirements of SELPA to provide enhanced training for the assistants who support the therapeutic services to students in the Day Treatment Program. Both assistants have completed the training program as required. Mr. Marsh reported that the reclassification is merited based on the responsibilities of the position. The administration recommended the reclassification be effective August 2012.

Current Classification	Current Range	Recommended Classification	Recommended Range
Inst. Asst.-Spec Ed CTE (two 6-hour employees)	16	Behavior Inst. Asst.- Spec Ed DT	18

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the recommendation of the district administration as presented.

Business

Award of Bid for the 2013 District Copier Lease Bid

The administration opened bids on March 28, 2013 for the 2013 District Copier Lease Bid. After review of the following two bids received, administration recommended Ultrex be awarded the bid. This district does not have previous experience with Ultrex.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Ultrex	\$93,763.02
Ricoh USA, Inc.	\$98,775.86

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 vote to award the bid for the 2013 District Copies Lease to the lowest bidder, Ultrex to be paid from General Administration funds.

Award of Bid for Santa Maria High School - Roof Replacements, Rooms 611-614 Project (#13-145)

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The administration opened bids on April 30, 2013 for the Santa Maria High School Roof Replacements and Rooms 611-614 Project (#13-145). Derrick's Roofing was the initial low bidder; however two irregularities were identified in their bid package: failure to include required Recycled Content Certification and the Asbestos Free Certification. Channel Islands Roofing provided a complete bid package as required. Administration asked that the Board find Derrick's Roofing bid non-responsive due to their failure to provide a complete bid package.

Following is the bid recap:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Derrick's Roofing.	\$71,760
Channel Islands Roofing	\$73,783

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to award the bid to Channel Islands Roofing to be paid from Deferred Maintenance.

Award of Bid for Righetti High School – Roof Replacement, Greenhouse Restroom and Room 628 Project (#13-146)

The administration opened bids on April 30, 2013 for the Righetti High School Roof Replacement, Greenhouse Restroom and Room 628 Project (#13-146). After review of the two bids received, Derrick's Roofing was determined to be the apparent lowest bidder. There was a question concerning the disparity of the cost per lineal feet which sometimes occurs when a company does a quick bid. Gary Wuitschick, Director of Support Services, does not anticipate problems as the district has worked with both companies.

The bid recap and administrative recommendation follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Deck Plywood, per sq. ft.</u>	<u>Fascia Board, per lineal ft.</u>
Derrick's Roofing	\$24,000	\$3.20	\$9.50
Channel Islands Roofing	\$24,940	\$3.75	\$25.00

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 vote to award the bid to Derrick's Roofing to be paid from Deferred Maintenance.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of April 2013

Payroll	\$5,126,599.04
Warrants	<u>1,694,627.84</u>
Total	<u>\$6,821,226.88</u>

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C. Facility Report – **Appendix B**

D. Acceptance of Gifts

Pioneer Valley High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Gregory & Linda Dickinson	Papa “D” Memorial Scholarship	\$100.00
Dorothy Dickinson	Papa “D” Memorial Scholarship	100.00
Me-N-Eds Pizzeria	Band	<u>181.29</u>
Total Pioneer Valley High School		<u>\$381.29</u>

E. Student Discipline Matters

- Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion: Student #s 337198, 334212

F. Approval of SIPE JPA Agreement and Bylaws Revisions

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District is a member of the Santa Barbara County Schools Self-Insurance Program for Employees (SIPE), a Joint Powers Agreement formed in 1976 for the purpose of providing management and payment of workers compensation claims for its members. The SIPE JPA Agreement and Bylaws were last updated in 1996.

Appendix C is the Executive Summary of Significant Changes and includes details of the revisions made to the JPA Agreement and Bylaws. The JPA Agreement and Bylaws revisions have been reviewed by the Santa Barbara County Education Office’s legal counsel. These revisions must be approved by two-thirds of all SIPE member districts’ governing boards by a majority vote. If the revisions are approved, they would go into effect July 1, 2013.

Open Session Public Comments

SMHS parent, Arnulfo Romero, thanked district staff, the Board, and the superintendent for their role in providing a quality education to his children, all five SMHS graduates. Four of his children attended a four-year university.

Willie Galvan, community group member, spoke about the following changes parents are seeking: highly qualified school staff; school schedule/block schedule; additional classes to meet the A-G requirements; and vocational pathways for skills needed in today’s job market and to qualify to meet university requirements. He stated that the parent/community group wants to work with the Faculty Association to help with change needed. He commended the superintendent, all district staff, and the school board for their dedication in making positive changes for students.

Rafaela Moreno, parent representative for SMHS thanked the Board for allowing parents to share their concerns. She is in support of Mr. Galvan’s comment regarding the need to address the current block schedule. Mrs. Moreno asked about the recommendations to the Site Bylaws which are due to the Board at the June 12 meeting. She shared that parents have an interest in working with the Faculty Association in order to support each other and for the bet-

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terment of educating children. She clarified that her comment does not mean teachers are not doing a good job.

Rebecca Lange is a new parent at SMHS and is excited to be part of SDM and hopes to see positive changes. Her message is to let teachers know that parents want to work with them, not against them. She thinks teachers are doing an amazing job educating students and positive things are taking place at SMHS.

Helen Galvan appreciates the invite to participate on the District Strategic Planning Committee. She thanked the students for their insight on educational needs to be successful and competitive in the 21st Century. She acknowledged the leadership of administration and the support of the Board. She sees the participation of parent committee groups as a first step to making positive changes.

Adriana Perez from Allan Hancock is also a participant of the Strategic Planning Committee. She noted it takes a great leader with vision and support to make changes. She looks forward to the outcome of the work done by the committee. Mrs. Perez thanked Mr. Romero for his efforts in addressing the current school schedule to better meet the needs of students. One of the issues is the gap students have between taking certain courses, such as algebra I and geometry.

Raul Ceja shared his concerns about the percentage of SMHS students that will not go to college. His main concern is losing Spanish speakers within the educational system because they do not get adequate help. His message was that all groups need to work together. He understands that groups need to take care of their members, but not at the cost of the education of our children.

Sue Savins, SMHS teacher, thanked Mrs. Lang for the positive comments about SMHS. Mrs. Savins questioned why the Board allows contractual items to be discussed in a forum type setting.

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 June 12, 2013. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Future Regular Board Meetings:

July 10, 2013 (if needed)

August 14, 2013

September 11, 2013

October 9, 2013

November 13, 2013

December 11, 2013

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.