

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 10, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held virtually on November 10, 2020 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and an open session immediately following.

Members present: Lopez, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez, Palera

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no public comments for closed session, so the meeting was immediately adjourned to closed session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led the Flag Salute. Mr. Garcia announced the closed session actions. All certificated and classified personnel actions were approved as submitted. OAH Case Number 2020090545 was approved.

**REPORTS**

**Student Reports**

Janeyri Antonio/SMHS: Student Council is continuing to hold virtual meetings. Freshmen and juniors held their Class Officer elections. Drama Club held a Halloween Drive-through event. Everyone picking up lunches that day received a healthy treat from Drama Club. On November 12 they are providing students with an opportunity to attend a TEDx event at Cal Poly. The event will start at 6:00 pm and will focus on Diversity and Inclusion. It is a free event. FFA will be hosting a canned food drive on November 18. FFA members will be able to drop off cans of food which will be donated to the Salvation Army. Wellness Week was great for her. It felt like a new start.

Karlee Cullen/ERHS: She conducted a survey on November 9 regarding the Wellness Week. She asked if students felt it was beneficial. 86% said yes with 14% stating no. Some issues were that the following week students felt too much work was given to make up. Students in AP classes did not feel they got a restful break, and some students are still feeling overwhelmed. The Club Rush Trunk or Treat was a success. They got great feedback from the Virtual Rally.

Ashley Fuerte/Delta: Students are finding it difficult to stay motivated. Looking forward to returning to campus in January. They are holding Cash for College. She congratulated the fifty students that will graduate in December. They held a virtual academic event where 150 students received awards. The principal started a Student Advisory Group. Wellness Week was a great opportunity to catch up.

Carlos Rivas/PVHS: Many students appreciated Wellness Week. Most of the students he spoke with did take advantage of the opportunity to make up work or improve on their previous work. They had a successful Stay at Homecoming and had a lot of engagement and

participation from the student body. They had several drive through events including the FFA Halloween drive through and A-G recognition drive through. Elections were held for the senior and junior class student council positions. They are preparing for Thankfulness Week which will be held from November 16-20.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Garcia commented on several acknowledgements including:

- He congratulated Denny McKee for being honored as the High School Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) during the SELPA-Bratton Awards Ceremony on October 27. He also congratulated staff members that received Honorable Mentions: Gianna Diaz (RHS Instructional Assistant), Chantel Miller (SMHS School Psychologist), Sandy Garcia-Berry (RHS Speech Pathologist), and Lynne Pace (RHS Special Education Teacher).
- SBCEO reviewed the district's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and there were no recommendations at this time. He thanked Steve Molina, Nicole Latham, and John Davis for their extensive, focused work on a short timeframe.
- Distance Learning Response Plan – He thanked teachers and staff for making adjustments as per the district's DL Response Plan, including Wellness Week.
- Veteran's Day - He extended his sincere gratitude to our staff members, board members and their family members who have served our country in the armed forces.

### **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Palera: Wished a Happy Birthday to the Marine Corp. Thanked the staff at Delta for his visit. He was impressed with how everything is going there. He zoomed with some students in Mr. Fraser's class. Spoke about the COVID vaccine.

Ms. Perez: She visited Righetti and Santa Maria High Schools last month. She thanked Ms. Rotondi and Mr. Campbell. She was pleased to see that students can drop in and get questions answered. She commended the district for Wellness Week. It's important to hit the pause button and for everyone to take a breather. As a parent of a district student it was welcoming for her student and for her, as a parent. She will visit Pioneer Valley and Delta soon. She wished a Happy Veteran's Day to Mr. Palera and Mr. Flores.

Dr. Karamitsos: She congratulated Ms. Lopez and Dr. Garvin for being re-elected to the Board. She extends a thank you to those people that ran for the school board. Anytime we have people interested in our schools is great. She hopes they think about running again. She spoke about participating in the Hancock Halloween event. She was Sandy the Squirrel and her husband was Spongebob Squarepants. She will visit high school campuses next week and is looking forward to that. She also wants to visit the CTE center. Happy we did Wellness Week. Much needed for students and staff.

Dr. Garvin: He echoes the feeling about Wellness Week. All the events have been well covered in the media, thanks to our PIO. CTE center was covered nicely. Dr. Robinson did

a great job. Everything is pretty much done there. He is looking forward to getting it up and running. He notices that when he goes by the high schools the parking lots are full. Our staff is working hard.

Ms. Lopez: She wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day. We had one of the craziest elections and she thanked everyone for sharing their voice. She was thrilled with Wellness Week. No one expected to still be out of school at this point. Everyone wants to return but difficult decisions must be made, and it has to be safely done. She is concerned for student's mental health.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Distance Learning Update**

There was one public comment regarding Distance Learning from Karen Draper read before the presentation.

Mr. Garcia, Mr. Davis, Ms. Ortiz, and Mr. Platt presented an update on the Distance Learning Plan for the district.

The guiding principles are student and staff safety, student learning and well-being, and equitable access to a quality program.

The following information was shared:

- City and County COVID-19 data
- Employee COVID-19 Surveillance Testing information
- Results from the Classified Staff Survey
- Results from the Parent Survey
- Progress Report Grades Data
- Small Group Instruction and Support
- Schedule Changes effective Monday, November 16
- Preparing for Hybrid Model in January
- Next steps
  - Finalize Staffing
  - Finalize Student Placements
  - Complete site preparations
  - Meet, discuss, negotiate with FA and CSEA
  - Continue to articulate with Feeder Districts
  - Continue to monitor COVID-19 data
- There will be an action item coming in the December Board meeting.

Questions/comments from the board members included:

- When are students and parents being notified about the schedule change?
  - Calls are going out on Thursday.

- Would like disaggregated data on failure rates. Do we see a difference in areas of study and grade levels? Are failure rates higher with individual teachers and students? Would it make sense to have a pass/no pass option?
  - We have not been able to pull the data for the P2 grades yet, but we are working on it. Sites did a great job at outreach and support to intervene on P1 grade information. It tended to be younger students in core areas (Math, ELA and ELD) and Special Education students. We will be taking a deeper dive in to P2 moving forward.
- Heard students were advocating for a pass/no pass option. UC/CSU's have said they would not accept those grades.
  - The district has discussed it for quite some time. One of our students started a petition and Mr. Garcia met with the student and her mother.
- Coming back in January is a big unknown because we always see a big jump in COVID after the holidays. If we really want to get back to school, we have to do the hard work and stay in small groups, don't travel, don't get into groups outside of your immediate family. Masks are important. Shields are not efficient enough. We all need to do our part. Wear masks, wash hands and stay in small groups.
- Each of the classes are going to come onto campus a new way. We should take time (into February) to get it right. It gives time to self-quarantine after the holidays.
- The new schedule should be sent out to students and parents as soon as possible. One person hears about it and then it goes out with wrong information.
- Concerned about failure rates. It is unacceptable and we need to do better than that.
- There are a lot of good things coming on the horizon.
- The incident from Halloween was very disappointing. Hopefully, people have learned what can happen. A private school was closed, and sports trainings were postponed.
- We should phase in grades as we go back to classes. We can do it safely, but we need to be cautious. Hopefully, we can open in January.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

### **GENERAL**

#### **Approve Increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Rates**

Currently SMJUHSD substitute teachers earn \$110 or \$120 per day depending on the length of the assignment. The Board approved this rate on September 8, 2015. Based on a comparison of surrounding districts and due to COVID-19, some of the teachers in our substitute pool have chosen not to continue working for SMJUHSD. Increasing the substitute rates will help to ensure availability of substitutes to staff classes as needed. The District recommended an increase in the substitute teacher pay rate effective November 1, 2020. Substitute teacher pay rates will increase as follows:

1-10 Days from \$110 per day to \$125 per day  
11-20 Days from \$120 per day to \$150 per day  
21+ Days from \$120 per day to \$175 per day

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Rates effective November 1, 2020. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll call vote:

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

**BUSINESS**

**REJECT LOWEST BID FOR MILLS AND LATHES AT THE CTE/AG FARM – PROJECT #2020/2021-001 AND APPROVE BID FROM SECOND LOWEST BIDDER**

The administration opened bids on October 1, 2020 for the Mills and Lathes purchase for the CTE/Ag Farm. The bid recap and administrative recommendation follows:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BASE BID</b>
Technology International Inc.	\$194,461.31
Machining Time Savers Inc.	\$204,321.81
Republic Machinery Co.	\$205,729.00
Sharp Industries	\$226,332.00

After review of the four bids received by administration, Technology International Inc. was determined to be the initial apparent low bidder. However multiple irregularities were identified in their bid package. They failed to provide required documents with the bid including a manufacturer’s warranty and maintenance-repair vendor information. Additionally, they failed to include production model years and warranty information where required, provide for off-load and set-up of equipment, meet specified delivery time frames, and were contradictory regarding inclusion of California sales tax. The second lowest bidder, Machining Time Savers, Inc. was found to be fully responsive.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to find the Technology International, Inc. bid non-responsive and reject the provided bid due to a failure to provide required documents, complete information sections, and meet delivery provisions per specified bid requirements, and to approve the second lowest bid from Machining Time Savers Inc. for the Mills and Lathes – PROJECT #2020/2021-001.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll call vote:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

Roll call vote:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of October 2020

Payroll	\$7,946,940.84
Warrants	<u>1,848,609.13</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$9,795,549.97</u></b>

C. Approval of Contracts

COMPANY/ VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	AMOUNT/ FUNDING	RESOURCE PERSON
Solution Tree	Professional Development for Mathematics at Work	\$61,200/ LCAP 1.1	John Davis
PIQE	Parent Program	\$10,000/ LCAP 2.2	John Davis
SBCEO – Carla Benchoff	Professional Development for Bilingual Instruction	\$1300/ Title III	John Davis

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LABCORP	COVID-19 Testing for SMJUHSD Employees	\$150/on-site test; \$129/home testing kit/ Cares Act Funding	Kevin Platt
Casa Pacifica	(4) full time Clinicians Nov 2020 – June 2021 (Behavioral Therapy, Counseling and Training)	\$330,000/ Cares Act LLMF	John Davis
SBCEO – Lauren Aranguren	Math & Equity Professional Development November 2020 to May 31, 2021	\$25,800/ LCAP 1.1	John Davis

- D. Facility Report – **Appendix B**
- E. Authorization for Sale or Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – **Appendix C**

Education Code §17545 and §17546 allows the district to dispose of personal property belonging to the district that is unsatisfactory, no longer necessary (obsolete), or unsuitable for school use. The district administration is requesting authorization to dispose of obsolete items in Appendix C in compliance with government regulations. If an auction is warranted, the district will conduct an auction via the internet by and through its representative RT Auctions. Notices of items for sale at auction will be posted in no less than three public places within the District, including the District’s website at <http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us>

- F. Authorization to Piggyback on Kern County Superintendent of Schools for Technology Products, Services and Other Branded Products Districtwide for the Length of the Contract through December 31, 2021

Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, commonly referred to as “piggybacking”, where notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, the governing board of any school district without advertising for bids, and if the board has determined it to be in the best interest of the district may authorize the purchase of such supplies, furniture and equipment.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools has awarded their purchases as needed for technology hardware, software, related services and other branded products through PEPPM 2019 Product Line Bid – California #529561-069 through December 31, 2021. The district recommends that the board find and determines

that it is in the best interest of the district to authorize technology purchases under the same terms and conditions. With Board approval the district may “piggyback” on their bid pursuant to the provisions of PCC20118.

- G. Authorization to Utilize Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners for District-wide Purchases of Athletic, Physical Education Supplies, and Team Uniforms for the length of the Contract through September 30, 2023

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the Public Contract Code, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements, multiple award schedules... established by the department [DGS] for the acquisition of information technology, goods, and services.” Section 10299 further authorizes state and local agencies to “contract with suppliers awarded the contracts without further competitive bidding.” The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of furniture and installation be made utilizing the provisions of the Public Contract Code that allow purchasing from Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners Contract #R201101 – BSN SPORTS LLC, Riddell, Samson Equipment and School Health Corporation - through September 30, 2023.

- H. Notice of Completion

The following project was substantially completed on October 23, 2020 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.

- 1) FIRE SPRINKLER REPAIRS, Project # 19-303 at PVHS with D&B Fire Protection, Inc.

- I. Authorization to Piggyback on Arvin Union School District for Furniture District-Wide for the Length of the Contract through November 12, 2021

Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, commonly referred to as “piggybacking”, where notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, the governing board of any school district without advertising for bids, and if the board has determined it to be in the best interest of the district may authorize the purchase of such supplies, furniture and equipment.

Arvin Union School District has awarded their furniture bid to Sierra School Equipment Company - Piggyback Bid #2018-19-001, through November 12, 2021. The district recommends that the board find and determines that it is in



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the best interest of the district to authorize purchasing of furniture and accessories under the same terms and conditions. With Board approval the district may “piggyback” on their bid pursuant to the provisions of PCC20118.

J. Purchase Orders

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description/Funding
PO21-00528	SBCEO Curriculum & Instruction	\$ 118,600	20-21 TIP Candidate Program & Mentor Stipends / General Fund Title II & LCAP goal 1
PO21-00535	EHP Solutions	\$117,015.00	4K Camera ePTZ 130-degree cam / Cares Act LLMF
PO21-00536	EHP Solutions	\$ 99,615.00	Document cameras (USB-C Model) / Cares Act LLMF
PO21-00567	Creative Bus Sales, Inc.	\$ 402,804.00	Two 2021 or newer 56 passenger buses / Bus replacement plan transfer from fund 17 to General Fund Transportation
PO21-00592	EHP Solutions	\$ 191,945.93	Tatung 75” Interactive Display, stand and NovoPro wireless collaboration system / Cares Act LLMF
PO21-00597	Securly, Inc.	\$ 132,600.00	Safety Cloud 3 year licenses / Cares Act LLMF
PO21-00593	EHP Solutions	\$ 600,525.11	Tatung 75” Interactive Display, stand and NovoPro wireless collaboration system / Cares Act LLMF

K. Acceptance of Gifts

<b>Pioneer Valley High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
California FCCLA	FCCLA	\$1,573.06
Potter Enterprises LMS	Football	\$500.00
<b>Total Pioneer Valley High School</b>		<b><u>\$2,073.06</u></b>
<b>Righetti High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Matthew S. King	Wrestling	\$900.00
<b>Total Righetti High School</b>		<b><u>\$900.00</u></b>
<b>Santa Maria High School</b>		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Associated Professional Advisors of Santa Maria, Inc	Girls Golf	\$100.00
Kathy Grimes	Auto Shop	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Santa Maria High School</b>		<b><u>\$1,600.00</u></b>

**REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

Tami Contreras: She is looking forward to January and having more students on campus. She spoke about equitable opportunities for all staff and hazard pay for classified that have been working since March.

Patti Peinado: She spoke about MOU's being in place before everyone returns in January.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people submitted public comments regarding Truth In Recruitment/Military Personnel on campuses: Kate Connell, Jenifer Lopez, Achante Smith, Beth Sweetwater, Joy Robledo, Patricia Solorio, Michael Cervantes, Wendy Robins, Osiel Ocampo, David Melendrez, Douglas Walker, and Angel Lopez.

**FUTURE ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

There were no future items for board discussion.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held December 15, 2020. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held via videoconference.

**FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021**

Board meetings for 2021 will be scheduled at the December 15 meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.