

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

A special study session of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held in the Support Services Center on March 7, 2011, with a closed session at 5:00 p.m. and open session at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini (via conference call), Walsh, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: None

Open Session

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garvin. Brenda Hoff, Fiscal Services Director, led the flag salute.

Announce Closed Session Actions

Closed Session Actions - Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions: (a) Pending Litigation Special Education; (b) Update on District Serving as Fiscal Agent for Non-Profit; (c) Property Information and Update with Realtor, Tom Ross and; (d) Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions; (e) Conference with Labor Negotiators; and (f) Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation. Dr Kimberly reported that the Board of Education was briefed on all closed session items with no action taken.

Items Scheduled for Action

Facilities Update

Dr. Kimberly explained that the list of projects presented included the cost of each project as requested by the Board at the September 2010 board meeting. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business, explained that the projects listed include funding and estimated timelines.

Administration provided a facilities update focused on the following areas:

1. History and projected enrollment by district and sites
2. Financial update and facility projects
3. Facilities projects status review
4. Next decisions
5. Energy retrofits and solar projects

History and projected enrollment by district and sites: Ms. Bennett explained our district's 10 year projection. Currently our enrollment is 7,803 and the projected enrollment in the next 10 years is expected to be 9,065; a growth of 1,262 students. She said this year there has been a slight increase but it is expected there will be a slight decline next year. In four years, enrollment is expected to be where we are today followed by a gradual growth. Ms. Bennett explained that the projections are based on the student enrollment from the feeder schools.

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Financial Update for Facility Projects: Ms. Bennett explained that the original C-2004 authorization was \$79 million with the initial issuance of \$35 million in February 2005. A handout listing projects completed, under construction and those not yet to bid was presented. Ms. Bennett said the maximum amount available to use on construction for the next three to five years is \$41.4 million. This total includes the current balance of C-2004 dollars (Issue A), the next issue of C-2004 (Issue B), deferred maintenance/facilities funds, C-2000 and state matching funds, and Williams Settlement Funds. However, if the full \$27 million (C-2004 Issue B) is issued, the balance of \$17 million will not be available until property tax assessed values grow substantially (approximately in 2016) and if issued then it will be at a higher interest rate.

Facilities Update: A chart showing completed projects totaling more than \$142 million over the last 13 years was presented. The funds for these projects include: C-2000 Bond, C-2004 Bond, state matching funds for new construction and modernization, developer fees, and deferred maintenance funds.

Facilities projects status review: A chart created by the Facilities department showing completed projects from 1998-2010 was presented. Aerial views of projects at all sites were presented.

Next Decisions: The next projects include a new small high school, a performing arts center at Pioneer Valley, SMHS classrooms, RHS classrooms, Ethel Pope Auditorium and various deferred maintenance and upgrades at all sites.

Energy Retrofits and Solar Project:

The district has been working with Johnson Controls Inc. to develop a comprehensive Energy Retrofit and Solar Program. Alicia McKnight, representative from Johnson Controls, Inc. was in attendance to answer questions. Reese Thompson, Director of Facilities, explained that the energy conservation measures are preliminary and a great opportunity for savings. He presented a list of the recommended measures as well a 25 year financial analysis showing no further expenses to the district after 15 years. Mr. Reese said that the projected budget is approximately \$20 million with an estimated savings of \$40 million.

The discussion on solar panels included questions on project costs, estimated savings, vandalism, type of solar panels to be installed, and the amount of energy that might be produced. Ms. McKnight responded that the savings vary from district to district and is dependent on various factors such as structures, roofs, incentives available, etc. While there is a concern of vandalism, there are measures the district may take such as installation of alarms and cameras. Ms. McKnight added that there have not been a lot of issues with districts that have installed solar panels.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and approved with a vote of 5-0 to proceed with the energy project.

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	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Available Funding Source</u>	<u>Estimated Timeline</u>
1.	New Small High School CTE Component	\$15,000,000	C2004 GO Bond – Issue B plus State Matching Funds	2011-2014
2.	PVHS Performing Arts Center	8,000,000	Mitigation/Remediation Funds plus C2004 Bonds Issue B	2011-2014
3.	SMHS Classrooms	8,000,000	C2004 GO Bond – Issue B plus State Matching Funds	2011-2014
4.	Various deferred maintenance at all sites	7,300,000	Deferred Maintenance, Facilities, C-2000, State Matching Funds, SMHS Williams, C2004 GO Bond – Issue B	2011-2016
Phase 1 Total		<u>\$38,300,000</u>		
5.	RHS Classrooms	\$8,000,000	C2004 GO Bond – Issue C plus State Matching Funds	2016-2018
6.	Ethel Pope Auditorium	8,800,000	C2004 GO Bond – Issue C plus State Matching Funds	2016-2018
Phase 2 Total		<u>\$16,800,00</u>		

Dr. Kimberly explained that the district needs to prepare to house students through 2021. He noted that the items listed above are not necessarily in priority order but will allow the district to maximize the various funds and state matches with student needs. As an example, placing Ethel Pope Auditorium ahead of the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Center would leave the district without a facility for students to perform. Dr. Kimberly said this information will provide the community a list of projects and their value to the district. Dr. Kimberly asked the Board of Education authorize to go forward with the projects listed above.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the future projects listed above.

Board Discussion: There was discussion on availability of funds to maintain the performing arts center versus the need for more classrooms. Dr. Kimberly responded that the maintenance of the center had been considered and he hopes that state matching funds would be available. Dr. Karamitsos expressed the importance of having a performing arts center that would be available to all district students. The performing arts center will be built by the drama building and will have an audience capacity of approximately 300-350. The Ethel

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Pope Auditorium has an audience capacity of approximately 750. It was noted the size of the performing arts center was determined based on the space available on the Pioneer Valley campus. There was also discussion on the new high school which will house approximately 400 students and the classrooms at Santa Maria High School to be built between the administration building and Ethel Pope Auditorium.

Concern was expressed about the state not being able to match funds and it was noted that it is a possibility. Ms. Bennett said that projects 1-4 (listed above) are not solely dependent on matching funds and any funds listed are currently available. She added that the district's goal is to have staff work on some of the projects which will result in a savings to the district.

Open Session Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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 March 9, 2011, 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.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.