

**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 February 8, 2012, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Walsh, Garvin, and Karamitsos. Absent: Tognazzini

**Open Session**

Dr. Jack Garvin called the meeting to order. Delta Student Board Representative, Marianna Zepeda-Cedeno, led the flag salute.

**Announce Closed Session Actions**

Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions:

- Student Matters: Approved as presented.
- Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions: Approved as presented.
- Conference with Labor Negotiators:
- Superintendent Evaluation: A draft of the superintendent's was reviewed by board members and will be submitted for final approval at the March 14, 2012 board meeting.
- Existing Litigation Update – The board was brought up to date on two existing litigation cases.

**Presentations**

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee – Recognition of Robin Hayhurst – 4 years (Ms. Diane Bennett)**

Diane Bennett recognized Mrs. Robin Hayhurst for serving four years (2008–12) on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), the term limit per legislation. Mrs. Hayhurst was a very involved committee member who also served as the CBOC chairperson as needed. She often visited school sites to check on projects and to ensure that local contractors were considered/hired to work on bond school projects.

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee "Report to the Public" (CBOC)**

Mr. Chuck Scheithauer presented the annual "Report to the Public" published by the Measure C2004 CBOC. The report contains a summary of the committee's activities for the period July 1, 2010 through June 20, 2011. The purpose of the committee is to ensure the proceeds from the sale of the Measure C2004 Bond are used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, such as teacher and administrative salaries.

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Mr. Scheithauer explained that the committee wanted to ensure that funds were set aside to build a new high school and other key facilities. He explained that the type of high school to be built was based on the projected need and demographics. Mr. Scheithauer stated that the committee wanted to maintain the current policy which states that the district not use bond money for maintenance, which has not been an issue. This also ensures that bond dollars are accurately tracked.

Mr. Scheithauer thanked Ms. Bennett for an outstanding job on working with the CBOC and her management of the bond funds. He announced there are three openings on the CBOC which is a 9 person board. At this time there is a need for parents to serve on the committee. The committee meets every other month and is charged with reviewing bond expenses.

The Board of Education and Dr. Kimberly thanked the CBOC members for their service. Dr. Garvin noted that the role and responsibility of community members is much appreciated. Dr. Kimberly was pleased to report that a potential site (11.5 acres) for a small high school on North Preisker and Broadway and has been found. The next step requires the department of toxic waste to notify the public of any testing taking place. The public will be informed of the site selection via a press release. Faculty and staff will be informed via a memo from Dr. Kimberly's office.

### **School Counseling and Guidance Site Recognition followed by Site Reports**

Mr. John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of the Guidance and Counseling Summit. Mr. Mark Kuranz, past president and director of Professional Development of American School Counselors Association (ASCA) worked with the district's guidance staff to enhance counseling and guidance services for all students. Mr. Davis noted that the summit provided the teams an opportunity to share practices district-wide. This is the second year the summit has been held during professional development day.

The teams review included analyzing and refining current practices as well as reviewing changes implemented after the first summit held last school year. Mr. Davis said the goal is to provide a consistent student-centered approach across the district. Some of the site data looked at includes appropriate student placement, rigor of courses, and goals and action plans to better prepare graduates. Mr. Davis added that Mr. Kuranz has done a good job in helping the district move forward. A follow-up to the summit with Mr. Kuranz will be held in March 2012 (dates have not been finalized).

Pioneer Valley High School: Shanda Herrera explained the role of the counselors and guidance technicians. She liked that the counseling staff had the opportunity to connect with their counter parts from the other schools. Mrs. Herrera recognized the importance of the guidance and counseling staff by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation. Those present at the meeting include: Rosemary Alvara, Gerardo Hernandez, Elva Solorio, Jay Allen, and Maria Fruge.

Santa Maria High School: Joe Domingues thanked his guidance and counseling staff for all they do and the impact they make on the lives of their students. Mr. Domingues said

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SMHS has a great team of five guidance technicians and eight counselors. The summit allowed time for all to work together and provided all staff a common focus. He believes parent involvement, the student 4-year plan and testing intervention has been enhanced. Mr. Domingues presented certificate of appreciation to the following staff: Patty LaForce, Martha Janzen, Victoria Burgos-Lopez, Julie Santoyo, Anita Romero-Soloman, Donna Rivera, Heather Reese, Vicky Ramos, Yolanda Medina, Elena Hernandez, Octavio Medina, and Saira Diaz.

Righetti High School: Steve Molina reported Righetti also has a great guidance team and students are being provided great services. Mr. Molina said an important goal is to communicate to students and parent the services available to all students. Currently RHS is working on developing a four year schedule for students using the Aeries system. He stated the records staff, along with the technology department, is doing a great job to ensure all student data is accurate. Mr. Molina presented a certificate of appreciation to Eric Blanco, counselor. Mr. Blanco has been with the district for ten years; first at SMHS and currently at RHS. He thanked the district for the opportunity to work with Mr. Kuranz who has inspired him to get involved with state and school counseling associations.

Delta High School: Esther Prieto-Chavez said the DHS guidance counseling team consists of Lisa Adams, Tammy Contreras, Jamie Ellis and Al Garcia. The team identifies and meets with students who have two or more "Ds" or "Fs" to develop their school plan. Mrs. Prieto-Chavez noted that Mrs. Adams is the primary parent and student contact and is responsible for student placement. Mrs. Prieto-Chavez said it is important for students to know the services available to them. Mrs. Adams also thanked the board for the opportunity to work with Mr. Kuranz. She is currently implementing some of his work.

Mr. Davis said the summit held on November 17 was powerful. The guidance counseling team had the opportunity to attend Allan Hancock College presentations about transition issues students face when they matriculate at AHC. Guidance technicians also had the opportunity to speak with a representative from Cal Poly.

### **Righetti High School Grant Application**

Steve Molina, RHS Principal and Lee Anne Del Rio, RHS teacher, are working on a grant application funded by the Chumash Indians Foundation. If approved, all teachers and students will receive an iPad for classroom instruction. The funding also includes textbook licenses, five years of tech support and will be insured for damage. Students will be responsible for returning iPads at the end of each school year. The plan is to provide training for two teachers (during professional development days) who will then work with other teachers interested in the program. Teachers will have the option to continue their training during professional development days for the first three years of the program.

Mrs. Del Rio reported on some of the positives of going digital: Greater student engagement; core standards addressed; career and technology prep and practice; interactive textbooks; multiple learning styles such as photos, videos, games, and hotlinks to tutoring. Mrs. Del Rio said that other districts have already piloted this program.

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Dr. Karamitsos asked about the longevity of an iPad. Mrs. Del Rio estimated it is approximately 10 years; a conservative estimate is 6 years and the cost is approximately \$450. Dr. Garvin asked about implementing a pilot program to test the success of the program. Mr. Molina reported that a survey to the staff indicated he had their support. Currently special education students are using iPads as part of their classroom instruction. Karen Draper, SMHS teacher, knows of other districts using this program – the iPads are given to students after a four year cycle as that technology is most likely outdated. Dr. Karamitsos said she is supportive of the program and is happy to see the district is adapting to current changes. Dr. Kimberly thanked Mr. Molina and Mrs. Del Rio for their efforts.

### Items Scheduled for Information

#### Principal Reports

Principals recognized guidance and counseling staff during the School Counseling and Guidance Site Recognition presentation

**Student Reports: Marianna Zepeda–Cedeno/Delta; Lupe Garcia/Santa Maria; Stephany Rubio/Pioneer Valley; and Alex McKinney/Righetti.**

Following are highlights of high school activities:

Delta: Career Exploration speakers include: Universal Technical Institute, AHC Achievement Program, California Highway Patrol, Army, AmeriCorp Volunteer Coordinator, Wyotech, Art Institute, ITT, and Santa Barbara Business College. Other activities include: Blood Drive (26 students participated); Academic Awards (25 recipients); Attendance Awards (42 recipients); Principal's Award (50 recipients); Cash for College night; and Open House.

Santa Maria: The Special Events Committee made chocolate hearts for all teachers; the Sound Commissioners play music 3 times per week; the publicity committee changes the school marquee everyday; the fundraising committee will have a student auction, the sports committee finished hosting the Sports Winter Rallies and ASB Officers are working on the Senior Wall. Other activities include: Kiwanis Trivia contest; Pennies for Patients campaign; Parent Teacher Night; Key Club helped with city barbeque and setup at VTC dance; the Spanish Honor Society volunteered at "Un Cafecito"; Future Business Leaders assisted with Special Olympics fundraising; the Choir will hold their annual silent auction in conjunction with Parent Teacher Night; the Jazz Ensemble is preparing for the 29<sup>th</sup> Central Coast Jazz Festival; the Saints Variety Show is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>; CSF has 137 students; and cheerleaders are hosting the Corrigan Dance.

Pioneer Valley: The Annual Dating Game will take place on Valentine's Day; Clash of the Classes; the production "Louder than Words"; and Muscle Walk for Muscular Dystrophy. Seniors prepare for the end of the year activities including a new voting method (texting); Black Light Rally on March 12 to motivate sophomores about CAHSEE; and PVHS ASB will be recognized as Volunteers of the Month by the Santa Maria City Council for their contributions to the community. Dr. Karamitsos asked Stephany to check at

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her next advisory council meeting how students that do not have a cell phone would submit their vote.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

There were no reports from the classified and certificated representative.

### **Board Member Reports**

#### Board Correspondence

Dr. Garvin shared a letter from a Pioneer Valley student concerning meals available to students on campus. The student would like to see more healthy food options offered as a way to address teen obesity.

Dr. Kimberly announced that Dr. Garvin has been elected to serve as a member of the CSBA Delegate Assembly. He will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### Budget Update – Governor's Proposal for 2012/13

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Associate Superintendent, provided an update of the governor's 2012-13 budget proposal which relies on the passage of the tax initiatives. Mrs. Ortiz explained that this proposal is similar to last year's proposal. The governor's tax initiative requires more than 800,000 signatures by the end of June in order to be placed on the November ballot and more than 50 percent voter approval. It also includes new temporary taxes; an increase for higher earners and an increase in sales and use tax for a period of five years. Mrs. Ortiz also provided two budget scenarios; the first with the assumption that the ballot measure passes; the second scenario is an alternate budget should the ballot measure not pass. Mrs. Ortiz noted that transportation funding will be cut in either scenario. A chart showing revenue limit losses beginning in 2007/08 was provided.

Dr. Kimberly explained that the tax initiative will keep the district afloat but it is not an answer to reduced funding. If the initiative passes, education funding may be re-benchmarked; keeping the ADA at \$6,002, substantially less than the \$7,864 the district is entitled to receive. Dr. Kimberly anticipates a lot of political debate and fears that the outcome will lay the foundation for educational funding for years to come. Although the governor's campaign focused on education, he is not making education a priority.

Dr. Reece asked about the changes to transportation funding. Mrs. Ortiz explained that district will be cut \$300,000 in transportation funding in either of the budget scenario explained above. Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 81 which mandates .65% cut to the revenue limit in 2011-12 in lieu of transportation cut. This results in some district losing more than they would under the transportation cut but also spreads the cut more evenly. Dr. Garvin shared concern that voters might be confused due to the number of initiatives

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being proposed which may result in none of the initiatives passing. Board members shared concern regarding the revenue reductions which are not likely to be paid to districts.

Mrs. Ortiz said another volatile year is anticipated. Although the district remains in a better position than most districts, the deficit spending still needs to be addressed. Mrs. Ortiz added that there will be more to report after the governor's May Revise. Dr. Karamitsos credits the business department for keeping our district solvent. She stated that addressing budget cuts was a difficult task but the Board was able to make sound decisions based on information provided to them. Ms. Bennett credits the Board for making good economical decisions.

Ms. Bennett said that next month's Second Interim report will reflect what the out years will look like based on the governor's current proposal. A positive note is that the district has an ending balance to sustain through the end of this year and cuts would not have to occur until 2013/14. Dr. Kimberly stated that the district is committed to working with the employee units. He finds it difficult to believe that the governor would cut ADA by \$370.

### **Items Scheduled for Action**

#### **Instruction**

Textbook Review

The following textbooks were presented to the Board of Education for preview. They will be presented at the March 14, 2012 Board meeting for second reading and approval.

#### **Santa Maria High School:**

- Government in America: People, Politics and Policy  
George Edwards, Martin Waltenberge, Robert Lineberry,  
Pearson-Longman, 978-0-205-80637-9

#### **Ernest Righetti High School**

- Aspire 200 Projects to Strengthen Your Art Skills  
Valerie Colston, Barron's, 978-0-7641-3811-9
  
- History of Modern Art, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition  
H.H. Arnason & Elizabeth C. Mansfield, Prentice Hall,  
978-0-205673674

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 vote to preview the new textbooks, which will be presented for second reading and approval at the March 14, 2012, Board meeting.

**Proclamation Declaring February 6-10, 2012 as National School Counseling and Guidance Week**

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Mr. Davis reported that National School Counseling and Guidance Week will be celebrated February 6-10, 2012. The goal is to focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional school counseling and guidance staff members in our schools across the country. The National School Counseling and Guidance Week, sponsored by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors and guidance staff can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The counseling and guidance staff teams at each of the schools participated in a Counseling and Guidance Summit on November 17, 2011, after participating in site workshops that same week, which incorporated the ASCA's national counseling and guidance model. Site goals and action plans have been developed to enhance counseling and guidance services for our students and families. Mr. Davis said districtwide follow-up activities are scheduled in March 2012.

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to adopt Resolution 9-2011-2012 declaring February 6-10, 2012 as National School Counseling and Guidance Week.

### **A ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED:**

<b>Dr. Garvin</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dr. Karamitsos</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dr. Reece</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Dr. Walsh</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Tognazzini</b>	<b>Absent</b>

### **Business**

#### **School Bus Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofitting Grant**

The California Air Resource Board (CARB) adopted the in-use Truck and Bus Regulation in December 2008 which included requirements to retrofit diesel-fueled school buses. Many school buses have been brought into compliance with Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) grants and other monies by either replacing old school buses with new school buses or by retrofitting older school buses with a CARB-verified Level 3 retrofit. However, once all the grant funds have been expended, CARB staff estimates that approximately 3,400 non-compliant school buses will remain in California. If no funding is provided for school bus retrofits, the cost of compliance will fall upon the school districts. A "Request for Applications" is being issued to public school districts and private school transportation providers that contract with public school districts, to provide transportation services, throughout the state of California to assist these school bus owners with early compliance of CARB's in-use Truck and Bus Regulation. CARB has negotiated a deal with San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District (SJAPCD) to implement LESBP grant programs.

Ms. Bennett explained that the district has already replaced 2 buses and has 2 buses that are due to be delivered in February/March 2012 to replace four of the oldest and

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heaviest polluting buses. Currently 14 buses have been retrofitted and 4 more will be completed by the end of March 2012. At this time the district has only one bus (#91) left that will be out of compliance of CARB's in-use Truck and Bus Regulation.

Ms. Bennett requested the Board authorize the application for grant funding in the amount \$19,018.24. These funds (if received) will bring bus #91 into compliance with CARB's in-use Truck and Bus Regulation. Ms. Bennett credited Jerry Sitton, Transportation Manager for his efforts in acquiring grants.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve district administration to submit the grant application to the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District for retrofitting school bus #91 and associated infrastructure to support the program.

### Consent Items

A motion was made by Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of January 2012

Payroll	\$5,060,903.62
Warrants	<u>1,703,390.76</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,764,294.38</u></b>

C. Pupil Personnel Matters

- Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion: Student #s 329304, 327958

D. Acceptance of Gifts

**Pioneer Valley High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Santa Maria Police Assn.	Boys Basketball	\$200.00
Sigala Family	Girls Wrestling	100.00
Four Corners Towing	Girls Wrestling	100.00
Santa Maria Elks	Cheerleaders	500.00
American Dream Foundation	American Dream	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Pioneer Valley School</b>		<b><u>\$2,900.00</u></b>

E. Textbook Approval

The following textbook was presented to the Board of Education for preview at



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the December 14, 2011, Board meeting. It was presented for second reading and approval.

English/SMHS: The Norton Reader-12 Edition (Basic); Peterson/Brevertton, Norton, © 2008 for Language & Composition (AP)

F. Delta School Plan

Delta High School presented its Single School Plan for approval.

G. Request for Travel

<b>School</b>	<b>Instructor in Charge</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PVHS	Kevin Ilac, David Sigala	Girls' Wrestling CIF, Beaumont, CA	2/9-11/2012
	Kevin Ilac, David Sigala	Boys' Wrestling CIF Master, Temecula, CA	2/23-25/2012
	Kevin Ilac, David Sigala	Girls' Wrestling State Tournament, Lemoore, CA	2/23-24/2012
	Kevin Ilac, David Sigala	Boys' Wrestling State Meet, Bakersfield, CA	3/1-2/2012
	Dan Ellington	Lake Cachuma Camping Field Trip	7/6-8/2012
RHS	Miguel Guerra	FFA Leadership Conference, Monterey, CA	1/27-28/2012
	Cindy Dirlam	Band Tour, Los Angeles/Anaheim, CA	3/1-3/2012

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.

H. Authorization for Sale of Obsolete Equipment, Appendix C

Education Code §17545 allows the district to sell personal property that is no longer necessary or suitable for school use. The district administration is requesting authorization to conduct a public auction through the internet at *interschola.com* to sell equipment that is obsolete, surplus or damaged beyond repair to the highest responsible bidder.

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The obsolete equipment is listed in Appendix C. Each school and program will have an opportunity to request surplus property from the list. Notices of items for sale are posted at all district sites, on the internet at [www.interschola.com](http://www.interschola.com) or [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com) and e-mailed to all staff.

### **I. 2012/2013 & 2013/2014 School Calendars**

Proposals of the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 school calendars were given to the two employee associations in January for their consideration. The recommendation for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 school calendars are attached as Appendix D.

### **J. Attendance Reports**

Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the fifth month attendance report.

### **K. Facilities Report, Appendix B**

### **Open Session Public Comments**

Tom Fast, assistant security at SMHS asked if the On Campus Suspension position would be filled by a certificated or classified position/person. Previously, a certificated staff member was in charge of students in the classroom and a classified person monitored students during breaks and lunch breaks. Dr. Kimberly agreed to meet with Mr. Fast at a later time to provide him a response.

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

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

### **Next Meeting Date**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 14, 2012. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

### **Future Regular Board Meetings:**

April 4, 2012	September 12, 2012
May 16, 2012	October 10, 2012
June 20, 2012	November 14, 2012
July 11, 2012	December 12, 2012
August 8, 2012	

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.