

**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 Santa Maria High School cafeteria on March 13, 2013, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: Walsh

Open Session

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened for open session at 6:35 p.m.

Open Session

President Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ryland Towne, Student Board Representative, led the flag salute.

Announce Closed Session Actions

Student Matters: The Board approved the three expulsions as recommended.

Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions: The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented.

Conference with Labor Negotiators. The Board was updated on the progress of the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Presentations

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

Joe Sheaff, Chairman of the Bond Oversight Committee reported that the CBOC is responsible for ensuring bond funds are spent appropriately. The examination of the audit went well and the annual report was presented to the Board.

Caldwell Flores Winters Foundation Scholarship (Michelle Arriaga-Gamino, ERHS student)

Ernesto Flores, President of Caldwell Flores Winters, presented Michelle Arriaga-Gamino a \$1000 scholarship. For the past eight years CFW has been honoring school districts by awarding scholarships to its students. To date CFW has awarded \$400,000 in scholarships to many school districts.

Shared Decision Making Presentation

Angela Boyle was unable attend the meeting due to illness. Kathy Bennett (retired teacher) and Carol Moir, International Language teacher at PVHS, presented on the history of the Shared Decision Making (SDM) council.

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In February of 1990, teachers were on strike for approximately one month. At that time parents were dissatisfied with administration and board members; they helped the teachers recall two board members. The SDM council was created to protect the educational process for all stakeholders. The intent was to have a balance of power within the committee.

The District SDM was created as an intermediary between the site SDM committees and the school Board. The committee consisted of seven teachers, three administrators, and four classified. The District SDM committee convened only as a legal check to ensure that the decisions at the site followed Ed. Code, Board Policy and the contract.

After a one month strike, faculty negotiators attended a year of training on trust building and improving employee and employer relationship. At the end of spring, five teachers, administration and a Board member rewrote part of the contract. In the fall, the faculty discovered SDM and presented it to the administration negotiating team; they agreed that it made sense to bring decision making closer to the people that implemented decisions. Administrators, faculty and classified voted on adopting SDM. Faculty was very happy that management embraced the SDM model which allowed for better decisions resulting in a better student learning environment.

The purpose of SDM is to make decisions, changing it to an advisory council will be a contradiction. It was noted that other SDM councils throughout the state make budgetary decisions and curricular decisions, our district SDM councils do not.

The committees were made up of seven teachers and seven people from other groups. Each school site developed their own constitution; these constitutions were approved by the District SDM and the Board.

Dr. Garvin asked where the statement "Will operate as a primary policy and decision making body" which appears in the SMHS SDM bylaws originated. Since the statement does not appear in Article 12 of the contract, there is a question as to whether it was ever negotiated.

Mrs. Moir responded that the intent and the concept of SDM were negotiated and the wording had not been altered. Both parties agreed that SDM would deal with issues such as the attendance policy, dress policy, dance policy, tardy policy, activities policy and all other policies that deal with school operations. SDM does not deal with budgets or curriculum.

Dr. Garvin pointed out that the bylaws also state that the SDM council would serve as a decision making body and advisory capacity in school matters.

Carol Moir explained that the statements says "**and**", but not exclusive to serving in an advisory capacity. This means that, if needed, committees will be formed to gather and bring back information. This information will then be passed on to the appropriate group.

Kathy Bennett explained that the intent of the committee as well as the practice was approved by the Board and that is how SDM has been operating.

Items Scheduled for Information

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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson presented Luke Wilson a recognition certificate for winning State Champion Wrestler. He also recognized Coach Dominguez for the great work he has been doing with the wrestling team.

In his three years of coaching wrestling, Coach Dominguez has never coached an individual with such focus and determination. Luke will be competing at the High School Nationals in Virginia Beach.

Principal Reports

Shanda Herrera recognized Carolyn Lucero, International Language teacher for being awarded the Outstanding Teacher Award from the California Language Teacher's Association. This application process for this award is very intense. A teacher must be nominated by a regional association member (only 20 in the state), colleagues, former students, and an administrator. The application includes a review of how a teacher teaches standards, their professional development, and extracurricular activities. The recipient of this award also receives a trip to Europe.

Esther Prieto-Chavez recognized Sonia Sandoval-Galvez, Science and Intervention teacher at Delta. Sonia was approved to receive a Care for Our Earth Grant for \$200, awarded by the SBCEO Teachers Network. Sonia explained that this grant will help students be more energy efficient with their electronic devices.

Joe Domingues reported on the WASC visit (full review of SMHS) that took place March 3-6, 2013. The WASC committee was very pleased with the visit. Some of the areas of strength are SMHS's strong and dedicated staff, as well as a strong school community. One area of growth was campus cleaning. Mr. Domingues reported that all recommendations for improvement are already taking place at SMHS and he's hopeful for a six year accreditation.

Student Reports

Ryland Towne, ERHS student representative: The Renaissance Ceremony took place on March 5, 2013. Approximately 500 students who earned a 3.0 GPA were recognized. The Sadie Hawkins Dance took place on Saturday, March 9, 2013 and approximately 200 students attended. Club Day/Spring Break will take place on March 28, 2013. Luke Wilson is the California State Champion Wrestler. First State Champion from ERHS since 1977.

Stephanie Rubio, PVHS student representative: PVHS Associated Student Body held an assembly on March 12, 2013 to discuss raising \$5000 to build water well in Kenya, Africa (done through *Free the Children*). CASL Conference will be held April 12-15, 2013. Craig Keilburge, founder of Free the Children, will be attending this conference and will recognize the efforts of PVHS's ASB. After attending the 58th Annual Santa Barbara County Science Fair, eight PVHS students advanced to the California State Science Fair to be held from April 15-16, 2013.

Reports from Employee Organizations

Krista Ballard reported that CSEA will continue negotiations with the district until June or July. CSEA is concerned with the situation at SMHS and supports the faculty regarding

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the SDM issues.

Clint Hinkle, ERHS teacher, wants the community to know that SDM is open to all. The teachers and administration attended Interest Based Bargaining training where they learned that problems need to be identified prior to working on problem solving options. They are currently working on this through negotiations because SDM is not the competition; it is a problem solving committee with standards and processes. Any agreement made by any group when under the threat of fear could increase mistrust.

Mark Goodman, ERHS Special Ed. Teacher, appreciated that Dr. Garvin read last year's minutes, but between ERHS, PVHS and SMHS, the district has 50 years of knowledge on how SDM works. He asked about rotating meeting locations for future board meetings.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Garvin appreciates parents' interest in having more participation in their student's school. Having had a career with parent involvement and working with advisory committees, he can attest to the value of everyone having a voice. After interviewing former superintendents, Mr. Garvin concluded that SDM was set up as an advisory committee.

Items Scheduled for Action

General

Peter Haws reported on the Biliteracy Seal. The Biliteracy Seal is granted to students that are fluent in a foreign language other than their primary language. Last year the district had 84 seniors participating and SMJUHS was recognized by the State of California. The seal is placed on the student's high school diploma. Bill Killian, Social Science teacher at PVHS received the award on behalf of the District.

Open Session Public Comments: (before agenda item)

Carla Mendoza, Jose Martin, Enrique Jacobo and Elizabeth Bautista, and SMHS students made the following comments:

- Students strongly believe they have the ability to make decisions.
- Students should have equal representation on SDM.
- Student voices need to be heard as they are affected by these decisions.
- No platform exists where students can speak about student issues.
- Students need a school in which anyone can have a voice.
- No voice is more important than another.
- Students are worried and confused about SMHS becoming a charter school.
- Students feel they have been left out of meetings where decisions have been made relating to school issues.
- Don't underestimate the ability of students in making decisions.
- Change SDM's meeting time so that parents are able to attend.
- It is very difficult for parents to attend a full day (SDM) meeting due to their work schedule.

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Comments by Mary Jaka, Willie Galvan, Balvina Ramirez, Community members and parents:

- SDM should be transparent
- Staff is using tax payer money to pay for substitutes for all day SDM meetings.
- Teachers already take too much time away from the classroom by attending professional development days and trainings; attending all day SDM meetings takes teachers away from students for eight additional days.
- SDM meeting time needs be changed to allow parents the opportunity to attend.
- Change is coming to SMHS.
- Parents want a better education for all students.
- SDM is a dictatorship council.
- Parents, students and community members want change at SMHS.
- Parents want to be more informed on what's happening at the schools in order to work together with teachers.
- Most parents don't participate in SDM because of fear.
- Parents are asking to have more representation on the SDM council.

Review of Site Shared Decision Making (SDM) Governance Documents

Dr. Richardson reported that the district's legal counsel reviewed the SDM Governance Documents and made a presentation on the findings.

Chelsea Olsen reported that Pursuant to Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Board has authority to review the governance documents of the SDM councils. Each SDM council must "submit for approval" its governance documents to the Board. Any amendments or revisions made to the governance documents must be submitted to the Board for approval. The governance documents of the SDM councils for each of the sites have been amended at least once since the article was adopted and were not submitted to the Board for approval.

The Board has an obligation to comply with the law related to parental involvement and administrator authority.

Based on this authority, the Superintendent asked that a legal review of each site's current governance documents be conducted.

The following are specific concerns with the site governance documents as currently written:

1. Parents are not being given an opportunity to "meaningfully participate" as required under the law. The SDM bylaws utilize consensus for decision making, but if parents do not agree with decision, the decision may move forward even if parents oppose the decision. Based on the review of other decision making groups, membership between parent and faculty are not equal.

Recommendation: Amend the bylaws to ensure meaningful parental representation and participation. This may be achieved by adopting the School Site Council model.

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2. Access to meetings. It is very difficult for parents to attend meetings which are conducted during an entire school day. The collective bargaining agreement (12.1.4.2) provides the SDM council with eight days per year of release time for conducting their meetings. However, SDM councils have the ability to alter their meeting schedule.

Recommendation: Each site SDM council consulted with parent members to determine how and when meetings should be conducted so that parents may have access to the meetings and have meaningful participation.

3. Authority of the SDM councils as reflected in the governance documents. Under the collective bargaining agreement, certain jurisdictions are excluded from the SDM council. These include personnel selection, evaluation, school site financial and budget matters, and curriculum. There are other legal issues that principals and administrators are accountable and ultimately have authority over; these include state and federal compliance issues, supervision, and due process, confidentiality of records, student privacy, fiscal responsibility, contracts, and staffing. However, some SDM councils do not acknowledge these exclusions. SDM bylaws state the SDM operates as the primary policy and decision making body” of the school site.

Recommendation: That the bylaws be clarified to exclude items which are outside the SDM jurisdiction.

4. The governance documents require the participation of classified staff. Classified staff may voluntarily participate, but will not be required to participate on the SDM council.

Recommendation: Clarify bylaws to state that classified staff participation is voluntary.

Questions/Comments:

Dr. Garvin commented on the issue of parental involvement and equity. The district is exposing itself to the Office of Civil Rights because the parents are feeling disenfranchised.

Dr. Carol Karamitsos welcomed comments from students, parents and community members. She also appreciated listening to the history of SDM. SDM is a great forum to collaborate on issues that will improve the learning environment for all students, but SDM was established 20 years ago. It was very meaningful 20 years ago, but the model that was successful then may need to be revised to fit 2013. The SDM councils themselves can come up with a model that is appropriate for today; recognizing that the board appreciates that our parents, student, and staff want to support the teachers. Successful schools are those who have the support to the community.

Dr. Reece believes in consistency throughout the district. Policies at all schools need to be the same regardless of which school a student attends. The policies need to be clear to students, parents, and the community. Dr. Reece would like the SDM bylaws be consistent throughout the district.

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Mr. Tognazzini agrees with Dr. Karamitsos and Dr. Reece that there needs to be consistency throughout the district. The Board needs to follow rules and regulations and ensure that the process is legal. The Board would like to satisfy all stakeholders, but the main focus is on the students. Their job is to provide students with a safe learning environment. In order to do that the Board needs the support of teachers and classified employees in addition to the support of the parents and students. Mr. Tognazzini added that although SDM was identified as a decision making body, it is an advisory council. The Board was elected by the people to be the District's decision making body and it makes the final approval on all decisions. Once the Board approves the decisions it's a shared decision and is supported one hundred percent by its members. Mr. Tognazzini added that he appreciated the identification of all the issues and the recommendations of the District's legal counsel.

Dr. Karamitsos addressed the question regarding rotation of school board meeting locations which the Board will discuss.

Discussion of existing site SDM governance documents with the Board, Administration, and Counsel.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded, by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to disapprove the current SDM council's governance documents at Pioneer Valley High School, Righetti High School and Santa Maria High School.

Dr. Reece asked that the SDM Bylaws be rewritten to include the recommendations rather than disapprove the governance documents— a recommendation would not ensure that the revisions are made to the SDM bylaws.

A second motion was made by Victor Tognazzini, seconded by Jack Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to adopt the recommendations and return the governance documents (with the amendments) of the SDM council from each site, for Board approval.

Dr. Garvin recommended that the number of teachers be equal to the number of parents and also consider having student involvement.

Dr. Karamitsos agreed with Dr. Reece that the intent of SDM at each site is the same, the issues may be different, but the governance documents should all be the same. She suggested that there be collaboration to revise the SDM bylaws, from SDM members from all three sites. Once the bylaws have been rewritten, they need to be brought back to the Board for approval by June 2013.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to: 1) adopt the recommendations; 2) send to all SDM councils to make revisions to their site bylaws to include the recommendations made by counsel; 3) have the framework be similar at all sites; and 4) return the governance documents to the Board for approval at the June 2013 Board meeting.

Based on item three it needs to be clear that authority needs to be granted to the principals since they are responsible for what happens at their sites and for other legal issues.

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Board Policies

The administration has reviewed the following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations, aligned with California School Boards Association updates, which are provided as education code and laws change.

The policies and regulations were presented for the board's review and adoption and will be included in the existing sections upon adoption.

A summary of revisions/changes made to the Board Policies/Administrative Regulations listed below were presented in Appendix C.

Business and Non Instructional Operations – Series 3000

Fees and Charges

R/AR 3260

Students – Series 5000

Student Records

AR 5125

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the proposed Board Policies/Administrative Regulations as presented.

Business

2012/13 Second Interim Report

California Education Code section 42130 et seq requires each school district to prepare and submit interim reports detailing the financial and budgetary status, to the County Office of Education. The Second Interim Report shall cover the period from July 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013, and be approved by the Board of Education no later than 45 days after the close of this period.

The Board shall certify in writing that the district can meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, based on current forecasts and assumptions, and for the subsequent two fiscal years. This certification is subject to review and confirmation by the County Office of Education.

Based upon current projections contained in the Report, the certification shall be classified as:

- 1) Positive Certification, indicating that the district can meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two years, or
- 2) Qualified Certification, indicating that the district may not be able to meet its financial obligations for the current year or the subsequent two years, or
- 3) Negative Certification, indicating that the district will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year.

A summary of the report was presented as Appendix D of the agenda; the full report in accordance with the state-adopted Standards and Criteria and was posted on the District website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us. (Click on Departments, Business Services, Financial Documents & Reports and finally Financial Reports 2012-13.)

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Since the District last revised its budget in December 2012, and taking into account adjustments to other items of income and expense, this Second Interim Report reflects an overall decrease of \$261,433 in the District's ending fund balance.

Furthermore, there remains an on-going structural deficit in the District's budget. The un-designated/unappropriated fund balance of approximately \$3 million gives the District "breathing room" to address the structural deficit for the next two years. As of the date of the posting, the District is able to file a "Positive Certification".

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 vote to adopt a Positive Certification for the Second Interim report for fiscal year 2012/13 as shown on Appendix D.

Authorization to Make Budget Revisions

Income and expenditures have been updated in accordance with revenues, grant awards, personnel and other expenditure adjustments. The working budget, as shown in the Projected Year Totals column of the 2012/13 Second Interim Report has been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Resolution Number 18-2012-2013 authorizes these revisions.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution Number 18-2012-2013 authorizing budget changes as identified in the 2012-2013 Second Interim Report.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Yes
Dr. Walsh	Absent
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes

SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-2012-2013 AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET REVISIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted its budget on June 20, 2012 for the fiscal year 2012/2013; subsequently revised the budget on December 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, income will be received and expenditures in certain classifications will be required in excess of amounts budgeted therefore; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 42602 authorizes that the Board may budget and use any unbudgeted income provided during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 42600 authorizes that transfers may be made from the designated fund balance or the unappropriated funds balance to any expenditure classification or between expenditure classifications at any time by written resolution of the district governing board;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District hereby authorizes budget revisions be made as reflected in the 2012/2013 Second Interim Report.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2013 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Karamitsos, Reece, Tognazzini, Garvin

NOES:

ABSENT: Walsh

ABSTAIN:

Establishment of a 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

The District has long offered a 403(b) retirement plan to its employees, funded entirely from employees' elective salary deferrals. At present, the District contracts with TSA Consulting Group, Inc. for administration of the plan and keeping the district compliant with all applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations. We have received an increase of inquiries from TSA, on behalf of our employees, and from other newly hired employees regarding the availability of a 457(b) plan.

The 457(b) plan would provide an additional retirement vehicle for the District's employees. It would be funded entirely through voluntary employee deductions and therefore would have no cost to the District. A 457(b) plan would allow employees the option to save in two different plans; would allow employees to maximize retirement savings in the case of a spouse who is either self-employed, or employed with no retirement plan vehicle; and would allow employees access to funds *prior to* age 59 ½, if separated from service, without additional penalty. Like the 403(b) plan, contributions to a 457(b) plan are "tax-deferred" and therefore subject to regular income taxes when withdrawn.

PlanMember Services is the recommended provider to offer the 457(b) services. They will provide the investment options, and all financial literacy and employee communication materials. PlanMember Services is an "umbrella" company offering over twenty-five different investment companies from which employees can choose. PlanMember Services is the preferred financial provider for the California Retired Teachers Association, the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators, as well as approved and certified in a number of other states. Their corporate headquarters are in Carpinteria and they have a local office servicing north and south Santa Barbara County. Resolution Number 19-2012-2013 authorizes these revisions.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution Number 19-2012-2013 authorizing the adoption of a 457(b) plan, and execution of the necessary documents with TSA Consulting for plan implementation and adoption including selection of PlanMember Services as the provider.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Yes
Dr. Walsh	Absent
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-2012-2013

**AUTHORIZATION OF NECESSARY CHANGES TO ESTABLISH A 457(b) PLAN
AND A FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District ("District"), designated as a governmental employer as defined in Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended (the "Code"), desires to adopt and maintain a non-qualified deferred compensation plan under IRC Section 457(b) in which employees are permitted to make voluntary salary reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District desires to establish the 457(b) plan with TSA Consulting Group as the third party administrator and PlanMember Services as an investment provider in the plan and to implement a Financial Literacy and Financial Wellness program designed to increase participation in the program and to assist employees in better understanding their retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Board, District officials, or other District employees, make no representations or recommendations and bear no responsibility for any employee's selection of specific investment options made available under the 457(b) Plan and further makes no representations to employees about the advisability, appropriateness or income tax consequences of any 457(b) account to which contributions are made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, as follows:

1. All of the recitals herein contained are true and correct and the Board of Education of the District so finds.
2. The 457(b) plan is hereby adopted and the Superintendent of the District, and such other officer or employee of the District as the Superintendent may designate (the "Authorized Officers"), are each hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the District, to do any and all things which they may deem necessary or advisable, including the execution of documents, in order to establish and implement said plan with the third party administrator being TSA Consulting Group and the provider of investments and the financial literacy and financial wellness program being PlanMember Services.
3. That this Resolution is hereby adopted, approved, supersedes and replaces any and all prior resolutions and plans of the District authorizing the establishment of providers for the 457(b) Plan for its employees.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March 2013 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Karamitsos, Reece, Tognazzini, Garvin

NOES:

ABSENT: Walsh

ABSTAIN:

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Amendment and Restatement of Resolution No. 16-2012-2013 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds (Election 2004) Series 2013, Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$15 Million of New Money Bonds and \$30,000,000 Principal Amount of its Refunding Bonds

WHEREAS, an election was held on November 2, 2004 and thereafter certified by the appropriate officials, the Board of Education authorized the issuance on Series A and sale of General Obligation (G. O.) Bonds. Although the district is authorized for up to \$79 million, the administration, in consultation with our financial advisors, recommends issuance and sale of Series 2013 in a principal amount not to exceed \$15 million. Additionally, there may be an opportunity to refund existing bonds thereby resulting in a savings to taxpayers.

Resolution No. 20-2012-2013 authorizing the issuance and sale of the G.O. bonds is attached to the agenda as Appendix E. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, the Bond Purchase Agreement and the Escrow Agreement are available for review at the District Support Services Center, 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA. This resolution shall supersede Resolution 16-2012-2013.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 20-2012-2013 presented as Appendix E, which authorizes the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds (Election 2004) Series 2013 in a principal amount not to exceed \$15 million of new money and \$30 million in a principal amount of its refunding bonds.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Karamitsos	YES
Dr. Reece	YES
Dr. Walsh	ABSENT
Dr. Garvin	YES
Mr. Tognazzini	YES

Authorization to Retain Bond Underwriting Services for Issuance and Sale of C2004 Bonds

On November 2, 2004, voters within the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District authorized the sale of \$79 million in general obligation bonds in order to finance various facility improvements throughout the District. The District is currently undertaking the sale of bonds under this authorization in the approximate amount of \$15 million. In anticipation of the bond sale, the District is seeking bond underwriter services to assist with the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds authorized thereunder.

The district administration in conjunction with our financial advisor solicited the top five most active California school bond finance underwriting firms. All firms responded to a Request for Proposal for general obligation bond underwriting services and subsequently interviewed three firms. After consideration, district administration recommends retaining Piper Jaffray & Co.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to retain bond underwriting services in connection with the Issuance and Sale of C2004 Bonds as recommended by the district administration.

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Ratification of Bond Oversight Committee Member

The Bond Oversight Committee was authorized to appoint new members and submit their names to the Board of Education for ratification. Walter Kedsle is submitted to serve a two year term ending December 2014.

The ratification is to keep the Board of Education apprised of members who are serving on the Committee. It also serves to alert the Committee if any member proposed for ratification should not be appointed for reasons unknown to the Committee

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 roll call vote to ratify the proposed appointment of the Bond Oversight Committee members for two years as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Yes
Dr. Walsh	Absent
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes

Consent Items

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

A. Approval of Minutes

January 23, 2013 – Regular Meeting
February 13, 2013 – Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of February 2013

Payroll	\$5,060,910.25
Warrants	<u>1,751,737.49</u>
Total	<u>\$6,812,647.74</u>

C. Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was be available to answer questions regarding the sixth month attendance report presented on page 15.

D. Facility Report – **Appendix B**

E. Acceptance of Gifts

Pioneer Valley High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Gerry Starowicz	PVHS Cheer and Songleaders	\$2,700.00
State Farm	PVHS/Science	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Pioneer Valley High School		<u>\$7,700.00</u>

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Donor	Recipient	Amount
Carr's Boots & Western Wear	FFA (value Carhartt Jackets)	\$200.00
Dr. David Jensen	FFA Horse Judging Team	100.00
Dr. Todd Gregory	FFA Horse Judging Team	200.00
Dr. Phoebe Smith	FFA Horse Judging Team	200.00
Doug O'Neil	FFA Horse Judging Team	<u>200.00</u>
Total Santa Maria High School		<u>\$900.00</u>

F. Student Discipline Matters

Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion(s): Student #'s 332001, 337613, 335038

G. Request for Travel

School	Instructor in Charge	Event/Location	Dates
PVHS	Greg Lanthier	Girls' Wrestling Competitions/Oklahoma	4/29-30/2013
RHS	Kelley DeBernardi	Student Leadership Conf/San Jose, CA	4/13-15/2013

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. Notice of Completion

The following project has been substantially completed and in order to file the necessary Notice of Completion forms with the County of Santa Barbara, the Acceptance of Substantial Completion needs to be formally accepted by the Board of Education.

- 1) Santa Maria High School – 4 Portables Installation – Project #10-096.1; Brannon, Inc. dba Smith Electric Service – General Contractor

I. District Vehicles for Disposal

The following is a list of District Vehicles that are ready for disposal. They are at the end of their useful life and are beyond economical repair. These vehicles can be put up for sale:

<u>Veh ID#</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Model/Make</u>	<u>Vin#/Serial No.</u>	<u>Condition</u>
190	1986	Chevy, ¾ Ton Truck	1GCG24M7GJ170858	Inoperable; repairs costs exceed vehicle value

The vehicle listed below was inadvertently submitted for disposal at the January 23, 2013 board meeting. This vehicle will not be put up for sale.

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338 1995 Chevy, ¾ Ton 2Fthf25h7sca20690
Truck

Open Session Public Comments

The following speakers were allowed three minutes to address the Board:

- Parents thanked the Board for supporting them in regards to parent participation.
- Parents recognized the efforts of Mr. Domingues and Mr. Flores at SMHS.
- Parents want to work with the teachers in order to help their students.
- Parents are concerned that 80% of the SMHS student population doesn't have required credits to attend a university or college. They would like to see 80% of students attend college. They don't want another generation to graduate with this statistic.
- Parents agreed that SMHS is a great school and hope everyone can work together to resolve this issue.
- Parents want to be notified of SDM meeting dates and times. They were locked out of the last SDM meeting they attended.
- SDM open session is the appropriate place for parents to bring their issues. They are requesting that SDM meetings be held in the evening so they can attend.
- In order to change the SDM meeting time, more than one group has to be considered.
- Mr. Romero, when participating in School Site Council asked that the SSC meeting time be changed. The time was changed to 6 p.m., but at that time there was no parent participation in SSC.
- A teacher felt offended and threatened by Mr. Galvan's comment; not conducive to a good working relationship between parents and teachers.
- There is a large percentage of Latinos in this community that can become Board members or superintendent.

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 on April 17, 2013. 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:

May 8, 2013	September 11, 2013
June 12, 2013	October 9, 2013
July 10, 2013 (if needed)	November 13, 2013
August 14, 2013	December 11, 2013

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.