

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 in the Support Services Center on October 13, 2010, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: None

**Open Session**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**Announce Closed Session Actions**

Closed Session Actions - Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions: (1) Student Matters - The Board approved 4 proposed expulsions with one modification to a student behavioral contract; (2) Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions - The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented; 3) Conference with labor negotiators regarding Federal Jobs Bill information and impact of State budget on negotiations; and 4) Superintendent's evaluation – positive evaluation with one year contract extension with same terms and conditions.

**Presentations**

**Accountability Program Reporting (APR)**

Dr. Frazier, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an overview of the Accountability Progress Reporting results. Dr. Frazier reported that students are making academic progress despite the increase in the AYP target. Dr. Frazier explained that the Academic Performance Index (API) looks at growth in student performance. She was happy to report that Pioneer Valley exceeded school-wide growth targets five times. The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports looks at the percentage of students scoring proficient or above. She explained that the four component of AYP are: 1) participation rate; 2) percent proficient in English language arts and mathematics; 3) API; and 4) graduation rates.

Dr. Karamitsos asked if other district area schools are meeting AYP targets. Dr. Frazier responded that Foxen (Blochman Union School District) was the only feeder school that met its AYP target. Righetti High School met the proficiency percentage in English- Language Arts based on a two-year average; meaning it met its proficiency target two consecutive years (2007-2008 and 2008-2009). She added that Righetti was very close to meeting its target rate in 2009-2010. Santa Maria High School has not made as much growth but is getting closer to meeting the math target.

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Dr Frazier also provided the district-wide status: the district is in Year 3 of Program Improvement (PI); Santa Maria is in Year 3 PI; Pioneer Valley is in Year 2 PI; and Righetti is in Year 1 PI. Delta is not in PI because it operates under the Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) for testing purposes.

Dr. Frazier explained that only schools receiving Title I funding are identified for Program Improvement. Schools are identified after missing AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area (ELA or mathematics) or on the same indicator (API or graduation rate). In order to exit Program Improvement a school must make AYP for two consecutive years.

Dr. Frazier also provided data on the number of schools and districts in Santa Barbara County that are in PI. Of the 124 schools in the county, 54 schools are in PI; 23 are not in PI, and 47 schools are not Title I schools.

Kathy Pritchard, EL Director, explained that Title 3 provides supplemental funding to implement programs designed to help English Learners and immigrant students attain English proficiency and meet the State's academic content standards.

Ms. Pritchard explained that the Annual Measureable Achievement Objective (AMAO) goals are as follows: 1) EL students with one level growth on the CELDT; 2) percent of EL students scoring proficient on the CELDT, and 3) AYP progress for the English Learner subgroup based on 10<sup>th</sup> grade CAHSEE, API, and graduation rate. Ms. Pritchard reported that Goal 1 and Goal 2 were not met. Goal 3 was met through Safe Harbor in 2008-2009 but not in 2009-2010. Safe harbor is granted when the English Learner percentage increases from below proficient to proficient.

Dr. Karamitsos asked why students are not making progress. Ms. Pritchard responded that one reason may be that students may not be doing their best on the CELDT. Pioneer Valley piloted administering the CELDT during the school year rather than in the summer as done in the past. Pioneer Valley teachers are explaining the importance of the test to students and are encouraging them to do well. If test percentages improve at Pioneer Valley then other schools may also want to administer the test during the school year.

Ms. Pritchard added that Title III Program Improvement requirements are that parents be notified of results, that the Title III Improvement Plan written in 2009-2010 be implemented and that parents are informed that the district is in Year 5 of Program Improvement.

Dr. Frazier stated that the district will continue to focus on the English Learner subgroup and will continue to work hard to meet the needs of all students. She announced that the District Site Leadership Team (DSLTT) will meet on the following dates: Monday, November 1, Monday, January 31, and Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Tognazzini commended Dr. Frazier and staff for their efforts to increase student achievement.

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### **Items Scheduled for Information**

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

##### **State Budget Report**

Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, attended the School Finance and Management Conference. She provided an overview of the State Adopted Budget, as it relates to our district. Ms. Bennett reported that although there is some good news, the district needs to ensure that the adopted budget is sustainable. It is anticipated that the district will receive more money but the amount to be received and the date is not known at this time. Ms. Bennett provided a PowerPoint by School Services which explained the major changes from the May Revision to the final budget as well as risks to the State budget and the Per-ADA Revenue volatility.

Ms. Bennett provided a chart showing revenue limit deficit factors (State dollars our district is eligible to receive) beginning in 1993-94 through 2010/11. She noted that there was no deficit in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03. The chart indicated that deficit factors resumed after 2002/03. She also provided the history of the Revenue Limit funding beginning in 2007/08 projected through 2012/13. Ms. Bennett noted that the Base Revenue Limit reduction which was to be in effect for 2009/10 only, remains in effect. The last time the district received the full Revenue Limit was in 2007/08. She also noted the dollar amounts that the district received compared to what it was entitled to receive.

Ms. Bennett reported that the State continues to defer payments. She noted that revenue money owed to the district in February and June would not be paid until July; April and May money owed would be paid in August. In addition, money owed to our district in October is scheduled to be received in November. In total the State owes our district 34.5 percent in revenue limit money which the district will not receive this fiscal year. Dr. Karamitsos asked about deferrals to other agencies such as prisons. Ms. Bennett responded that because prisons are run by the state they do not have issues with deferrals.

Ms. Bennett provided a review of the multiyear projections and the need to plan three years out. She cautioned that the district not count on any anticipated COLA's. She suggested that the district look at one-time dollars, dollars available through Tier 3 Flexibility used to balance the budget, and ARRA funds which need to be spent by September 2011. She said a significant shortfall in 2013/14 is expected as Tier 3 dollars will no longer be available. She also noted that the district has three years left in QEIA. Ms. Bennett said the budget is better than expected but remains cautious of its sustainability. She added that education is the biggest part of the state budget therefore, the cuts are big.

#### **Principal Reports**

The principals did not provide a report as their information was part of the Accountability Program Reporting explained above.

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### **Student Reports**

Student board representatives reported on the activities at their site. Sensika Niyathapala/RHS: The Special Olympics club participated in the Special Olympics regional games, MECHA fundraiser for homeless shelters in Santa Barbara County, first Homecoming Rally on October 15, second Homecoming Rally on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Homecoming dance on October 23, and staff luncheon hosted by ASB officers on October 28th. Lauren Gomes/SMHS: ASB hosted Club Rush (40 clubs recruiting new members), FBLA Conference in Santa Clara on October 15<sup>th</sup>, mural on the Wilson Gym, Concert Chorale participates in the Westmont/Santa Barbara Choral festival, a new club Gay-Straight Alliance was started, and the senior magazine sale continues. Melissa Tinoco/SMHS: Peace week is October 11-15<sup>th</sup>, Red Ribbon Week is October 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, STAR reward party is on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Senior Citizen's Dance on October 24<sup>th</sup>, Club Rush on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Academic Awards Night on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and Varsity vs. St. Joe's on October 29th. Delta High School activities: Thirty-one DHS students attended Career day at Allan Hancock College on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill Cirone, Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools will visit Delta on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Lisa Walters, Faculty Association representative, welcomed Dr. Sergio Flores. She also thanked Dr. Flores and Dr. Kimberly for moving teachers from temporary status to probationary status.

### **Board Member Reports**

Mr. Tognazzini reported that Joe Domingues, SMHS Principal, provided an outstanding presentation at a Rotary luncheon. He thanked Mr. Domingues for his enthusiasm.

Dr. Karamitsos applauded Santa Maria High School students for establishing the new Gay-Straight Alliance club. She added that sometimes young people find it easier to understand and respect a person's sexual orientation. She also asked about dance fees for a same gender couple compared to fees for male/female couple. Dr. Reece recalled this issue had been addressed in the past and resulted in all couples paying the same rate for dance tickets. It was suggested this topic might be for ASB discussion.

### **Items Scheduled for Action**

#### **Instruction**

#### **Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**

Dr. Frazier, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction reported on the Williams Uniform Complaints. Pursuant to Education Code Section 35186, the governing board of a school district must conduct a public hearing to report on the Williams Uniform Complaints Report. Dr. Frazier stated that each school site has reported that there have been no complaints for the months of July - September 2010 in the general subject areas of Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancy or Misassignments, Facilities

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Conditions or Valenzuela/CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Williams Uniform Complaints report as presented.

### **Central Coast Articulation Group / 2010/11**

The purpose for the Partnership Agreement is to confirm that Santa Maria Joint Union High School District will participate in the Central Coast Articulation Group for the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Frazier reported that the agreement for partnership participation includes the following:

- a) Both agencies agree to work through the Tech Prep Consortium to develop programs of study and alignment of courses; create formats for state funded course sequencing from secondary and Regional Occupational Program (ROP) through community college and universities (utilize statewide articulation templates where available).
- b) Align and incorporate career and technical education state standards; initiate Cal-PASS as the Tech Prep student tracking program; develop new courses and articulation agreements; develop professional learning councils; provide professional development to faculty, staff and counselors.
- c) Explore the option of establishing a website that will identify the partnership, programs of study and articulated courses; and evaluate project success and modify activities as determined.

**A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the participation in the Central Coast Articulation Group for the 2010-2011 school year.**

### **Regional Occupational Program**

Tony Bauer, ROP Director provided the High School Student ROP Participation Report. He reported that the plan was to increase our district's student participation rate (currently 11.09 percent) but that has not happened due to reduced State funding. Mr. Bauer added that the North and South County ROP programs which he is now directing have been consolidated.

Mr. Tognazzini asked if the board could help increase our district's participation rate as it is second to the lowest in the county. Mr. Bauer responded that the block schedule at Santa Maria and Pioneer Valley had been an issue in terms of the required instructional minutes, but that issue has now been resolved. He added that prior plans to add classes were on hold due to funding. However, some money is now available and he will continue to work on placing an ROP class at Pioneer Valley.

Mr. Bauer will continue to prepare to expand the program by researching various factors such as, student interest, teacher availability and the labor market. He said this will en-

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sure all is in place when full funding is available. Currently the district offers the following classes: Agricultural Mechanics, Communication Technology, CAD/Manufacturing, Medical Science/Health Careers, Multimedia Occupations, Office Technology, Ornamental Horticulture, Retail Merchandising, Introduction to Education, Viticulture Occupations, and Video Production/Filmmaking. Mr. Bauer anticipates twenty classes could be added once full funding is available. He said classes for public service programs such as law enforcement, firefighters, and medical occupations can be added if there is a demand in those fields. Mr. Bauer reported that Robert Garcia (RHS teacher) has some of the best video production classes in the area. Dr. Kimberly said he would explore the option of a CTE academy and provide the information to the Board for action at its December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Education Code 52304.1 requires the Governing Board to annually review and assess participation in Regional Occupational Programs (ROP). The law further requires the Board to prepare an annual plan to increase the participation of these pupils. The following plan is prepared to address Education Code requirements:

- ▶ Conduct annual meetings between SMJUHSD guidance/SMJUHSD administrative personnel and ROP guidance/ROP administrative personnel to conduct joint planning and continued integration to maximize ROP student enrollment.
- ▶ Maintain joint responsibility at each high school site between SMJUHSD and ROP administration and guidance personnel to maximize ROP student enrollment.
- ▶ Allow SMHS juniors and seniors to enroll in year-long ROP classes (i.e., take one ROP block in terms 1,2, 3, and 4).
- ▶ Maintain timely communication between SMJUHSD and ROP guidance personnel regarding all registration/scheduling procedures and timelines.
- ▶ Continue with the effective ROP Publicity Program to all District sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- ▶ Continue with the integration of the ROP Guidance and Publicity Programs with:
  - a. SMHS, RHS and DHS student career path and career counseling programs
  - b. SMHS and RHS Career Center efforts.
- ▶ Institute joint planning between SMJUHSD Superintendent, SMJUHSD Assistant Superintendent, SMHS Principal, RHS Principal, PVHS Principal and ROP Director to identify new potential ROP courses.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the proposed plan to improve and increase student participation in the Santa Barbara County Regional Occupational Program.

### **Business**

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### **Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties**

Education Code Section 35161 grants the Board of Education the authority to delegate various powers and duties to employees of the district to act on its behalf. The Board has approved various resolutions and approved authorized signers for various duties in the past. However, due to periodic changes of personnel, it is necessary to update those resolutions and authorizations.

Passage of the following resolution will authorize the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Director of Fiscal Services, Assistant Director of Fiscal Services, Director of Facilities and Operations and the Facilities Planner to act on behalf of the Board of Education with specific limitations or restrictions. Ms. Bennett asked that the Board approve Resolution No. 7-2010-2011 as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 7-2010-2011 delegating specific powers and duties of the Board of Education to employees of the district and notify the County Superintendent of Schools accordingly.

### **Authorized Signature Forms**

Ms. Bennett explained that the District is required to review and update the "Authorized Signature Forms" that are kept on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the County Superintendent's offices on an annual basis. These forms are used to verify information and validate signatures on District documents.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the "Authorized Signature Forms" on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and for transmittal to the County Superintendent of Schools.

### **SIPE Representatives**

The district participates in a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) for Self-Funding of Workers' Compensation. Each district appoints one representative and one alternate to the Self-Insured Program for Employees (SIPE) Board of Directors. Ms. Bennett asked that Resolution No. 8-2010-2011 be approved. The resolution authorizes the district's appointment of Reese Thompson as a representative and Sergio Flores as an alternate to the SIPE Board of Directors.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 8-2010-2011 authorizing the appointment of a representative and an alternate to the SIPE Board of Directors.**

### **Consent Items**

**A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented:**

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### A. Approval of Minutes

September 8, 2010 - Regular Meeting  
September 27, 2010 - Special Meeting

### B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of September 2010

Payroll	\$4,818,514.91
Warrants	<u>2,339,852.43</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,158,367.34</u></b>

### C. Pupil Personnel Matters

1. ERHS student #328530, 11th grade.  
For: Fight  
Recommendation: Suspended expulsion through December 31, 2010 with preferred placement in ISSE.
2. ERHS student #331201, 11th grade.  
For: Fight  
Recommendation: Expulsion through June 15, 2011 with preferred placement in FCS.
3. PVHS student #331744, 10th grade.  
For: Possession of bags of marijuana for sale, drug paraphernalia and marijuana.  
Recommendation: Suspended expulsion through June 15, 2011 with preferred placement in Reach Program.
4. SMHS student #330493, 10th grade.  
For: Fight  
Recommendation: Suspended expulsion through June 15, 2011 with preferred placement in IS-PVHS.

### D. Acceptance of Gifts

#### Pioneer Valley High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Elaine Hale Memorial Scholarship	PVHS	\$1,125.00
Altrusa Club of the Central Coast Foundation, Inc.	Altrusa/Astra Scholarships	5,000.00
Santa Maria Associated Employees Federal Credit Union	Link Crew	100.00
Community Bank of Santa Maria	Link Crew	100.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	PVHS Band	200.00
California Future Business Leaders of	FBLA	800.00



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America		
PC Mechanical	Athletics	300.00
DryTech Restoration	Girls Tennis	200.00
Vann Distributing	PVHS Band	100.00
Matthew Vann		
Central City Tree & Landscape Service -Mark Rodriguez	Girls Basketball	500.00
Stephen P. McGuire	Boys Basketball	500.00
PVHS Hospitality Committee	Girls Basketball	250.00
Santa Maria Valley Physical Therapy Group, IN.	Star Incentive	150.00
	Star Incentive	100.00
<b>TOTAL PIONEER VALLEY SCHOOL</b>		<b>\$9,425.00</b>

E. Request for Travel

<b>School</b>	<b>Instructor in Charge</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
RHS	Miguel Guerra	FFA Leadership Conference/Hollister, CA	10/9-10, 2010
RHS	Kevin LeClair	AVID College Trip/Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Diego, CA	10/13-15, 2010
RHS	Jennifer Flaa, Advisor/Coach	SF 4934 Halftime Performance	10/16-17, 2010
RHS	Miguel Guerra	National FFA Convention/Indianapolis, Indiana	10/17-23, 2010
SMHS	Marc DeBernardi	National FFA Convention/Indianapolis, Indiana	10/17-23, 2010
RHS	Kelley DeBernardi	Student Leadership Retreat/Hungry Valley, LeBec, CA	10/11-12, 2010
SMHS	Lorin Cuthbert	Auto Racing/Bakersfield, CA	10/14-17, 2010 10/22-24, 2010
PVHS	Sandra Sylvester	FBLA Leadership Development Institute/Santa Clara, CA	10/15-17, 2010
PVHS	Carolyn Moir	La Tertulia Trip to Madrid & Paris	4/16-24, 2011

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Completed pre-arranged Absence and Release of Liability Forms with parent/guardian's signature are on file at each site. The names of students and chaperones are also on file and have been approved by the site principal.

### F. Evaluator Competence

Per Education Code §35160.5 and Board Policy 5551, the district is required to submit to the Board a list of administrators whose duties include the evaluation of certificated personnel. The district hereby certifies that the following administrators have demonstrated competence in instructional methodologies and evaluation for certificated staff they are assigned to evaluate.

Chavarria, Elyssa R.	Flores, Pete	Iniguez, Jose
Chavez, Esther P.	Flores, Sergio	Kimberly, Doug
Christen, Tina	Frazier, Kathy	Molina, Steve
Davis, Lee	Haws, Peter	Pritchard, Kathy
Domingues, Joe	Herrera, Shanda	Ringstead, Dee
Evans, Frances	Hutton, David	Rotondi, Karen

### G. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

P.O. #	Vendor	Amount	Description & Funding
B11-0147	Sysco Foods	\$200,000.00	Food Supplies - Cafeteria Fund

### H. Attendance Reports

The first month attendance report was not provided. The report will be presented at the November 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### I. Facilities Report, Appendix B

## Open Session Public Comments

Mark Mitchell shared his concern about the number of students off campus during the lunch break. His complaint is that students are in the middle of the street making it difficult for him to get to his home. Mr. Mitchell said this had not been a problem in the past when the sheriff was present. His concern is that there is no supervision and recently two chairs were taken from RHS and placed by a street food vendor. He noted he has spoken with the RHS principal and superintendent and hasn't seen any changes. Mr. Mitchell feels it is the responsibility of the district to monitor its students. It was noted that there has been discussion to make RHS a closed campus. Dr. Kimberly said he would meet with Mr. Mitchell to review the supervision schedule.

## Items not on the Agenda

No items were addressed that were not on the agenda.

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### **Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting has been rescheduled to November 17, 2010, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.