

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 14, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held on July 14, 2020 with a closed session at 5:30 and an open session at 6:30 p.m. through a video teleconference.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Closed Session.

**ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Garcia announced the closed session actions:

- The Board unanimously approved all certificated and classified personnel actions.
- The Board unanimously approved all student matters.

**REPORTS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Garcia's focus is on two critical topics that are on the agenda this evening:

- The plans for reopening school in the fall.
- The resolution denouncing racism and affirming our commitment to Ethnic and Gender Studies.

He thanked the many staff who continue to work through the summer to ensure payroll, attendance reports, budget, hiring, custodial, facilities, technology, preparing for school in the fall, and so many more, the Summer School Staff and the Food Service Staff.

**Board Member Reports**

Mr. Palera: He will reserve most of his comments for the items on the agenda. He thanked and commended the food service staff. When he went by Allan Hancock (who also distributes food) he was surprised by the amount of people in line. He knows there are a lot of people struggling in the community.

Ms. Perez: She is also deferring her comments for the other agenda items. She welcomed everyone and hopes everyone is safe and also thanked the staff for everything they are doing.

Dr. Karamitsos: She has prepared some comments for the reopening of school and will refer to those later. She piggybacks on what Mr. Garcia said. She thanked the tremendous

thoughtful effort that went into sculpting the resolution tonight. She is excited about the prospect of raising up ourselves into a more loving and tender community. We have taken the first step toward justice with this pronouncement tonight. We are dedicated to putting words into real actions. She thanked Mr. Garcia and the staff for bringing this forward.

Dr. Garvin: He echoed what Dr. Karamitsos said. The work that has been done with the resolution was outstanding. He thinks the committee and stakeholders that put the resolution together is appropriate and the timing is right to move the district forward.

Ms. Lopez: She thanked everyone for their patience with this technology for these board meetings. She and Mr. Garcia spoke about the format and decided with everything going on in the community this was the best way. She thanked the entire staff at the district and for the effort the staff has put into reopening considerations, continued food distributions, planning for the next school year, etc. She is excited about the resolution. She has had a lot of conversation with the superintendent about the resolution. She thanked those people involved in the community that helped frame how the resolution would come together. When she reflects back on her own life there are two timeframes that clearly stand out. The first is 9/11 and then getting married a few weeks later under a time of uncertainty and fear and hate; and today under COVID-19 coupled with systemic racism, social injustice, continued hate, and fear and anxiety and uncertainty. The feelings are somewhat the same. On reflecting on her life, she thought about it and wants us to take into consideration how everyone else is feeling. A lot of people are scared.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

### **GENERAL**

#### **Receive Information and Potential Action on Plan for the Safe Reopening of Schools**

There was one public comment read into the record before the agenda item from Rosie Ojeda.

Mr. Garcia said since we closed the facilities on March 13, 2020, we tried to make sure the students and staff had what they needed to get through the remainder of the year. It was something we were not prepared for. He thanked the staff, students, and parents for getting through the year.

As we worked on this plan there were a lot of considerations. The plans have been guided through three different values: health and safety, student learning and well-being, and equitable access to a quality program.

Some of the factors that have a big effect and continue to change are the whole dynamic of the context of how we are living. It is very fluid. The discussion really involved a lot of different models and the last two days we have had more polarized positions in that discussion.

The guidance and direction from the department of public health and the state are also other factors to consider. SB98 is still language we are following which states that school districts should offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible. Again, the sentiments are shifting. You will hear data from the staff and parent input (but it was a few weeks ago and things have changed).

In Santa Maria we are experiencing a different type of infection rate than other counties and other parts of the state. We also have feeder schools to consider. We have four different feeder districts that feed into our district. One of the goals is to have a common plan (at least have similarities) because we serve the same families and the same community.

In today's presentation you will see that in the narrative that there is a recommendation to bring forward; but instead of bringing a recommendation we would like to provide you with two recommendations to start school. The first is a hybrid model (which we were preparing for weeks); and other districts were doing the same thing. The local feeder districts were prepared to present a hybrid model to their districts as well. The second model is a full distance learning model. Given all of the circumstances that Ms. Lopez described, we, as a district, need to listen to all the facts and ask for direction and not rely on a recommendation we previously had.

The presentation was given by Mr. Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; and Mr. Platt, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Some items discussed after the presentation included:

- Fiscal impact for all items that would be required to open
  - There is funding through the CARES Act and FEMA money.
- Temperature taking of students
- Amount of people allowed in a classroom
- Santa Maria has a high incident rate
- The response of the virus in each human being is unpredictable.
- Need to use physical distancing at all times
- We should not put students, staff, and community at risk.
- Changing the way we do school (come up with creative opportunities)
- Worrying about students' social and emotional health
- Would like to discuss starting classes later in the morning
- Stress on kids at home
- High risk staff members

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Perez to continue the item for further consideration at the Special Board Meeting on July 23. 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

**Approval of extension of the MOU for Classified Bargaining Unit concerning the District’s response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic – Appendix B**

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached settlement agreement concerning the District’s response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. This agreement is an extension of the MOU approved at the April 7, 2020 meeting.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to on June 26, 2020 will remain in effect beginning the date of signature and for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic until the Public Health Department has officially deemed the virus no longer a threat, or until August 10, 2020, whichever comes first (See Appendix B)

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Palera to approve the Agreement with the Classified Bargaining Unit 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

**Approval of Tentative Agreement Between the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District and the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Faculty Association CTA/NEA to Resolve Reopeners for the 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Appendix C**

The District has reached a tentative agreement with the Faculty Association (FA) to resolve reopeners for the 2018-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Tentative Agreement dated June 15, 2020 shall remain status quo through June 30, 2021. (See Appendix C)

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Faculty Association 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

**Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District and the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Faculty Association CTA/NEA regarding impacts of the State of California’s economy on the District budget – Appendix D**

The District and the SMJUHSD Faculty Association (FA) have reached a tentative agreement regarding the impacts of the State of California’s economy on the District budget. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated June 12, 2020 will take effect upon approval by both parties. (See Appendix D)

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to approve the Agreement with the Faculty Association 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

**Resolution Denouncing Racism and Racial Discrimination and Affirming Commitment to Ethnic and Gender Studies – Resolution Number 01-2020-2021**

Public Comments that were read into the record before the agenda item were from Rosie Ojeda, Kristen Kent, Patricia Solario and Jeremiah Hernandez.

Mr. Garcia introduced the resolution item said the resolution has a dual purpose. It intends to have the district take a stand denouncing racism and racial discrimination in response to the unconscionable killing of black individuals in the United States and increased reports of hate crimes nationwide; and to affirm the commitment to Ethnic and Gender Studies and making it a graduation requirement.

He acknowledged the hard work of the district’s EGS committee. If this resolution passes, we will need to add more stakeholders to the committee as we develop a five-year plan.

He introduced Guest Speaker, California Assembly Member, Jose Medina. He is a colleague and a friend. He is the author of the current bill pending AB321 making EGS a graduation requirement in California. He will speak about the current status of the bill and any advice to us moving forward.

Mr. Medina thanked Mr. Garcia for the invitation and gave an update on AB321. The bill is moving forward and comes out of Senate Appropriations and should go to the floor in August. He is hoping it goes to the Governor's desk by September.

He congratulated the School Board, the EGS Committee and the leadership of Mr. Garcia for getting this resolution to this point and passing it.

Ms. Lopez read the resolution into the record.

The item was discussed. Topics included:

- Including the LGBTQ community in the resolution
- Giving recognition/credit to Civil Rights Leaders
  - May be too difficult to include them all
- Possible bringing the resolution back with minor changes
- Needing to move forward with the resolution
- How is cultural trainings offered to all staff and updates from the trainings
- Personal reflections from board members

A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Dr. Garvin to approve Resolution Number 01-2020-2021. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Mr. Palera to approve all consent items as presented. Some board members would like reports on how many students are served by outside agencies and what type of services that have contracted with the district. Mr. Garcia said it will be added to a future agenda. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of June 2020
- C. AG Incentive Grant Application 2020-21
- D. Approval of Contracts

COMPANY/ VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	AMOUNT/ FUNDING	RESOURCE PERSON
One Community Action	Culturally competent & responsive advocacy for Student/Family Behavioral, Social and Support Services (POR VIDA program)	\$170,000/ LCAP 2.6	John Davis
Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley	Administration Support for Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) Program for 2020/21	\$8,000/ General Fund	John Davis
STAR of CA – ERA Education	Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) Supervisor and Behavioral Interventionist (BI)	\$6,000/ Special Ed	John Davis
Santa Barbara County Education Office	Professional Development for Newcomer Instructors with Carla Benchoff	\$13,600/ Title III	John Davis
Santa Barbara County Education Office	Professional Development for Bilingual Instructional Assistants with Carla Benchoff, ELD Standards	\$3,600/ Title III	John Davis
Santa Barbara County Education Office	English Learner Services from Dr. Carlos Pagan, Di-Office	\$24,000/ Title III	John Davis

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	rector, Literacy and Language Support of new Course Pathways for English Learners		
Corazon Del Pueblo	Advancing Emotional, Psychological Persona and Identity through Arts in Schools	\$26,247/ Title IV	John Davis

E. Textbook Discard

F. Notices of Completion

The following project was substantially completed on June 25, 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.

- PVHS - Building 300 Water Damage/Ceiling Tile #20-339.1 with Santa Maria Acoustical Company Inc. (Contractor)

The following project was substantially completed on May 28, 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.

- PAVING PROJECT, Project # 20-333.1 at SMHS with Raminha Construction (Contractor)

G. Purchase Orders

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description/Funding
PO21-00078	Illuminate Education	\$70,799.22	School City Program 2020-2021 School Year/ LCAP Goal 1 Service 4
PO21-00080	School Innovations & Achievement	\$82,300.00	Attendance2Attendance (A2A) Software and Services Agreement/LCAP Goal 6 Service 7



H. Student Matters - Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918

Administrative Recommendation for student re-admission from expulsion/suspended order and/or expulsion: 354567, 356274, 354021, 355806, 351251, 348314

Administrative Recommendation for student re-admission from suspended order and/or expulsion but will continue in current program: 355470

Expelled student(s) who did not meet the terms of their expulsion/suspended order and/ or expulsion agreement: 352388, 355644, 354278, 356874

I. Authorization for Sale of Obsolete Equipment

J. Authorization to Utilize Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners – Edmentum for District-wide Purchases of Educational Software Solutions and Services for the length of the Contract through April 30, 2023

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements and 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 education software solutions and services be made utilizing the provisions of the PCC that allows purchasing from Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners – Edmentum – Contract #R191903 through April 30, 2023.

K. Authorization to Piggyback on Torrance Unified School District for purchases of Classroom & Office Furniture for the Length of the Contract through May 5, 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.

Torrance Unified School District has awarded their purchases as needed for classroom and office furniture to multiple vendors: CM School Supply, Culver-Newlin, ELB Education, Lakeshore Learning, McDowell-Craig, MeTEOR Education and Office Solutions (Blue Space Interiors) through bid #10-04.09.19

through May 5, 2021. The district recommends that the board find and determines that it is in the best interest of the district to authorize classroom and office furniture purchases under the same terms and conditions. With Board approval the district may “piggyback” on their bid pursuant to the provisions of PCC20118.

**REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

Susie Eichel, CSEA Union Steward read the report from Tami Contreras into the record.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no open session public comments that were not referenced by agenda items. Speakers are listed in the agenda item information.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be a Special Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on July 23, 2020. Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 4, 2020. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is to be determined.

**FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2020**

September 8, 2020	November 10, 2020
October 13, 2020	December 15, 2020

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.