

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held at Pioneer Valley High School on October 9, 2013, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin. Absent: Reece

**Open Session**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to closed session. There were no public comments.

**Closed Session**

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened for open session at 6:38 p.m.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order and student representative, Ian Steller, led the flag salute.

**Closed Session Actions**

Superintendent Richardson reported the following closed session actions:

Student Matters – Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918. The Board approved one expulsion/suspended expulsions as presented. A decision on the second student was tabled pending further information.

Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions. The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented.

Conference with Labor Negotiators. The Board was updated on labor negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

**Presentations**

**CAHSEE & CST Perfect Score Presentation**

John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and principals recognized tenth through twelfth grade students who received a perfect score on the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) and/or California Standards Tests (CSTs). Each student was presented a certificate of accomplishment and a handshake from Board members. Mr. Davis reported that a total 103 students from Righetti, Santa Maria, and Pioneer Valley received a perfect score. He noted that students must pass the CAHSEE in order to

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receive a diploma upon graduation. Mr. Davis also recognized teachers and parents for their role in preparing and supporting their students.

### **Reports**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Common Core State Standards Implementation Funding Plan 2013-14**

Mr. Davis presented a funding plan for implementing the State Common Core Standards and explained that the state will provide one-time funding to assist with the implementation. Our district will receive \$1.52 million over a two-year period ending July 1, 2015. The funding is designated to support professional development, instructional/supplemental materials, and technology equipment and infrastructure. The plan must be presented at a public meeting of the Board then approved at a subsequent public meeting. One of the goals is to make all schools wireless and provide each student a tablet (computer device). Currently there is a pilot program at Delta which allows the district to assess the program on a smaller scale and address any issues that may arise.

**Student Reports:** Leticia Mora, Delta; Samantha Galicinao, Santa Maria; Stephany Rubio, Pioneer Valley; and Ian Steller, Righetti.

The following are highlights of some of the activities at each school:

SMHS: The Homecoming dance theme is Under the Carnival Lights; Homecoming football game is on October 25 at 7 pm.; and Spirit Week is October 21-25. SMHS clubs are busy doing fundraising and participating in community service projects such as, cleaning up the highway and reading to Sanchez Elementary students. ASB is happy to charter the new Saints Guitar club and everyone was invited to see administrators shave their heads on Friday.

Delta: Dragon Battles were held on September 19, 26 and Oct 4; twenty-five students have received medical attention at the CHC since it opened; and staff will recognize students who go above and beyond in the classroom. During Term 4 of 2012-13, forty-four students received the Principals award, 36 received the Academic Excellence award, and 56 received an Attendance award.

RHS: The "Be the Change" program will continue this year; College Boot Camp has come to an end; Club Rush was held on Friday, Sept 27; the Warriors brought home the shield with a 20 to 13 score; Club Day is on October 24; and Renaissance will be on November 7. Homecoming tickets went on sale, nominations are done, the game is on October 18 and the dance will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Lisa Walters presented a letter to the Board regarding a decision to reduce the total credits needed for graduation and the belief of the teachers that lowering the standards for students leaves them unready for acceptance and success in college.

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Carolyn Moir provided data from 1992-2006 showing the number of SMHS graduates who completed A-F requirements. She also provided data from 2007-2013 showing the number of SMHS and PVHS graduates who completed the A-G requirements. She believes student success is based on A-G and that the data presented shows the effectiveness of the block schedule. One of the reasons for instituting the block schedule was to allow students to concentrate on three classes rather than six classes in one day.

Patty Peinado reported that negotiations have been taking place for the past year and she feels that the district presenting different proposals is not a good way to negotiate.

Krista Ballard reported that CSEA and the district negotiating teams met in early October to cleanup issues on the classified contract, which have now been addressed. The team looks forward to and appreciates the opportunity of meeting with the district to review the language on the newly ratified contract.

### **Board Member Reports**

Dr. Garvin attended Open House at Delta and Santa Maria High Schools and was impressed with the excellent turnout. He will attend an event in Goleta on October 18 where Dennis Meyers from the California School Boards Association will talk about the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the State Common Core Standards.

Dr. Walsh attended the Righetti and St. Joseph game and was impressed with the respect both schools showed for one another.

Dr. Karamitsos was happy the facility could accommodate all the attendees at this meeting. She added that meeting locations will be rotated as needed.

Dr. Garvin feels it is time to revisit the changes made to the graduation requirements and Dr. Karamitsos agreed as the changes were not intended to be permanent.

### **Items Scheduled for Action**

#### **Instruction**

##### **Agreement for Consulting Services - Corwin Press, Inc.**

Santa Maria Joint Union High School District requested that the Board approve a purchase order for the amount of \$81,000 to Corwin Press, Inc. Corwin Press is a publisher for educators' professional development needs, providing books, kits, professional learning events, and specialized libraries to help educators do their work more efficiently. John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, said the company will also provide cultural proficiency training for teachers, administrators, and community members.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the agreement for consulting services with Corwin Press, Inc.

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### **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 2013 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of July- September 2013. Mr. Davis 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 held with no comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Williams Uniform Complaints report as presented.

### **General**

#### **Board Policies/Administrative Regulations**

The administration has reviewed the following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations, aligned with California School Boards Association updates, which are provided as education code and laws change. The policies and regulations were presented for the Board's review and adoption and will be included in the existing sections upon approval.

A summary of revisions/changes made were presented in Appendix D of the agenda. The complete revised policies and regulations are part of the agenda which is posted on the district's website at [www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/](http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/)

#### **Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans – Series 0000**

School Plans/Site Councils

BP/AR 0420

Title I Program Improvement Schools

BP/AR 0520.2

#### **Community – Series 1000**

Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP/AR 1312.3

Waivers

BP 1431

#### **Students – Series 5000**

Noncustodial Parents

BP 5021

Admission

BP/AR 5111

District Residency

AR 5111.1

Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment

AR 5111.12

Intradistrict Open Enrollment

BP/AR 5116.1

Interdistrict Attendance

BP/AR 5117

Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

BP 5121

#### **Instruction – Series 6000**

High School Graduation Requirements

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A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried by a 4-0 vote to approve the Board Policies/Administrative Regulations as presented.

**Ed Code Sections used for Assignment Options**

The District is required by state law to have all teachers properly assigned within their credentialed subject areas according to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. However, there are several Education Code options to assign teachers in areas in which they have a requisite number of units and/or expertise. Resolution number 5-2013-14 outlines specific names, subject areas and Education Codes to meet the annual criteria. Approval of this resolution allows the district flexibility to assign teachers to teach outside their credential area should the need arise. Tracy Marsh, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources reported that each year approximately six teachers teach outside of their subject area.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 5-2013-2014, to certify the Teacher Assignment Options for the 2013/14 school year.

Roll Call:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Absent
Dr. Walsh	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes

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**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2013-2-014**

WHEREAS, the District is required by state law to have all teachers properly assigned within their credentialed subject areas. However, there are several options to assign teachers in areas in which they have a requisite number of units and/or expertise.

WHEREAS, Education Code §44258.7 (c&d) allows the district to assign teachers, with their consent to teach elective subject classes when that assignment has been approved by the Committee on Assignments. Policies and procedures for this committee have been implemented and approved by the Governing Board, and

WHEREAS, Education Code §44263 allows teachers to teach outside of their major/minor in subject areas in which they hold eighteen (18) semester hours of course work or nine (9) upper division semester hours or graduate course work.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District does hereby authorize the assignments of the teachers listed per education codes cited:

Education Code §44258.7(c&d)

Ricardo Gabaldon	Ballet Folklorico, Marimba
Roxana Maldonado	Ballet Folklorico

Education Code §44263

David Mann	Chemistry
Robert Knight	Spanish
Claudia Guillen	English

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Karamitsos, Walsh, Tognazzini, Garvin

NOES:

ABSENT: Reece

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President/Secretary/Clerk of the Board of Education  
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**Business**

**Grant Disbursement Account**

Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that the District's auditors have recommended that Associated Student Body (ASB) bank accounts not be comingled with grant disbursement funds. Since money should only be deposited into ASB accounts that are designated for ASB activities, there is a need for a separate Grant Disbursement account. Mrs. Ortiz explained that by opening a separate account outside of ASB, cash and checks that are unrelated to ASB activities can be deposited. The site business office can then immediately access these funds by writing a check for disbursement to the intended recipient of the grant.

The signers on these accounts shall be the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Director of Fiscal Services, Budget Manager, SMHS ASB Bookkeeper and Principal, RHS ASB Bookkeeper and Principal, PVHS Bookkeeper and Principal. The District shall open a single bank account for use in depositing funds from the ASB's at each school site: Santa Maria High School, Pioneer Valley High School and Ernest Righetti High School. The Federal Tax Identification Number associated with the accounts is 52-1703494.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to adopt Resolution Number 6-2013-2014 establishing a separate bank account to allow disbursements of non-ASB related funds to the intended recipients of these grants.

Roll Call:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Absent
Dr. Walsh	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6-2013-2014**

**ESTABLISHING A GRANT DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District is desirous of maintaining a separate bank account to allow grant disbursements of non-ASB activity related funds to the intended recipients;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District hereby requests that the District open a separate bank account for Santa Maria, Pioneer Valley and Ernest Righetti High Schools to disburse funds to intended recipients of the grant; The signers shall be the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Director of Fiscal Services, Budget Manager, SMHS ASB Bookkeeper and Principal, RHS ASB Bookkeeper and Principal, PVHS Bookkeeper and Principal. The Federal Tax Identification Number associated with the accounts is: 52-1703494.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of October, 2013 by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Karamitsos, Walsh, Tognazzini, Garvin

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Reece

**ABSTAIN:**

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Board of Education President/Clerk/Secretary  
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**Approve Compensation Increase for Superintendent**

The Board of Education approved to increase the Superintendent's 2013-2014 compensation by the same increase granted other certificated managers. Mrs. Ortiz explained that the proposed increase is a one-time only payment of 3% of base salary and a 2% on-going increase to the base compensation set forth in the Superintendent's current employment agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Superintendent's 2013-2014 compensation for a 3% one-time payment and a 2% ongoing increase retroactive to July 1, 2013.

**Award of bid for Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Purchase of Vans**

District administration opened bids on October 8, 2013 for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District purchase of six (6), ten (10) passenger one-ton vans (Bid Number 13/14-001). The bid amounts were not listed on the agenda as they had not been received when the agenda was posted. Mrs. Ortiz explained that the vans will be used to support the athletic programs and reduce travel expenses by not using charter buses when possible. Each school site will get two vans and the savings to the district is estimated to be \$10,000 per van. The following bid recap and administrative recommendation was presented:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
Home Motor Chevrolet	\$176,085.78
Penske Mercedes-Benz/Sprinter of West Covina	No Bid Received
White Side Chevrolet	No Bid Received.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the recommendation as presented.

**Consent Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented with the exception of one students expulsion which was tabled pending further information:

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of September 2013

Payroll	\$5,560,840.46
Warrants	<u>1,491,712.20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,052,552.66</b>

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### C. Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the first month attendance report.

### D. Facility Report – *Appendix B*

### E. Acceptance of Gifts

#### Pioneer Valley High School

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Target-Take Charge of Educ.	PV Admin	\$211.36
Elk Rodeo Parade	Band	200.00
Vince Lopez	FFA Swine	500.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	FFA	100.00
PVHS Boosters	Student Council	1763.00
PVHS Boosters	ASB Clubs/Athletics	12,032.65
PVHS Boosters	Athletics	1,610.00
PVHS Boosters	Athletics	4,052.57
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Football	750.00
PVHS Boosters	Cheer	1,063.40
PVHS Boosters	Track	100.00
Elks Recreation Inc.	Cheerleaders	1,500.00
PVHS Boosters	Cheer	1,230.00
Thomas Becker, D.D.S	Band	100.00
SM Kiwanis for Kids Inc.	Key Club	317.26
G-Brothers Kettlecorn	Link Crew	200.00
Give Grow Inc.	Baseball	160.00
Zodiac Seat Shells	Baseball	1,000.00
Old Mission Church	El Club Cultural	100.00
Pow Entertainment, LLC	Cheer	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Pioneer Valley High School</b>		<b>\$27,490.24</b>

#### Santa Maria High School

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Target/Take Charge of Educ.	SMHS	\$628.68
Facciani Family Trust	FFA – Swine	200.00
Lawrence & Mary Lou Los	FFA – Swine	200.00
Raul & Melinda Aguirre	FFA – Swine	200.00
Loretta & Charles Carter	FFA – Swine	200.00
Butch Reynolds	FFA – Swine	200.00
Richard Martini	FFA – Swine	200.00
SM Valley Pioneer Association	FFA	450.00
Cynthia M Hanson	Girls Tennis	100.00
Santa Maria FFA Boosters	FFA	11,000.00
Heath Family Dentistry	SMHS – Golf	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total Santa Maria High School</b>		<b>\$13,528.68</b>

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**Righetti High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Linda Kennedy	FFA (wash tub value)	\$300.00
Altrusa Club	Scholarship	1,000.00
Christine Reade	Football	1,000.00
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Football	1,015.50
Warrior Booster Club	Football	1,000.00
Warrior Booster Club	Athletics	1,500.00
Carole & Tom Stevenson	FFA (tractor value)	3500
Michael & Penny Diaz	Choir	2,229.00
Gregory & Melanie Wilcoxon	Ian Hassett Scholarship	200.00
American Dream Foundation	American Dream	3,500.00
Warrior Booster Club	Football	4,000.00
Anonymous	Drama Club	1,000.00
Doni-Jo & Gordon Munro	Cheer	300.00
Chris & Nancy Leon	Scholarships	1,000.00
Edith Foster	Scholarship	250.00
Raul & Melinda Aguirre	Video Club	100.00
Rotary Club of SM	Scholarships	4,000.00
POW Entertainment	Football	1,000.00
Tileco	Dance Team	400.00
Rotary Club of SM	Interact Club	1,498.00
JDX Pharmacy	Dance Team	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Righetti High School</b>		<b>\$28,892.50</b>

**F. Student Discipline Matters**

- Administrative Recommendation to order expulsion/suspend the order of expulsion: Student #s 334334, 333897

**G. Request for Travel**

<b>School</b>	<b>Instructor in Charge</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PVHS	Christine Line	National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky	10/29-11/3/13
RHS	Miguel Guerra	National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky	10/24-11/2/13
SMHS	Marc DeBernardi, Luis Guerra, Clemente Ayon	National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky	10/27-11/2/13

All required paperwork is/will be on file at the school before departure. No student was excluded from the field trip due to lack of funds.

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H. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description &amp; Funding Source</u>
14-0436	SHI	\$105,359.18	General Funds
14-0369	A-Z Bus Sales	\$72,137.05	Trans/Sp Ed Funds

I. District Vehicles for Disposal

The following is a list of District Vehicles that are ready for disposal. These vehicles are at the end of their useful life and are beyond economical repair. These vehicles can be put up for sale at auction and/or salvaged for parts:

<u>Veh ID#</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN#/Serial No.</u>	<u>Condition</u>
124	1973	Dodge Van (White)	B23ABV006592	Poor with body damage/rust.

**Open Session Public Comments**

Following are the public comments:

Shelly Klein, teacher: Her observation is that all parties care about our students and have the same interest in helping them succeed, yet meetings are being held separately. She asked why the Board, district administration and the SMHS administration have not clarified what she feels is misinformation that has been verbalized and/or printed.

Patty Wagner, teacher: Feels the real issue is literacy and a growing problem that students are not reading enough. She asked that all groups combine their efforts; teachers need to teach and parents need to help their students at home. The disagreement between the groups is affecting students.

Helen Galvan, PCIC: Thanked teachers for supporting students each day. The PCIC feels it is unfortunate that teachers are working without a contract. They support teachers who believe that students can and will achieve, who demonstrate that they truly care about students, and who set an example by showing respect towards authority (site and district administration).

Maribel Gutierrez, parent: Mrs. Gutierrez wanted to know if students on a block schedule have the same educational opportunity as those on a traditional schedule. The response was that the number of classes per year is the same at all sites, however, the configuration is different.

Arnulfo Romero, community member: Parents are content that they are being heard by the Board, superintendent, and SMHS administration. Although teachers say they want to work together, there has been no effort by the association to meet with parents. Parents appreciate the invite to participate in the upcoming cultural proficiency training.

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Tiofila Morales: Mrs. Morales urged the Board to make good decisions concerning the number of classes students need to take in order to be prepared for the future. She asked that teachers show more interest in their students and increase communication with parents.

Clint Hinkle, teacher: Thanked the PCIC group for their support. He was moved by Dr. Karamitsos' speech about her father at the September board meeting. He reflected on his father and asked others to reflect on theirs. He questioned what fathers would strive for to improve student learning: reduce class size, lower graduation requirements, allow administrators to bully and intimidate teachers, manipulate students to undermine teachers and to segregate parents?

Rafaela Moreno, parent representative: Mrs. Moreno asked that current issues not be about racism and that all groups work together. She is pleased with the outcome of the last SDM meeting and looks forward to future positive meetings.

Dana Valverde: Noted that the commonality in teachers is their dedication to students and she hopes that contracts will be settled soon. She is pleased that teachers want to increase graduation requirements and agrees there is a need to increase literacy. Concerning parents helping students at home, she noted that the majority of SMHS parents cannot help students with English. The data provided tonight by a teacher concerning the percentage of students meeting A-G is not a valid reason to keep the block schedule as many other surrounding districts have higher percentages.

Estela Vasquez: Is very concerned about student education. She noted that some parents cannot participate in school activities as many of them have more than one job. She realizes that teachers have a difficult job; parents also have a difficult job. She wants to work with teachers to ensure success for all students.

Jose Castellanos: Provided an analogy with a message of how the association is holding the district hostage to humiliate Principal Joe Domingues and Superintendent Richardson for giving the SMHS parents a voice. He shared a negative quote from a news article, by a faculty association member, that prompted him to question why teachers deserve a raise.

Dr. Karamitsos believes that all groups present at the meeting are interested in increasing student achievement. Dr. Karamitsos said the goal is for all groups to work collaboratively in order to ensure a productive environment. She stated that race has no role in what the groups are trying to accomplish. Dr. Karamitsos acknowledged the positive comments made by speakers that all groups need to work together. She noted that a lot of current issues will be part of the Strategic Plan as LCFF includes changes that involve teachers, parents, and classified employees working together. Dr. Karamitsos clarified that it is not the intent of the Board to withhold information or allow misinformation to continue. It is important to the Board to have conversation that is thoughtful and meaningful.

### **Items not on the Agenda**

There were no items discussed that were not on the agenda.

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**Next Meeting Date**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 13, 2013. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Righetti High School cafeteria, 901 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

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**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.