

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 10, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held on April 10, 2018 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and an open session at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Palera, Lopez, Garvin, Karamitsos

Members absent: Perez

OPEN SESSION

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

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Palera called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the Flag Salute.

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session items. The Board approved certificated and classified personnel actions as submitted and approved all three student matters. They were updated on labor negotiations.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Jennifer Hernandez/SMHS: ASB hosted a successful Pennies for Patients Campaign. They raised \$3,132.95. They are currently preparing to hold ASB elections for the 2018-2019 school year. The Alpine Club will be taking a large group of students to Yosemite. Saints Band delivered an outstanding performance at the Band-O-Rama. Spanish Honors Society will be hosting a free Stress Reliever Event on April 14.

Clarielisa Ocampo/PVHS: ASB is hosting Kindness Week to spread love and kindness throughout the campus. Several student council members attended the CASL conference. They received the Outstanding Leadership Program Award. The International Language Fair is on Saturday. The play *Footloose* will be performed on April 19 and 20 at the Performing Arts Center. PVHS students placed in the Santa Barbara County Science Fair. There will be a Dinner Theatre on May 10.

Aaron Lee/RHS: Held an AP Parent night last month. ASB student leaders attended the CASL conference. Key Club is hosting a student versus staff game on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. The 21st annual Film Festival will be held on April 27 and 28. There will be a graduation celebration on May 1 for students that were accepted into colleges. The Senior Prom will be held on May 12.

Ruby Estrada/Delta: There will be a soccer tournament in Paso Robles on May 10. In Wired Wednesday, students are excited to host their own global 72-hour game jam. Twenty schools have registered already, they hope to have 500 by the day of the jam. GLO club's campaign

has various guest speakers come to campus to share real stories of overcoming obstacles. Students were positively impacted. A group of students helped organize the Latinos Unidos Conference. All Delta students attended an anti-bullying and mentorship field trip (W.A.R.) at SMHS. A guest author (Reyna Grande, author of *The Distance Between Us*) attended a class and signed books for the students.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson would like to move the June 19 meeting time to 8:30 a.m. He asked the Board to please check their calendar and the change can be firmed up at the May 15 meeting.

Dr. Richardson announced the thirty-seven classified employees that were nominated for Classified Employee of the Year. This is the largest number we have had in the three years of participating in the program. He congratulated them and thanked them for their service to the district.

Five employees were selected as their category winners and received a plaque. Their packets were sent on to the Santa Barbara County Education Office. They were: Elias Camacho/Maintenance, Operations and Facilities; Joe Gonzalez/Transportation; Denise Robles/Office and Technical; Sylvia Salinas/Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance; John Widle/Support Service and Security. Mr. Widle was also selected by SBCEO to advance to the state round of competition.

Other Classified Employee of the Year nominees received a certificate and were also recognized at the meeting. They included: Dina Araizaga, Patty Blythe, Cathy Cabrera, Tracy Coates, Cheryl Fairfield, Tom Fast, Cheryl Foster, Sandra Fry, Buddy Garcia, Erica Garcia, Holly Gramespacher, James Harvey, Diane Juarez, Leticia Juarez, Ruby Lara, Nicole Latham, Lorena Maldonado, Tony May, Jeanette McColm, Veronica Morales, Julie Norris, Rebecca Ollice, Karine Perez, Monica Raygoza, Christie Rebaldo, Jesse Soto, Rebecca Spendlove, Chuck Tafoya, Karen Townsend, Patricia Van Hise, Maribel Vargas, and Jose Vasquez.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Karamitsos: After going through the agenda it is so evident how much work is happening throughout the district. She thanked the staff (overall) for doing a tremendous job.

Dr. Garvin: He congratulated the district for participating in the ALICE training. He commended Kenny Klein for recognizing the successes of the FFA groups and he commended all the FFA teachers. The FFA groups are huge and it is very impressive and wonderful to see everything they are doing. He reminded the Board that there is a Santa Barbara County School Board dinner on Thursday night.

Ms. Lopez: She welcomed everyone back from spring break and thanked them for everything they do. Great to have these presentations like the Classified Employee of the Year to see everything that they are doing. It's fun when we get to have celebrations for valued employees. She would like to see us have trauma training for students. There is so much going on nationally and globally and it affects how students learn.

Mr. Palera: Diana Perez couldn't be here tonight due to a work meeting out of town but he assured everyone that she has been following everything going on.

PRESENTATIONS

Technology Report

John Davis introduced Larry Dragan regarding the Technology Initiatives for 2018-19:

Mr. Dragan said his department has four main targets they are working on:

- Replacement of core network switching components
- Increasing network bandwidth to schools
- Implementing new data storage backup system
- Continued one-to-one device program
 - Purchasing 2500 for incoming freshmen (Lenovo Tablets)
 - Transitioning the tablet check-in/out process to Aeries

Mr. Palera asked about ransom ware. Mr. Dragan explained that the district backup system is in Las Vegas, which will protect us from that.

Mr. Davis introduced the Technology TOSA's (Teachers on Special Assignments). The TOSA's were outstanding teachers in the classroom and have respect of their peers. They are Justin Fraser/Delta, Mark Markstone/SMHS, Geri Coats/ERHS, Annie Steiger/PVHS (who was unable to attend).

Geri Coats began the presentation. She explained that they listened to the students and replaced the brand of the initial one on one tablets with Lenovo and the difference is huge. We don't have the breaking. It is a laptop but it is a yoga and you can operate it as a tablet. Key points were:

- Canvas: It is a learning management system and they are in the first year of implementation. It allows students to have one place to have content. Teachers can grade and students can access those grades all in one place (all subjects). We have about 30% of our teachers eagerly jumping in to learn about it. 80% have attended training and some are preparing for next year (to be ready to roll in the fall). Most students have at least one class that are using Canvas. Parents can also log in and see what the teachers post for work. We have worked on getting our instructional aides and counselors trained as well to provide better usage. Dr. Karamitsos asked if it translates into other languages. Ms. Coats said it does.

- Courses are now being offered online curricula (Collections through HMH). There are a lot more interactive activities. Students know how they are doing a lot faster.
- They are purchasing Gizmos – interactive online simulations for math and science.
- They attended the CUE (Computer Using Educators) conference and learned about everything in education in technology. They learned ways to implement learning in the classroom and helping teachers. The presentation being shown tonight has links that they can share with you. They have over 40 pages of notes from the conference that can be shared with their peers.
- Augmented Teaching – using 3D images to bridge the gap between the virtual and physical worlds.

Matt Markstone shared a video that students worked on showing what our students could do using their tablets and phones. They were shooting videos to promote elective classes. We could show the videos to parents and students to see the classes that they can take. They are translating it in Spanish and Mixteco.

Justin Fraser discussed coding, gaming and more. Students are learning to code by making video games/math, logic, reasoning, and problem-solving concepts all rolled into one. He talked about a student that is working on a site (*Thoughtful Daisy*) that posts a happy thought a day. He introduced Jeff Cooper to discuss how technology can help run a garden.

Jeff Cooper spoke about Garden Variety Engagement – Delta’s high school living laboratory. People use the outdoor space and combine technology by figuring out sustainable water generation and returning nitrates to the soil. He handed out artichokes and celery that were grown in the garden. They have received grants from people (Plantel, Engel & Gray, Home Depot, and many more). Mr. Cooper said he was telling Mr. Fraser that he was working on water reclamation and Mr. Fraser said you want a Raspberry Pi to designate where it needs to go. Mr. Cooper didn’t know what it was but now they have it set up. They are using emitters and rain runoff. The system will sustain itself. Mr. Cooper also was invited to present at a conference at the Mussell Center.

Mr. Fraser spoke about 3D printing and handed out keychains to the board members. He explained that all presentations at CUE were Google Docs because you can share them. He asked the board members to go to teamtosa.com and click on the links to find out more information and take a survey.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

GENERAL

The Board is asked to approve Resolution Number 15-2017-2018 Intent to Initiate Transition From At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections for the 2022 Governing Board Election

Board members are currently elected in “at-large” elections, where each member is elected by voters throughout the District. The California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) prohibits the use of “at-large” elections in certain circumstances. “By-trustee area” elections, in which members are elected by voters in geographical subdivisions of the jurisdiction, are immune from challenge under the CVRA. Thus, in light of the CVRA, many school district and local agencies have transitioned from at-large to by-trustee area elections to avoid the cost associated with CVRA litigation.

In view of the recent decision by the City of Santa Maria, along with other local municipalities and districts, to transition to by-trustee area elections, there are sound reasons for taking this action voluntarily, without a claim or threat of litigation being asserted. The data from the federal 2020 census will permit trustee areas to be drawn with the most up-to-date demographic data for implementation in the 2022 election.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Dr. Garvin to approve Resolution Number 15-2017-2018. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

Approval of MOU for Classified Bargaining Unit regarding a change to a bargaining unit job description – Appendix C

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached settlement agreement regarding a change to a bargaining unit job description.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to on March 22, 2018 will take effect upon approval by both parties. **(See Appendix C)**

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 to approve the Agreement with the Classified Bargaining Unit as presented.

Approval of MOU for Classified Bargaining Unit regarding reimbursement for appropriate work wear for Health Office employees – Appendix D

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached settlement agreement regarding reimbursement for appropriate work wear for Health Office employees.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) tentatively agreed to on March 22, 2018 will take effect upon approval by both parties. **(See Appendix D)**

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Lopez. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 to approve the Agreement with the Classified Bargaining Unit.

BUSINESS

Consider adopting the 7th Status Report on the Reconfiguration and Facilities Program dated March 2018

In August 2014, the Board adopted a Reconfiguration and Facilities Program (“Program”) prepared by Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. (CFW) that assessed the facilities needs at the District’s four high school sites and presented an improvement and financing program to accommodate these needs. As part of the Agreement with the District, CFW prepares semi-annual program updates to the Board that review implementation activities.

Mr. Emilio Flores from CFW was in attendance and presented the update. The report is on the district website.

Dr. Richardson explained that we got funded in two grants (Ag and Hospitality) by CDE. The district received high scores. It is for the big ticket items. We are still utilizing the CTEIG grant. We will be working on it this year and next year. It must be spent by June 2019. There is legislature possibly going through right now to extend the date.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 to approve the 7th Status Report on the Reconfiguration and Facilities Program.

Inflationary Increase of Developer Fees – Level I – Resolution Number 13-2017-2018 – Appendix F

Legislation (AB 2926 Sterling, passed in October 1986) authorized public school districts to levy fees to assist in mitigating impaction of facilities due to the growth in student populations

from new construction and expansion of residential properties within district boundaries. The State Allocation Board approved an inflationary increase to the fees at their January 24, 2018 Board meeting.

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	SAB APPROVED RATES	PREVIOUS SAB RATES	CHANGE	PRIOR DISTRICT SPLIT	NEW DISTRICT SPLIT
Residential	\$3.79	\$3.48	\$.31	\$1.07	\$1.17
Commercial/ Industrial	\$.61	\$.56	\$.05	\$.17	\$.19

Resolution No. 13-2017-2018 presented as Appendix F authorizes the district to adjust the developer fees for residential, commercial and industrial properties pursuant to Government Code Section 65995. Exhibit A of the resolution is the district’s Developer Fee Justification Study, dated March 2018. Exhibit B of the resolution is a sample of the fee split agreement that the district has with four of our feeder elementary districts – Blochman, Guadalupe, Orcutt and Santa Maria-Bonita and the fee split schedule.

A public hearing was required. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0 to approve Resolution Number 13-2017-2018 increasing the School Develop Fees – Level 1, per State Allocation Board approved rates, effective June 11, 2018.

A roll call vote was required:

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

Approval of Resolution Supporting Award of Lease-Leaseback Agreements to Vernon Edwards Constructors, Inc. for the CTE Center/Ag Farm Facilities Construction Project – Resolution Number 14-2017-2018 – Appendix G

The CTE Center/Ag Farm Facilities Construction Project (hereafter, the “Project”) includes pre-construction and construction of the new facilities.

On January 12, 2018, a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) to provide pre-construction and construction lease-leaseback services was issued for the Project and properly advertised pursuant to Education Code section 17406. The District received proposals from two firms, both meeting prequalification and submittal requirements.

A District Selection Committee reviewed the proposals and interviewed the two firms. Subsequently, District staff evaluated the firms based on the District's adopted criteria and rating system to determine the firm providing the best value to the District pursuant to the District's Board Policy, and the RFQ/P. The District Selection Committee recommends Vernon Edwards Constructors, Inc. as the highest ranked respondent according to the adopted best value methodology.

The District seeks the approval of the Board of the attached Resolution No. 14-2017-2018 and authorization of District administration to enter into agreements with Vernon Edwards Constructors, Inc. for lease-leaseback preconstruction and construction services for the Project.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 4-0 to approve Resolution Number 14-2017-2018, award supporting the Lease-Leaseback Agreements to Vernon Edwards Constructors, Inc. for the CTE Center/Ag Farm Facilities Construction Project and authorizes District administration to enter into agreements with Vernon Edwards Constructors, Inc. for lease-leaseback preconstruction and construction services.

A roll call vote was required:

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

CONSENT ITEMS

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

A roll call vote was required:

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

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports from employee organizations.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPEAKER	TOPIC
Abraham Melendrez	Trustee Area Elections (Item #1 on the agenda)

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held May 15, 2018. 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

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| June 12, 2018 | August 7, 2018 | October 9, 2018 |
| June 19, 2018 | September 11, 2018 | November 13, 2018 |
| July 10, 2018 | | December 11, 2018 |

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.