

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held at the Student Services Center on November 14, 2017 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Perez, Palera, Lopez, Garvin

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. There were no public comments. The meeting was immediately adjourned to closed session.

**ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Ms. Perez called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for Kiya McBride.

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session actions. The Board approved certificated and classified personnel actions and the recommendations for student matters. The Board was updated on labor negotiations, legal matters and the superintendent's contract.

He announced that there is a Public Hearing for Olive Grove Charter School on the agenda. They were at a meeting in Lompoc so an accommodation will be made if necessary to move the agenda item.

**REPORTS**

**Student Reports**

Jennifer Hernandez/SMHS: ASB will be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch rally and is collecting spare change for the Salvation Army. They will be sending a group to Cal Poly to hear TED talks. The Link Crew hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wake-a-Thon and Key Club took a group of students to an event at Magic Mountain. JV and Varsity Boys Cross Country team earned the title of League Champions. Varsity Football won the League Championship and will be hosting the CIF game.

Clarielisa Ocampo/PVHS: ASB hosted "Thankfulness Week" and a rally to show how kindness can help solve issues like bullying and depression. They have hosted a Panther Pride Rally, Domestic Violence Rally and a LGBT Rally. The Panther Band placed first at the Clam Festival Parade. Every Tuesday through Thursday there are college workshops on campus to help students.

Aaron Lee/RHS: Righetti football brought the helmet back! ASB is hosting a warm jacket and sweater drive until November 17. Seniors are busy working on college applications. FFA Greenhand Banquet was held November 14. Financial Aid workshop was November 15. Band concert is December 7 and Choir concert is December 8. Drama is presenting "Hello Dolly" on December 2 and 3.

### **Principal Report**

Karen Rotondi introduced science teachers Laura Branch, Rebecca Wingerden and Helen West.

They gave a presentation on their trip to the Amazon Rainforest. Their reasons for going included:

- Further alignment of curriculum to NGSS and CTE Environmental Resources Pathway.
- Learning how to implement Citizen Science Projects successfully in the classroom.
- Becoming proficient at using technology in the field
  - EcoDatum APP and Vernier Probes in the classroom

They spoke about what it means to be a Citizen Scientist and how they get the kids really involved. The long-term Citizen Science Project will be centered around the Water Quality of Santa Maria and the surrounding areas and monitoring climate change. They shared what is next for students in their classrooms:

- Continued work on the EcoDatum APP—Beta tested by ERHS students in January—Focus on Guadalupe Dunes
- Conservation Projects: Both local & global Citizen Science Projects & Inquiry-Based Projects
- Continued implementation of NGSS & CTE Environmental Resources Standards in:
  - Geology, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science
- Pathway start-up: Fall 2018
- Making Amazon Rainforest EcoDatum accessible to students:
  - Virtual fieldtrips, camera traps & on-line data visualization tools

Ms. Rotondi said she is very proud of the the teachers and the entire science department. Ms. Branch and Ms. Wingerden have put in over 1,000 hours for their CTE credentials. It is great for our CTE Pathways Program.

Mrs. Herrera recognized Kenny Klein. Pioneer Valley appreciates him for the media coverage and media contacts he has across the community. He set up four live interviews for the students from “School of Rock” and it brought huge publicity to the play. After they appeared they had two sold out shows and they had to turn people away. She presented him with a mug and a poster.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Richardson recognized Larry Dragan and Karen Draper, both had birthdays the day of the meeting.

He introduced Maria Larios-Horton to present on the Internationals Summer Institute for New-comers trip to New York.

Ms. Larios-Horton, Rosie Ojeda, Nicole DeMatteo, Jose Diaz, Heidi Leal and Patti Peinado and students (Federico De Jesus, SMHS; Karla Cruz Lainez, SMHS; Cristobalina Sixto Ventura, PVHS) attended the conference over the summer.

The students could not make it to the meeting tonight but the staff that attended thanked the board and superintendent for allowing them to attend the conference. They gave the board members some information on immigrant students and shared a brief article about the International School.

They shared that newcomers have increased in the district and will probably increase more in January. The district is serving newcomers in the following ways:

- Newcomer cohorts at each school
- Class caps of 24
- Curriculum support
- Professional learning days
- Trauma informed classroom presentation based on a 2-year study of immigrant students in our district
- Bilingual Instructional Assistants (BIAs)
- Supportive administrators

The Internationals' pedagogical approach to educating English language learners is based upon five Core Principles:

- Heterogeneity and collaboration
- Experimental Learning
- Language and content integration
- Localized autonomy and responsibility
- One learning model for all

Some key learning and takeaways included:

- Translanguaging: A strategy used with multilingual students that provides structured opportunities for students to use their native language as well as English in the classroom.
- Framework for achieving objectives in helping students learn and apply a new concept.

Next steps include:

- Sharing learning with Newcomer teachers and others.
- Plan a visit to one of the International High Schools in California.

Dr. Garvin asked if the teachers are supportive of the newcomer students. Ms. Larios-Horton said yes, the majority are extremely supportive and the class max of 24 is very helpful. Everyone is doing the best they can.

Mr. Palera said it is nice to hear when our staff go to the trainings and come back and present how it helps them grow and how it helps the children.

**PUBLIC HEARING – RESUBMITTED PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE OLIVE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL: ORCUTT/SANTA MARIA**

Pursuant to Education Code section 47605 a public hearing was held on the provisions of the proposed charter.

Dr. Richardson introduced Bill Shutes, attorney from DWK. Mr. Shutes explained that Olive Grove resubmitted the petition to establish the Olive Grove Charter School in Orcutt. Background: Petitioners originally submitted to six different districts and submitted four denied on appeal to the county and then they submitted the appeal to the state. It was recommended for the state to deny the four appeals. The petitioners withdrew and resubmitted to Santa Ynez Valley, Lompoc, SB Unified and SMJUHS. Olive Grove operates an Ind. Study program, using four resource centers.

Existing Olive Grove locations are out of jurisdiction and operating the Olive Grove charter is out of compliance.

The item will be agendaized at the December 12 board meeting. This public hearing is informational only. The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Mudge from Olive Grove said that the California Department of Education asked them to update the petition and resubmit. They are seeing an increase to programs like theirs. They would like to work closely with the district. They did not ask the families and students to speak this time. They wanted to let the board members know that they want to work with the SMJUHS. They are excited that Dr. Richardson is coming to visit their program.

A staff member/former parent of Olive Grove spoke. She would love to work with the district. The state said they didn't highlight enough of what they do so they resubmitted the petition.

There were no other public comments. The hearing was closed.

**Board Member Reports**

Jack Garvin: October was a very active month. It started with a board walk at SMHS. They had good dialogue with the Special Ed Department and Math Department. He saw a lot of progress. He sat on interview panels for SMHS construction and attended "School of Rock" at PVHS. He and his wife were very impressed. He also attended open house at the Performing Arts Ceremony and the CTE luncheon at Far Western. It was fun to look at the schematics of the CTE site. He went to the awards ceremony at SMHS and it was great to see the excitement of the parents.

Amy Lopez: She wished luck to Mr. Domingues and the football team for Friday. It is very exciting to see them come this far. She gave kudos to PVHS for the “School of Rock” performance. She was blown away and was beyond impressed. The students, the sets, the sound, the music, the acting – it was like a professional event. The facility is amazing. She works for the County (Department of Behavior and Wellness) and had a parent in her office whose student was being cyber bullied and she posted that she wanted to take her own life. It is heart wrenching knowing what students are experiencing. Our work is never done. There is no way we can be complacent. These are issues that are unique and personal dangers. We need to bring awareness and education and let them know we support them. If we can just make sure our staff and our counselors have everything they need.

Dominick Palera: He sat in on Lease-Leaseback construction interviews. Felt comfortable with the two companies that submitted. He has no doubt that either company will be great for Santa Maria High School. He thanked Mr. Domingues for the Academic Award of Excellence program. It was moved to the gymnasium and it added to the ceremony. He attended the board walk at PVHS and thanked Ms. Herrera. It was very informative and the interviews with the staff were great. Cross Country at SMHS had an outstanding year. His hat is off to PVHS for the play performance. He is from New York and went into the city to see plays. He forgot they were in Santa Maria. The facility is fantastic and the play was amazing. The kids were amazing. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Diana Perez: She agrees with everyone. She also attended the board walk at SMHS. It is great to connect with staff and students. The performing theatre at PVHS is such a great gift to the students and community. It was like an amazing movie and she didn’t want to leave. She thanked everyone involved. She attended the LCAP meeting at SM Bonita and spoke with Dr. Richardson about a possible joint meeting with SM Bonita board members and SMJUHS board members. She spoke with Mr. Ontiveros and he is open to the idea. It might be a possibility to let the community know we are working together to make it better for our kids. She also had an idea about inviting Bonita school board members to visit our sites and we can visit theirs. She also spoke about the possibility of creating committees to further provide information for board members (like the facilities interviews). She told Ms. Prieto-Chavez that she did a phenomenal job at Delta’s Cash for College. She would also like to see an update of Ethnic and Genders Studies next year.

Dr. Richardson said he will have the course of studies on the agenda in December as well as the CTE update.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators – Steve Molina**

Mr. Molina presented the LCAP Local Indicators. This is new to all school districts.

State Indicators (School and LEA) include:

- Chronic absenteeism – starting 2018-19, data being collected in 2016-17

- Suspension rate – in-school and out-of-school suspensions
- English learner progress– Annual progress on CELDT + reclassified EL’s in prior year
- Graduation rate – Four-year cohort graduation rate, excludes options schools, five-year rate considered for 18-19
- College & career indicator –for graduates in 4-yr. cohort, Gr. 11 SBA scores, AP & IB tests, A-G completion with “C” or above, dual enrollment, career pathway completion with “C” or above
- Academic indicator – Grade 3-8 scores on standardized tests, ELA and Math

Local Indicators include:

- Basics Conditions at School– Williams Act
- Implementation of State Academic Standards– Common Core Curriculum and CAASPP Practice Exam
- Parent Engagement– Parent Climate Survey and Parent Meetings
- Local Climate Survey– California Healthy Kids Survey

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Board Policies – First Reading**

**INFORMATION ONLY/NO ACTION NEEDED**

The Board was asked to review the proposed revisions to the following board policies. The policies will be on the next board agenda for approval.

BP 0400 (revised)	Comprehensive Plans
BP/AR 0460 (revised)	Local Control and Accountability Plan
BP 0500 (revised)	Accountability
BP/AR 0520.2 (deleted)	Title I Program Improvement Schools
BP 0520.3 (deleted)	Title I Program Improvement Districts
BP/AR 1113 (revised)	District and School Web Sites

**Public Hearing on Initial Proposals for Successor Negotiations from the District to the SMJUHSD Faculty Association**

At the October 10, 2017 meeting, the District presented their Initial Proposals for Successor Negotiations to the SMJUHSD Faculty Association for public review as required by Government Code 3547. A public hearing was required to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on this topic.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded Mr. Palera to adopt the District's initial proposal to the SMJUHSD Faculty Association as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**INSTRUCTION**

**Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35186, the governing board of a school district must conduct a public hearing to report the quarterly report that was submitted in October 2017 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of July- September 2017. Each school site has reported that there have been no complaints in the general subject areas of Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancy or Misassignments, Facilities Conditions or Valenzuela/CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services. A public hearing was required. No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Lopez to approve the Quarterly report as submitted. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**BUSINESS**

**Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties – Resolution Number 5-2017-2018**

Education Code Section 35161 grants the Board of Education the authority to delegate various powers and duties to employees of the district to act on its behalf. The Board has approved resolutions and authorized signers for various duties in the past. It is necessary to annually update those resolutions and authorizations, in addition to periodic changes in personnel.

Passage of Resolution Number 5-2017-18 authorizes the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Director of Fiscal Services, Director of Facilities and Operations and the Director of Support Services to act on behalf of the Board of Education with specific limitations or restrictions.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Palera to approve Resolution Number 5-2017-2018 delegating specific powers and duties of the Board of Education to employees of the district and notify the County Superintendent of Schools accordingly. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Palera to approve the consent items as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

**REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no reports from employee organizations.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Dr. Garvin invited everyone to a Tri County Coalition Panel that will meet on December 8, 2017 in Goleta that has to do with DACA and immigration issues. Chelsea Olson-Murphy and Maria Larios-Horton will be presenting. Districts from Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are involved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held December 12, 2017. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Support Services Center.



**FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2018**

The board meeting dates for 2018 will be decided at the December 12, 2017 meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.