

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 3, 2021**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held on May 3, 2021 with a closed session at 5:00 p.m. and an open session immediately following.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and immediately adjourned to closed session.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Ortiz led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Garcia announced that there were no actions taken during closed session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Reopening Plan Spring 2021 Update – Appendix A**

The Board of Education has been continuously discussing the path to safely reopening District campuses since the suspension of in-person learning at the end of the last school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Input from families and staff have been sought through Board meetings, surveys, and outreach efforts.

At its March 9, 2021 meeting, the Board approved the Reopening Plan Spring 2021 which included that teachers and staff return to work on campus daily on April 12, 2021 and that 12<sup>th</sup> graders return to campus on hybrid schedule on April 20, 2021. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders would remain in distance learning with weekly evaluations.

Since then, the District and school staff have been implementing the Reopening Plan and preparing for the reopening of schools, including providing in-person learning opportunities for various cohorts and seniors. Today, staff will provide information about Reopening Plan updates, including an updated recommendation for the return of additional students for in-person instruction in a hybrid model, for the Board's approval.

The Board discussed the significant decrease in active COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County, the County's transition into Tier 3 (Orange Tier) under the California Blueprint for a Safer

Economy, and its impact on District plans to continue to reopen schools to in-person instruction in the hybrid model.

The updated recommendation was to bring back additional students in-person, in the current 50% hybrid model, as follows:

- 9th graders return on May 11, giving them a total of 5 weeks on campus
- 10th and 11th graders return on May 18, for a total of 4 weeks on campus

- \* As long as circumstances continue to allow us to do so safely.
- \* Students/parents will continue to have the option to remain in distance learning.
- \* Hybrid and distance learning schedules will remain the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera and seconded by Ms. Lopez to approve the update as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held May 11, 2021. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held via videoconference.

**FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021**

June 8, 2021	August 3, 2021	October 12, 2021
June 15, 2021	September 14, 2021	November 9, 2021
July 13, 2021		December 14, 2021

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.