

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education was held at the Support Services Center on October 12, 2021, with a closed session at 5:00 p.m. and an open session immediately following. Consistent with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom for the public.

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

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no public comments for the closed session items. The meeting was immediately adjourned to a closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION /ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Davis led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Garcia announced the closed session actions:

- The Board unanimously approved the certificated and classified personnel actions as presented
- The Board also approved two student matters.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Madisyn Cutliff/ERHS – Since the last board meeting, Righetti had their Homecoming Dance and Club Week where pre-packaged food was sold.

Ceferino Quiroz Gonzalez/DHS – Delta just finished their first term. Students will be receiving a new schedule and now have a few new courses to choose from. Soccer will be starting soon and the students were able to get a professional picture taken for the yearbook. The Robotics class is up and running along with community outreach holiday plans. Gradnite fundraisers are starting soon. Friday Dragon Battles are in full effect and the recent FAFSA Night had a good turnout. Student assistance also includes scholarship and employment guidance. Ceferino thanked all staff for their support.

Jasmin Rodriguez/SMHS – ASB recently hosted two successful Spirit Weeks. Homecoming Court was presented at a rally and the outdoor dance had almost seven hundred students in attendance. ASB is continuing to promote student involvement. Teen Closet is now open. Various campus clubs are busy participating in events as well as planning a few. Senior counselors and ASB will be hosting a lunch event where students who complete their FAFSA will receive a treat.

Jasmin Villanueva/PVHS – Events such as Club Rush, Class Officer Elections, Homecoming rally and the dance have taken place. Over five hundred dance tickets were sold. Unfortunately, the rivalry game against SMHS was cancelled in addition to their first night rally. Breast Cancer Awareness, Suicide Prevention, and Domestic Violence events will be taking place this month. Online and in-person tutoring continues to be offered. FAFSA and Cash For College information has been disseminated to students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Garcia stated the student reports presented are a reflection of all that is currently happening district wide. A new COVID dashboard is available on the district website that will be updated each Monday with the positive case numbers from the previous week. Staff who have not provided vaccination proof will start testing next week. Vaccinated staff may participate if they choose to do so. The district is following the state and County Public Health Department guidelines. A second round of vaccination clinics are now being offered to the public at our schools. Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley provided student incentives for students who have received their vaccinations.

Mr. Garcia and his wife attended a Celebration of Harvest event that was hosted by the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau. FFA students and teachers participated in this event. The Farm Bureau provides financial and other support to our school ag programs. Amongst other events, corn and pumpkins are currently being grown at the agriculture farm located at the CTE Center. The FFA South Coast Leadership Conference and Santa Barbara County School Board Association have recently been hosted at the CTE Center. Future events will include having the Central Coast Women in Agriculture and CTE Grand Opening on November 10th.

Mr. Garcia thanked Elyssa Rodriguez-Chavarria, Director of Multilingual and Migrant Education (MMEP) Program, and her staff for their work in celebrating the re-classified multilingual learners. Over three-hundred students were invited to the drive-thru event. He also thanked MMEP for their collaboration with the Mixteco Indigena Organizing Project (MICOP). The MICOP parents are thankful for the opportunity to meet with district personnel.

It was mentioned it has been nice to see the students and staff out at the football games. Mr. Garcia joined the Pioneer and Righetti rivalry lunch that is a long-standing tradition between both schools.

Board Member Reports

Amy Lopez: Ms. Lopez acknowledged it is nice to hear about the good work, positive efforts, and events such as vaccine clinics, rallies, and domestic violence awareness taking place. She is proud of the faculty, staff, and students coming together during these difficult times.

Dominick Palera: Mr. Palera attended Pioneer Valley's Academic Awards Night. He was able to speak to students and parents while there. They expressed they were glad to be back in

school. Unfortunately, a few restrooms were closed due to a recent TikTok challenge. Pioneer has added a few awards that include passing an AP class. Mr. Palera represented the Board at the CTE Center tour. Paul Robinson did an outstanding job hosting and answering all questions during the tour.

Diana Perez: Ms. Perez did not have a board report and thank her fellow board members for conveying the many activities going on district wide.

Dr. Karamitsos: Dr. Karamitsos expressed her enthusiasm about the events taking place. She appreciates the student board representatives showing gratitude and further explained the importance of having clear communication and understanding between the students and board members. Board members appreciate the student perspective as it is not always the same as that of an adult. It is also important to hear about the harder things going on with them so the adults may understand these things through the student lens. Dr. Karamitsos and her husband attended a cross country event. She expressed her gratitude to all the various staff members that support students in their sport activities.

Dr. Garvin: Dr. Garvin shared his current experience with the district insurance roll-over. He mentioned new cards will be taking 10 to 14 working days to arrive. He asked staff to be patient during this process. Regarding the agenda, the Employee Organizations and Public Comments section has been moved up.

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Patty Peinado: On September 17th, the Faculty Association reached a tentative agreement. On September 30th, the teachers approved it. A three-year deal was reached, and she is glad the District and Faculty Association is able to communicate and work together in comparison to prior years.

Tami Contreras: Tami congratulated the Faculty Association on their successful negotiations. She thanked the staff that has coordinated the vaccine clinics at all school sites. Having it at the sites will help those who are wanting to get vaccinated as it is readily available.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Before moving to open session public comments, Dr. Garvin touched on AB 361. He shared the board meeting YouTube viewership totals from the three language channels offered. He thanked the public for viewing the board meetings.

| SPEAKER | TOPIC | Submission |
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| Scott Fina, Ph.D. | SMJUHSD Board | Written |
| Selyn Harwin | Staff Vaccines | Written |
| Nicole DeMatteo | Bell Schedule | Live Call |

PRESENTATIONS

Facilities Update

Gary Wuitschick & Reese Thompson presented the district wide 2021 summer projects.

Dr. Karamitsos mentioned the current Tik Tok videos advocating school property destruction. There should be some type of set-up that allows for direct communication and interaction between the students and the staff who work hard to provide so many services. She expressed concern over the rubber mulch getting into the drains when it rains.

Mr. Palera, Ms. Lopez, and Dr. Garvin thanked the staff for keeping our campuses looking great.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

GENERAL

Election of Board Members. Second public hearing regarding potential composition of trustee-areas prior to drawing of maps, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a) (1) – Appendix F

Resource Person: Yolanda Ortiz, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services; Chelsea Olson Murphy, Attorney – Lozano Smith; Daniel Phillips, Demographer – National Demographics Corporation

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education (“District”) is currently elected under an “at-large” election system, where trustees are elected by voters of the entire District. Trustees are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms.

Cities, public entities, and other school districts have recently had their at-large election systems challenged under the California Voting Rights Act. These situations have resulted in expensive and divisive litigation. On April 10, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. 15-207-2018, Intent to Initiate Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Elections for the 2022 Governing Board Election. As provided in Resolution No. 15-207-2018, the Board intended to wait until the release of the 2020 Census data then begin the transition process.

On September 14, 2021, the Board considered information on the process and potential criteria for drawing the trustee area boundary maps, and the Board held a statutorily required hearing to receive input from the community on the trustee area map creation process, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010(a)(1).

The district’s demographers, National Demographics Corporation, presented information on the process and criteria for drawing the trustee-area boundary maps. The presentation included:

- Explanation of the Election Systems
- California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) & it's impact
- Process of Transitioning to Trustee Areas
- Rules and Goals for Drawing Trustee Areas
- Demographics

Following the presentation, the Board held the second of two statutorily required hearings to receive input from the community on the trustee area map creation process, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010(a)(1).

A public hearing was required. The public hearing was opened. No public comments were submitted. The hearing was closed.

After the public hearing and considering input from the community, the Board provided direction to its demographer regarding criteria to utilize in developing draft boundary maps.

It was clarified the interactive map is provided as a reference. The link will be placed on the district website along with additional materials. Dr. Karamitsos mentioned the school boundaries and added Guadalupe has been underrepresented. She would like to see communities of interest in easily identifiable boundaries.

Ms. Perez expressed interest in voter vs. non-voter areas as well as planned future growth areas.

Mr. Palera agreed Guadalupe has been on its own. Following the visible natural boundaries and respecting the voters' choices is important to him.

Ms. Lopez stated voters' choices and communities of interest are the top priorities for her. She is interested in the public feedback.

Dr. Garvin is ready to see specific maps and how the population will be divided while being sensitive to Guadalupe's representation.

All of the information, including the interactive maps, will be available to the community. The public has the opportunity to participate throughout the five public hearings before the board.

Ratification of Faculty Association Agreement – Appendix C

Resource Person: Kevin Platt, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

The District and SMJUHSD Faculty Association have negotiated and agreed upon comprehensive changes to language throughout the labor agreement. The tentative agreement is for three years; 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years (see Appendix C).

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approval of Tentative Agreement for Classified Bargaining Unit regarding the negotiation of a new bargaining unit job description - *Appendix D*

Resource Person: Kevin Platt, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Joni McDonald, Director, Human Resources

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached a tentative agreement regarding the negotiation of a new bargaining unit job description. The Tentative Agreement dated September 29, 2021, will take effect upon approval by both parties. (see Appendix D).

A motion was made by Mr. Palera and seconded by Ms. Lopez to approve the Agreement with the Classified Bargaining Unit as presented. This position is an Instructional Data Analyst that will be part of the Curriculum Department. The assigned duties will include running data reports that will help identify student achievement gaps so the district may address student needs. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

INSTRUCTION

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint

Resource Person: John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

Pursuant to Education Code Section 35186, the governing board of a school district must conduct a public hearing to report the quarterly report that was submitted October 2021 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of July-September 2021. Each school site has reported that there have been no complaints in the general subject areas of Textbooks

and Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancy or Misassignments, Facilities Conditions, or Valezuela/CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services.

A public hearing was required. The public hearing was opened. No public comments were submitted. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

BUSINESS

Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Faculty Association – Appendix E

Resource Person: Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

In accordance with AB 1200 reporting requirements, the District must make public disclosure of any proposed collective bargaining agreements with their various employee organizations as to the effects of the agreements on the District’s financial status. The District has reached an agreement with the Faculty Association. The agreement includes a 4.50% salary schedule increase effective with the 2021-2022 school year, a 2.00% salary schedule increase effective 2022-2023 school year and an increase to health benefits for single coverage effective January 1, 2022. This puts all groups in alignment for health and welfare benefits.

The estimated total cost of the agreement is projected to be \$2,286,749 in 2021-2022 and an additional \$1,061,154 in 2022-2023. Further documentation of the fiscal impacts (as required by AB1200) is shown in Appendix E.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Faculty Association. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Dr. Garvin | Yes |
| Dr. Karamitsos | Yes |
| Ms. Perez | Yes |

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| Mr. Palera | Yes |
| Ms. Lopez | Yes |

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Palera to approve all consent items as presented.

It was clarified that the Independent Study agreement with Cuyama is new this year. Some districts do not have the resources to provide independent study and as a result of AB 130, other districts are required to provide these options. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of September 2021

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| Payroll | \$ 9,058,329.16 |
| Warrants | 6,700,405.29 |
| Total | \$ 15,758,734.45 |

C. Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will be available to answer questions regarding the 2021-22 monthly attendance report presented on the last page of this agenda.

D. Approval of Contracts

| COMPANY/ VENDOR | DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES | AMOUNT/ FUNDING | RESOURCE PERSON |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| State of Mind Performance | Provide interactive presentations to students during designated PE classes for the 2020-21 school year | NTE \$4,950 AB86/ELO Grant | John Davis |

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| United We Lead Foundation | ELA/ELD Virtual Student Academy for migrant & English learner students during Fall 2021 | \$28,125: Migrant-\$5,000 Title III-\$23,125 | John Davis |
| Burnham Benefits Insurance Services | Provide ACA reporting & compliance evaluation services through September 2022 | \$18,000/ General Fund | Kevin Platt |
| GO 2 Speech, LLC. | An online Speech and Language Pathologist will be provided through June 2022 | NTE \$103,950/ SPED | John Davis |

E. Facility Report – **Appendix B**

F. Obsolete Equipment

Education Code §17545 and 17546 allows the district to dispose of personal property belonging to the district that is unsatisfactory, no longer necessary (obsolete), or unsuitable for school use. The district administration is requesting authorization to dispose of obsolete items in the list below in compliance with government regulations. If an auction is warranted, the district will conduct an auction via the internet by and through its representative RT Auctions. Notices of items for sale at auction will be posted in no less than three public places within the District, including the District’s website at:

<http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us>

| Asset Tag | Description | Serial Number |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Powermatic Bandsaw | 98948548 |
| 12196 | Craftsman Lathe | |
| | Laguna Tools Bandsaw | 9111579 |

G. Authorization to Piggyback on Arvin Union School District for School Furnishings, Office Furniture and Accessories District-Wide for the Length of the Contract through November 12, 2022

Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code (PCC) provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, commonly referred to as “piggybacking”, where notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the PCC, the governing board of any school district without advertising for bids, and if the board has determined it to be in the best interest of the district may authorize the purchase of such supplies, furniture and equipment.

Arvin Union School District has awarded their furnishings bid to Sierra School Equipment - Piggyback Bid #2018-19-001, through November 12, 2022. The

district recommends that the board find and determines that it is in the best interest of the district to authorize purchasing of furniture and accessories under the same terms and conditions. With Board approval the district may “piggyback” on their bid pursuant to the provisions of PCC20118.

- H. Authorization to Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-384 SMHS Seven (7) Portable Addition 2022

The district administration recommends approval of Rachlin Partners to perform Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-384 - SMHS Seven (7) Portable Addition 2022 for the amount of \$68,500.

- I. Approval of Change Order No. 6 for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Addition of Two (2) Classrooms and 4,381 Square Feet of Administrative Office Space

Additional funds are requested in the amount of \$379,950.30 for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services to be performed by Rachlin Partners. The work is part of the Santa Maria High School Reconstruction, 50 Classrooms Project. The increased scope includes two classrooms and 4,381 square feet of additional administrative space. The added work was captured in the final 50 Classroom design and the Vernon Edwards Constructors Gross Maximum Price, however, was not included in the original A&E agreement calculations.

- J. Notice of Completion

The following project was substantially completed on September 21, 2021 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) SMHS PVHS 2021 Summer Roofing Repairs, #21-367 with Craig Roofing Company (Contractor)

- K. Authorization to Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-390 SMHS Career Technical Education Facility Program Modernization Grant

The district administration recommends approval of Rachlin Partners to perform Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-390 - SMHS Career Technical Education Facility Program Modernization Grant (Ag Mechanics Rooms 510, 511 and 517; Auto Tech Rooms 512, 513, 514, 515 and 516) for the amount of \$622,521.70.

- L. Authorization to Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-391 ERHS Career Technical Education Facility Program Modernization Grant

The district administration recommends approval of Rachlin Partners to perform Architectural and Engineering Services for Project #21-391 - ERHS Career Technical Education Facility Program Modernization Grant (Ag Mechanics Rooms 401, 402, 409 and 410; Ag Science Rooms 404, 405, and 406) for the amount of \$532,690.60.

- M. Agreement between SMJUHSD and Cuyama Unified School District to provide Independent Study services

Pursuant to AB 130, SMJUHSD agrees to provide an Independent Study program to Cuyama Unified School District students during the 2021-22 school year.

- N. K12 Strong Workforce Partnership Grant

K-12 Strong Workforce Partnership Grant (K12SWP Grant) is a grant that helps fund the district's CTE programs. The county helps lead a consortium of local districts SMJUHSD is a part of. This helped pay for some of the machines in the machine shop and will help build out pathways in the district. This is the fourth year of this grant.

- O. Student Matters - Education Code § 35146 and § 48918

Administrative Recommendation to order expulsion: 361447, 363565

- P. Out of State Travel

| PERSON/REASON | PLACE/DATE | FUNDING |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Clemente Ayon, Amanda Rodriguez NAAE-National Association of Ag Ed Conference | New Orleans, LA Dec. 1-4, 2021 | Perkins/AIG |
| Sara Araujo First Lady Luncheon (Design Flowers Event) | Washington, D.C. Oct. 19-23, 2021 | LCAP Goal 3, Serv. 5 |

- Q. Purchase Orders

| PO # | Vendor | Amount | Description/Funding |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| PO22-00613 | ELITE MODULAR LEASING | \$157,220 | SMHS 7 Portable Installation-Lease Fund 25 Capital Facilities |
| PO22-00873 | TACO WORKS, INC | \$85,000 | Cafeteria/Food Service Supplies Fund 13 |
| PO22-00632 | RDO EQUIPMENT CO. | \$70,687.50 | X53x Excavator System Career Technical Education Facilities Program |

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R. Acceptance of Gifts

| Pioneer Valley High School | | Amount |
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| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Recipient</u> | |
| G Brothers Kettlecorn | Link Crew Club | 180.00 |
| Lupita's Aqua Frescas | AVID 2023 | 400.00 |
| Total Pioneer Valley High School | | <u>\$580.00</u> |
| Righetti High School | | Amount |
| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Recipient</u> | |
| Tomooka Brothers | Softball | \$650.00 |
| Tomooka Brothers | Girl's Golf | \$350.00 |
| Rancho Maria Women's Golf Club | Girl's Golf | \$100.00 |
| The Wonderful Company Foundation Inc | Marimba Band | \$1,000.00 |
| Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos Inc. | Ballet Folklorico | \$150.00 |
| Total Righetti High School | | <u>\$2250.00</u> |
| Santa Maria High School | | Amount |
| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Recipient</u> | |
| Virginia Perry Souza | Band | \$250.00 |
| Santa Maria Produce | Girls Golf | \$500.00 |
| Ace Pump Inc | Girls Golf | \$1200.00 |
| Vivid Financial Management, Inc | Girls Golf | \$1500.00 |
| Associated Professional Advisors of Santa Maria, Inc | Girls Golf | \$600.00 |
| Central Coast Medical Oncology Corp | Girls Golf | \$5,000.00 |
| Total Santa Maria High School | | <u>\$9,050.00</u> |

NEXT MEETING DATE

A special board meeting is scheduled October 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 9, 2021. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021

December 14, 2021

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.