

**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 November 14, 2012, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:43 p.m. Members present: Reece, Walsh, Garvin, Karamitsos and Tognazzini

**Open Session**

President Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no public comments and the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

**Closed Session**

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened for open session at 6:43 p.m.

**Open Session**

President Garvin called the meeting to order and student Ryland Towne led the flag salute.

**Announce Closed Session Actions**

Superintendent Richardson reported the following actions:

- Student Matters: The Board approved three student expulsions as recommended. Placement in the Reach Program for students #339241 and #339467 includes the condition that time spent in the program will be increased to 3 to 4 hours per day.
- Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions: The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as reported by the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. The Board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution #11-2012-13 to place an employee on compulsory leave of absence.
- Conference with Labor Negotiators: There was no report concerning negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).
- Update on Pending Litigation – Developer Fees: The Board was updated on the status of the trial, Lyon vs. SMJUHSD, by the Assistant Superintendent of Business.

**Presentations**

Miguel Rodriguez, of Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. gave an in-depth presentation of the general obligation bond program update. Mr. Rodriguez explained the two elections in the past whereby voters approved bonds for the high school district, the total amounts authorized for the bonds, and unissued amount still remaining. CFW, Inc has identified the district's facility needs which include modernization projects, and access to computers and modern technology. At a future Board meeting, a resolution will be presented to the Board for approval of Issuance "B" of the C2004 Bond.

**Items Scheduled for Information**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Recognition – Glenn Broome**

The Board recognized classified employee, Glenn Broome, for his outstanding performance as a Campus Security Assistant at Pioneer Valley High School. During the lunch period, Mr. Broome noticed a special education student who seemed to be in distress. Mr. Broome recognized the student was choking, performed the Heimlich maneuver and saved the student from choking. Dr. Richardson presented Mr. Broome with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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### **Report on Academic Performance Data**

John Davis reported there has been growth at all 3 comprehensive high schools in terms of API. Target growth for PVHS was 5 and they grew by 15; target growth for RHS was 5 and they grew by 9; and target growth for Santa Maria was 6 and they grew by 15. Teachers are focusing their efforts on providing standards-based instruction. In addition to the API, we also have the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) which is the federal measure for accountability. We are graded on participation rate, percent proficient in English/language arts and mathematics of the exit exam, API, and graduation rates. Our collaboration with teachers and our focus on motivating students is really paying off.

### **Principal Reports**

Shanda Herrera, Pioneer Valley High School Principal, added to Mr. Davis' report that testing is done on 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and this is the first time they take the test. Of 655 students tested, PVHS had 83% who passed English/language arts the first time and 86% who passed math the first time. PVHS has met with staff over the last 4 years to demystify the test scores; so they know how to read the data and they know how to access the data through Aeries. This enables them to identify areas of strength and weakness to better help the students.

Steve Molina, Principal at Righetti High School, explained that since 2010-11 they have been giving a practice CAHSEE test. This helps them calibrate their curriculum. They found a weakness in writing strategies, which led them pursue a program called Standards Plus to help staff promote writing strategies. They are also working on a program called Revolution 380. This is a program where kids have access at home and at school. It is very similar to the English I curriculum and part of the English II curriculum.

Joe Domingues, Principal at Santa Maria High School, reported they have had the largest growth in Santa Barbara County over the last two years. Staff has come together and adopted something called "Strategic Schooling". Two areas that need improvement are the ELD program and special education. Administration is aiming to break the 700 mark on the API this year.

Esther Prieto-Chavez, Principal at Delta High School, explained that the Delta numbers also include students from Sophomore Prep, Independent Study and Reach. They had a total of 154 students who took the CAHSEE, and 66 passed English. In math they had 67 who passed. At the Learning Center, students attend PLATO lab once a week, they are on a CAHSEE contract. Starting in January they will be attending PLATO lab more days per week. At Delta the component students need to work on is writing.

John Davis added that students with disabilities have been allowed to take tests with modifications. There is also the California Modified Assessment (CMA) that we have not taken advantage of, but it would give these students a performance boost in terms of the scores. This option is being explored for the special education program with Frances Evans. Mr. Davis is also working with Mr. Peter Haws and the EL Program to work on strategies that work best for these students.

Peter Haws, Director of ELL and Migrant Education, reported that they just conducted an all-day training with staff from all 4 high schools. The county is leading the district staff in curriculum training based on research done at the state level. Mr. Haws explained that English learners need what is referred to as "soft skills", which is learning to interact with people. The administration is going to attend training to learn how to help students to interact in the North American culture and to help them be more successful.

Additionally, common core state standards are coming in a couple of years. The CALL Group training from the county is giving us an advantage. The common core state standards are much more linear; every teacher is an instructor of core content and of language.

**Student Reports: Daisy Cervantes-Soria, Delta; Raul Macias, Santa Maria; Stephany Rubio, Pioneer Valley; and Ryland Towne, Righetti reported on activities at their school.**

**DHS:** Raised \$176 for Adopt-A-Pet month in October. This month they will be hosting a

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food drive for the homeless and needy. Dragon Battles have included school activities such as: Quad decorating the whole month of October; Scary Movie Trivia day; Ooey Gooey Caramel on a String where students ate treats on a string without using their hands; Teacher Guessing Game where students figured out what the staff did when they were younger; and Poster Pride which included decorating a poster for their class to show off their Dragon Pride. Also, 51 students attended the Allan Hancock College Career Day on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Delta held its Academic Awards Assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Awards went to 130 students for having 90% attendance or higher, 74 students received the Academic Awards for having a GPA of 3.0 to 3.49, and 48 students received the Principal's Award for having a 3.5 GPA or higher. Today, 11 students attended an FBLA luncheon. On December 7<sup>th</sup> they will have their first basketball game and then the team will be appearing in the Orcutt Parade on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PVHS:** Gearing up for winter sports with an all-school rally on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Today they had Respect Day which is a wonderful event for students who are struggling and in different support groups to mix with students who are involved in extra-curricular activities. They go off campus and do various exercises for building trust, character, and breaking down walls. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that PVHS has done this event. Just finished the CAHSEE exam and are very excited about the 15 point gain.

**RHS:** Be the Change Rally took place November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a new movement and they plan on reinforcing with incentives for the students such as prizes and rallies. Renaissance Ceremony took place November 8<sup>th</sup>. All students who received a 3.0 GPA or above were recognized. The Annual Fall Food Drive begins November 26 through December 6. The 4<sup>th</sup> period class that brings in the most cans will receive a pizza party. The boys varsity water polo team will be heading to the CIF Championship game in Irvine on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SMHS:** ASB hosted two assemblies on October 17 with the help of the SMPD on the "Dangers of Distracted Driving"; October 26<sup>th</sup> they crowned their homecoming princess/prince at an all school rally, and the King/Queen at halftime at the football game; October 27<sup>th</sup> was the homecoming dance; November 9<sup>th</sup> they hosted the Fall Fair where 15 groups participated in various sales and activities; and they approved two new clubs on campus, GLOW club (all girls club) and Hands and Feet Club (Christian club). October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Class of 2014 held a car wash and on November 2<sup>nd</sup> they hosted a second movie night "under the stars". On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Saints Jazz Choir performed at the Cuesta College Vocal Jazz Festival. On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Drama Club presented the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Drama. On November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> the Alpine Club went on a camping trip and hiked Gaviota Peak. The Asian Pacific Club watched "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" a Chinese fairytale movie. FBLA just finished a coin collection for the March of Dimes and collected \$390.19. Next week the AP Promoters Club has over 50 alumni coming to SMHS to the inaugural "March of the Saints" day hoping to connect alumni and students in various fields of study/career. Also coming up is Gingerbread House Wars.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Stacy Newby, CSEA Representative, reported that the negotiating team has been going through the entire contract and the biggest proposed change will be transportation. Mrs. Newby also stated the classified group has a new health benefits broker, Lisa Caputo, and a letter will be delivered to all staff, including management and Board members, within the week.

CTA did not have a representative at the Board meeting.

### **Board Member Reports**

Victor Tognazzini expressed his gratitude to the voters for returning him to the Board for another 4 years. He has met with CSBA and the faculty association, and had opportunities to have questions, answers and comments from them. Would also like to thank all those who sent congratulations, cards, phone calls, and also Diane Perez for stepping out and running against a couple of incumbents. Most importantly, it brings us back to the fact that we are a governance team, he appreciates every one of the people he has served with, and there is great collegiality among the team.

Jerry Walsh offered his congratulations to the two incumbents for winning their races.

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Dean Reece dittoed the congratulations to the two returning Board members.

Dr. Karamitsos reported that the Board and Superintendent are headed off to the CSBA annual conference soon. She also offered congratulations to the two returning Board members.

Jack Garvin had the opportunity to attend academic celebrations at SMHS and PVHS. He really enjoys attending those and asked RHS to invite him to their celebrations as well.

**Items Scheduled for Action**

**General**

Ratification of Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Member

It was moved by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Walsh, and carried 5-0 to ratify the appointment of Patrice Mosby to serve on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee for a two year term ending December 2014.

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 following policies and regulations were presented for the board's review and adoption. The completed revisions were part of the agenda and posted on the district's website at <http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us>.

**Community Relations – Series 1000**

Communication with the Public	BP 1100
Commendations and Awards	BP 1150
Political Processes	BP 1160

**Administration – Series 2000**

Superintendent's Contract	BP 2121
Evaluation of the Superintendent	BP 2140

**Business & Noninstructional Operations – Series 3000**

Gifts, Grants & Bequests	BP 3290
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**Instruction – Series 6000**

School Calendar	BP 6111
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**Facilities – Series 7000**

Naming of Facility	BP 7310
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**Bylaws of the Board – Series 9000**

Clerk	BB 9123
Board Representatives	BB 9140
Student Board Members	BB 9150
Filling Vacancies	BB 9223
Actions by the Board	BB 9323.2

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Board Policies/Administrative Regulations as presented.

**Business**

**Authorization to Piggyback on Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District for Flooring Materials and Installation**

Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture and equipment commonly referred to as "piggybacking". Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District has awarded their flooring materials and installation bid to Collins and Aikman Floorcoverings, Inc. (DBA C&A/Tandus).

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 5-0 vote to grant approval to obtain flooring materials and installation pursuant to a "piggyback" clause in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District bid for which the originating district has

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complied with all competitive bidding requirements; pursuant to Piggyback Bid #B-9.10 for the timeframe June 7, 2012 through June 6, 2013.

**Consent Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented: *All items listed are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.*

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of October 2012

Payroll	\$5,115,016.54
Warrants	<u>1,333,642.46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,448,659.00</u></b>

C. Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the second month attendance report.

D. Facility Report - **Appendix B**

E. Acceptance of Gifts

**Learning Center**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Joaquina Romero	Learning Center	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Learning Center</b>		<b><u>\$2,000.00</u></b>

**Pioneer Valley High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Fargo Foundation	Pioneer Valley	\$2,000.00
Angie Isaak	Baseball	100.00
Me-N-Ed's Pizzeria	Band	261.57
Wal-Mart	Choir	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Pioneer Valley High School</b>		<b><u>\$2,861.57</u></b>

**Santa Maria High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Fargo Foundation	Santa Maria HS	\$2,000.00
Wheels N Windmills	Auto club	4,325.00
Touring Elks #1538	Auto Club	500.00
Advantage Technical Services	Swimming Pool	100.00
Knights of Columbus Council	SMHS Career Fair	160.00
Keystone Consolidated Ind	FFA	105.00
Melfred Borzall Inc.	SMHS Career Fair	500.00
Greg Villegas Photography	ASB Homecoming	125.00
Peter Scaroni	Swimming Pool	100.00
Sally Ann Scaroni	Swimming Pool	200.00
Gary Johnson, Toni Bianchi Brown, Karen Parker	Swimming Pool	1,000.00
William and Nancy Lucia	Swimming Pool	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Total Santa Maria High School</b>		<b><u>\$9,365.00</u></b>

**Righetti High School**

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<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Fargo Foundation	Righetti	\$2,000.00
Debbie & Tony LeClair	Books/Tools/Woodshop (value)	1,500.00
Lisa Pennington	Clothing/Drama (value)	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Righetti High School</b>		<b><u>\$4,000.00</u></b>

F. Student Discipline Matters – Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918

Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion(s): Student # 339241, 331074, and 339467

G. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description &amp; Funding Source</u>
B13-0183	Team So-Cal/Dominoes Pizza	\$199,500.00	Food, Cafeteria Fund
13-0657	Johnson Controls, Inc	3,567,444.00	Energy Upgrades, 2012 COPS
13-0658	Dell Computers	207,739.08	Enterprise Storage System, Technology

H. Notice of Completion

The following projects have been substantially completed and the Acceptance of Substantial Completion is accepted by the Board of Education. The district shall file the necessary Notice of Completion forms with the County of Santa Barbara

- 1) Righetti High School – Restroom, Road & Greenhouse Installation - Project #11-124; Jeff Ploutz Construction DBA J&P Construction – General Contractor
- 2) Santa Maria High School – Pool Project #07-029; Maino Construction – General Contractor

**Open Session Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**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 December 12, 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 for 2012:**

December 12, 2012

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Board of Education President/Clerk/Secretary  
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District