

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held in the Support Services Center on June 16, 2014, with open session at 11:00 a.m. followed by closed session. Members present: Walsh, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez. Absent: Tognazzini

Open Session

Dr. Walsh called meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 11:01 a.m.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session and reconvened for open session at 11:45 a.m. The flag salute was led by Dr. Walsh.

Announce Closed Session Actions

Superintendent's Evaluation

Dr. Walsh announced the reported action from closed session: The Board evaluated Superintendent Richardson. It resulted in a positive evaluation. The Board extended his contract for an additional year.

Dr. Richardson appreciates everyone's hard work in helping him with his accomplishments.

Items Scheduled for Action

General

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The Board of Education was presented a draft of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for review at the June 11, 2014, regular board meeting and a public hearing was held.

Dr. Richardson presented the LCAP for Board approval so the plan can be submitted to the County. It is an ongoing process and it is as close to right as possible. He is looking forward to implementing the programs that are scheduled for next year

Dr. Garvin asked about the Read 180 and System 44 software programs. Dr. Richardson explained that the English language learner programs (Read 180 and System 44) are two software programs the district has chosen for its EL program. Read 180 was tested at Santa Maria High School's EL program last year. System 44 is a foundational program for students not yet ready for the Read 180 program.

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Dr. Karamitsos applauded the inclusion of a program for the foster children in the district. We have no foster youth students who have completed A-G requirements. Dr. Richardson explained that it is not uncommon to have that rate due to students moving within the foster care system. The district is working with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley to better identify and provide services to those students.

Goals were identified by using a matrix relating to EL and state and county averages as well as information from the state website. Truancy statistics were based on the information reported to the state and the definition of a truant.

The goal for continuing professional development for staff is included in the plan. There will be a professional development/multi-purpose area in the District Office building.

Dr. Richardson said the LCAP is a three-year plan that will be revisited annually for analysis and adjustments.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Local Control Accountability Plan.

Business

Budget

Education Code Section 42127 requires that on or before July 1 of each year the Governing Board of the school district shall hold a public hearing on the budget to be adopted for the subsequent year.

Education Code Section code 52062, requires that the Governing Board conduct a public hearing to review its Local Control Accountability Plan ("LCAP") at the same meeting as the hearing for the District's budget, with adoption of both to follow at a subsequent meeting.

The proposed budget for 2014/2015 was presented at the June 11, 2014 meeting and a public hearing was held. The budget remains unchanged from what was presented at the public hearing.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 33127, the adopted budget complies with the standards and criteria as established by the State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the 2014/2015 budget.

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Presentation

Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. – Facility Plan

Representatives of Caldwell Flores Winters presented a Facilities Implementation Plan update for the District. The process included receiving input and feedback from site staff, parents, community and the Board.

The program goals presented are based on the facilities that will be needed for the 21st century. Existing conditions were also considered and discussed.

5 key areas of the program goals are:

1. Upgrade existing facilities to support academic achievement, including a performing arts facility at PVHS and upgraded Career Technical Education (CTE) and academy/pathway classrooms and labs, at all school sites.
2. Construct a centralized facility to support CTE and agricultural science opportunities Districtwide.
3. Transform the appearance and functionality of older campuses through replacement of aging structures and temporary portables with modern, permanent facilities at Righetti and Santa Maria high schools.
4. Improve athletic facilities at Santa Maria and Righetti high schools commensurate with those at Pioneer Valley.
5. Maintain the sustainability of the District's general fund by leveraging developer fees and state aid eligibility (if available by a State bond passage in November 2014) through thoughtful phasing of facility improvements.

Conceptual Renderings of the projects were presented. Discussion included: adding parking by removing the portables at Righetti High School, replacing them with two story classrooms; the new CTE Center/Ag Farm construction; Santa Maria High School new front entrance to the campus and removal of old portables. Part of the discussion included ensuring that campuses have better signage.

Dr. Karamitsos shared her concern that not all instruction can be done virtually— eventually instruction needs to be hands-on. She is apprehensive should there be removal of labs, art facilities, etc.— not all rooms should look the same. The response from CFW was that the educational need drives the facility – all programs will be accommodated. He noted that experts have been involved in the development of plans. Professional development may be needed to ensure that everyone is up to speed.

Dr. Garvin expressed concern the Ethel Pope Auditorium was not part of the main goals of the plan. He doesn't want to be in a situation where he has to choose between another item scheduled for improvement. The upgrading of Santa Maria and Righetti to match Pioneer

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makes sense but feels there needs to be communication with the public regarding the bond. The public needs reassurance that meetings have been held and that the district has a plan in place.

Dr. Karamitsos said the CTE site is very important. She noted that the last bond was to build a new site and the proposed CTE facility would meet the current needs. She reiterated that there should be focus on green energy for the betterment of the environment. As a public entity, she feels the district needs to be a responsible leader in the community.

CFW suggested involving area colleges in reducing our carbon footprint. Dr. Karamitsos stated that Marian Hospital is currently getting power from the landfill. She asked that we keep energy saving possibilities in mind.

The program summary of estimated funding resources was presented and discussed. It includes developer fees, state aid and a new bond authorization, if approved by voters. The proposed phases were also presented and discussed (including with and without state aid). The estimated cost is shown in 2014 dollars. Some projects will be built later and phased in within the next few years. The plan will be narrowed down and task oriented.

The Board was pleased that the SMHS campus is being rejuvenated and that the new proposed entrance looks great.

The parent and community turnout to the facility meetings was not well attended. There was a miscommunication about getting the information to parents. The staff meetings were well attended.

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 August 6, 2014, 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 1:24 p.m.