

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 2021**

A special meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held on October 28, 2021. Consistent with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953, this meeting was held remotely.

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

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Flag salute was led by Dr. Karamitsos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NAME	TOPIC
Tami Contreras	ESSER III Expenditure Plan AB 361 - Teleconferencing

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

GENERAL

Approval of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan – Appendix A

Resource Person: Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum; Steve Molina, Director of Student Services

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop an expenditure plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the three year plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan is subject to change.

Mr. Molina explained Comprehensive Strategic Planning, Meaningful Group Engagement, and Accountability and Compliance is the process for the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and key components of developing any district plan. The ESSER III Plan is the education portion in the American Rescue Plan of 2021. The SMJUHSD has been allocated \$13,236,134 to be expended through September 30, 2024. ESSER III funds do not have a specific allocation for school sites. This grant is for SMJUHSD.

Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members were able to share their input via a survey that was available in English, Spanish, and Mixteco.

Areas supported by these funds include Student Well-Being, Health/Safety/Security support, and School Nutrition. Core Academic, Physical Education, VPA, Counselor, and EL support are amongst the areas targeted due to the learning gap created during COVID.

The remaining funds would be used on student engagement, homelessness, technology, and mental health support services.

It was clarified that while these services may not be new, these specific areas are being funded and targeted, as they present the greatest need.

Hiring extra staff, decreasing the number of students in each classroom, and the survey results regarding curriculum, were discussed. Teachers are provided with supplemental materials of their choice. The district acknowledges some curriculum materials are outdated and is working with staff to alleviate that concern.

Since this is a three-year plan, staff hired under this funding is informed of the temporary duration of the position. Board members would like to be informed of plan updates and provided with the researched based data mentioned in the report.

Parent engagement programs such as Parents On A Mission will continue after a proposal is reviewed.

A motion was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the ESSER III Expenditure Plan as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

A Roll Call Vote was required:

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

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 16-2021-22 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953.

Resource Person: Chelsea Olson Murphy, Attorney – Lozano Smith

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on October 7, 2021, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District adopted Resolution 15-2021-2022, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

At the October 28, 2021 meeting, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District discussed and considered adopting Resolution 16-2021-2022, to make a finding after reconsidering the state of emergency, that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and

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Government Code section 54953 for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District to continue conducting meetings remotely the next thirty days.

Ms. Perez shared she has an appointment with Mr. Rivas, the assemblyman who drafted the AB 361 bill, to receive clarification on her rights to keep her location private if she attends a board meeting via teleconference when the AB 361 resolution expires.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Ms. Lopez to adopt Resolution 16-2021-2022, to make a finding that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the SMJUHSD Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

It was discussed and clarified that the November 9th meeting would be held remotely if this resolution is approved. The district is currently working on accessing the technology required to live stream while holding the board meetings in person.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

A Roll Call Vote was required:

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 9, 2021. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021

December 14, 2021

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.