

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 18, 2022**

A special meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held on January 18, 2022. Consistent with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953, this meeting was held remotely.

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

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The flag salute was led by Mr. Palera.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

GENERAL

Third Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Composition of By-Trustee Area Maps

Resource Person: Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; Chelsea Olson Murphy, Attorney – Lozano Smith; Daniel Phillips, Demographer – National Demographics Corporation

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (“District”) Board of Education (“Board”) is currently elected under an “at-large” election system, where trustees are elected by voters of the entire District. Trustees are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms. On April 10, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. 15-2017-2018, Intent to Initiate Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections for the 2022 Governing Board Election. As provided in Resolution No. 15-2017-2018, the Board intended to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data then begin the transition process.

On September 14, 2021 and October 12, 2021, the Board considered information regarding the process and potential criteria for drawing the trustee area boundary maps, and the Board held statutorily required public hearings to receive input from the community on the trustee area map creation process, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010(a)(1).

On November 19, 2021, the District timely published three proposed trustee area maps on the District’s website for consideration by the Board and the community. On November 30, 2021, the proposed trustee maps were presented to the Board by the District’s professional demographer National Demographics Corporation (“NDC”). On or about November 30, 2021, the District also received several maps submitted by the community. It timely posted those maps to its website on December 7, 2021.

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On December 14, 2021, the District received an additional presentation from NDC regarding the proposed trustee area maps. Based on input from that meeting, an additional “purple map” was created and timely published on the District’s website on January 11, 2022.

The proposed maps may be accessed on the District website at:

<http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/?DivisionID=16591&DepartmentID=29826&ToggleSideNav=DivisionOnly>

On January 18, 2022, the District held an additional public hearing to provide an another opportunity for students and community members to share their input outside of final exams and winter break. This was the fifth public hearing on the transition to trustee areas and the third since the draft maps have been available for review. The District’s demographer presented a new “purple” map based on input and feedback from both the community and board members. In addition, an overview was provided on the three maps submitted by the community. The purple plan was drawn to combine Northwest Santa Maria with Guadalupe while maintaining most of the original architecture of the green plan. The Board will consider adopting a proposed trustee area map at its February 2022 meeting.

A public hearing was required. The public hearing was opened.

Public comments:

Written public comment:

Name
Lata Murti
Lay Tep
Pam Gates
Helen Galvan
Rebeca Garcia
Andrew Oman
Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

Live phone calls:

Name
Daniel Segura
Michelle Escobar

The public hearing was closed.

The board thanked the demographer for his services and were appreciative of all feedback provided through the multiple public hearings.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2022

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Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held February 8, 2022. Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. Please refer to the February 8th agenda for further details on meeting location/access.

Regular Board Meetings for 2022:

March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022

June 7, 2022
June 14, 2022
July 12, 2022
August 2, 2022

September 13, 2022
October 11, 2022
November 8, 2022
December 13, 2022

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.