

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 8, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held on November 8, 2016 with an open session at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Garvin, Karamitsos, Palera, Lopez

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Garvin called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The Flag Salute was led by Yolanda Ortiz.

REPORTS

Principal Report – Joe Domingues/SMHS

Zenia Iniquez, SMHS Department Chair presented a Math Department Update. She announced in Sept 2016 at Cafecito that she was holding a meeting in October for parents and families about the math program at SMHS. She shared the presentation that she gave at the parent meeting. It included a video about Common Core and activities that went on at the meeting.

Mr. Domingues said they are bringing teachers into Cafecito and are trying to build a whole school community.

Dr. Richardson thanked Ms. Iniquez for her hard work and for the presentation.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson announced that the 38 classroom building at ERHS is out of DSA, which will keep us on our timetable.

He held the first Superintendent Council Meeting in October. The Council has four students from each school site and the principals. They worked together for a few hours and will be meeting again at the end of the month. The kids were excited and wanted to be a part of the district.

Board Member Reports

Amy Lopez: This is a night with a lot of expectation. She attended the One Community Action meeting on October 20 at the Library. The highlight was the presentation from three young ladies (one from PVHS, one from SMHS and one from Nipomo). She had a meeting with Probation and community based organizations and they are looking to put together a female based organization that is culturally proficient. She attended the Counseling Summit and heard Jeffrey Andrade (Growing Roses in Concrete) speak about cultural proficiency and working with diverse populations. She went to the Santa Maria High School Football game (it was a nail biter) - such an exciting game.

Dominick Palera: He thanked everyone for attending. Hoped everyone got out to vote. He attended the SMHS Excellence Awards Night. The excitement that kids have and the parent support is something to behold. The cafeteria was packed again. Truly worthwhile to see. He will be around some more now. He is in a walking boot.

Carol Karamitsos: She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and was excited to hear about the student representatives meeting with the superintendent. Our own board representatives need to be more engaged with more governance with the district. We are all interested in what students say about issues.

Jack Garvin: He attended a couple of events (the second day of Roses in Concrete and he attended the Academic Nights at SMHS). The smiles on parent's faces were great to see. It is a really proud time. He attended the parent engagement activity at PVHS and there were twelve parents involved in the training. He believes that SMHS and RHS are doing it as well. It was interesting to hear the parent's concerns.

PRESENTATION

Solar and Recycling Programs – Reese Thompson

Mr. Elliott Feldman and Mr. David Willard from Sage Renewals presented information on solar programs. They shared a SOLAR PV Feasibility Report. The report showed the estimated costs, savings, and financing options.

Mr. Feldman said it would take ten years to make the money back after the initial investment. The PowerPoint showed examples of shade structures and rooftop panels. He also shared the project risks and the timeline.

Dr. Karamitsos was shocked at the price. Last time they received information on a solar program prices were much higher. Pleasantly surprised at how low the cost is.

Ms. Ortiz reviewed the study and they had a meeting to discuss the various options (financing) and cash is not an option for the district. Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB) is the best option. Our utility savings would be enough to cover the payments and still have a positive cash flow. It is feasible to do the project. If the Board wants to pursue it, we need to issue the RFP and the information would go out so we could continue to move forward.

Dr. Garvin asked how the panels hold up at a school. He asked if we had spoken with other districts that have experience with solar panels. Ms. Ortiz explained that Mr. Thompson has looked at other school sites. We can see if those sites are realizing the savings they were promised and see how it is moving along.

Mr. Palera thanked the presenters and would like to see the entire report. It is a savings but it is also a lot of money. Still over a million in soft costs. He asked about the clean renewable energy bonds.

Ms. Ortiz explained that we wouldn't be going out to the public to ask for school bonds. These go through the IRS and other tax credits. It does still affect our tax base. The intent today was to provide you with the information and we will provide you with the full study and look for feedback and possibly bring back as an action item.

Mr. Thompson presented an update on the Recycling Program. He checked into grants and/or discounts available for our district. He spoke about the need for equipment and manpower if we want to pursue recycling.

Mr. Palera asked if that would mean three additional people at 30 hours each and asked if it would make more sense to make it 40 hours. Mr. Thompson said he was being conservative with the hours needed and definitely could use the additional ten hours for cleaning.

Dr. Richardson said we were running at a bare minimum and we are doing daytime custodial and if we pulled them off to do recycling they wouldn't be doing what we need them to do. It is important to evaluate the labor cost piece. If we want to go down this road we can look at more staffing.

Dr. Karamitsos said we would have to increase staffing. It would have to be someone that owned the position and would remind people to recycle. The numbers are in line with what was presented before. She asked Ms. Ortiz if we could make it work. It is irresponsible not to lead the change. Kids live in disposable world. She is for it.

Ms. Ortiz said we could make it work.

Dr. Garvin said it is good information but he would like recommendations as a result of this presentation.

Dr. Richardson wanted to present the information and if we want to move the timetable up and the board is in agreement and wants to give direction then the item will be brought back in December.

Ms. Lopez asked about the grant that was listed. Would the funding be available in 2018? What would be the costs of full time employees? Mr. Thompson said the funding applications for the grant are available in the fall of 2017 and it would be funded in the summer of 2018. The grants are competitive and not guaranteed.

Ms. Ortiz explained that the costs would go up for employees (to go full-time) but we could open it as a nine-month position.

Mr. Palera would like to see the numbers for full-time employees. It would be a benefit by keeping the campuses clean.

Dr. Richardson said they will break it down and get the information to everyone.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

Board Policies – First Reading

The administration asked the Board to review the proposed revisions to the board policy listed below. The policy will be on the next board agenda for approval.

BP 0410 Revised	<p><u>Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities</u></p> <p>Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 30, 2015) which, effective January 1, 2017, prohibits the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. Policy also adds language regarding the use of uniform complaint procedures to investigate and resolve any allegation of unlawful discrimination, expands the means by which notice of the district’s nondiscrimination policy will be distributed, reflects NEW LAW (SB 1375, 2016) which requires districts to post specified information regarding Title IX on their web site by July 1, 2017, and adds the district’s responsibility to make its web site accessible to individuals with disabilities.</p>
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A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a vote of 4-0 to review the proposed revisions to the board policy above. It will be listed for approval on the next agenda.

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

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 in October 2016 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of July- September 2016. 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 Valenzuela/CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services.

A public hearing was held. A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a vote of 4-0 to approve the Williams Quarterly Report as presented.

Textbook Review

The following textbook was presented to the Board of Education for review.

PVHS Business Department/Erika Quintana

Title: Professional Communication
 Author: Wuthrick, Huse, Murphy, Fulk
 Publisher: Goodheart-Wilcox/Copyright: 2017

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a vote of 4-0 to preview the textbook listed above and approve it upon the second reading at the next board meeting.

College Readiness Block Grant – Information Only

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's "College Readiness Block Grant plan is aligned to the District's Local Control Accountability Plan which serves all pupils within the LEA, particularly unduplicated pupils. The intent of the plan is to use the funds to increase or improve the access and completion of A-G courses by the University of California. The grant is \$893,529 and is for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 academic years.

CRBG funding will provide allowable uses of funds to include support for Advance Placement examination fees; developing and purchasing materials that support college readiness, including college entrance exam preparation; counseling services for students; expanding access to coursework or other opportunities to satisfy A-G course requirements; and sending teachers, counselors, and administrators to professional development opportunities related to college readiness.

The District will measure the impact of the funds received through the eight State Priorities. In particular, conditions of learning, State Priorities 2) Implementation of academic content and performance standards and Priority 7) pupil enrollment to course access. State Priorities for pupil outcomes include Priority 4) pupil achievement and Priority 8) other pupil outcomes. State Priorities for engagement include Priority 5) pupil engagement and Priority 6) school climate.

The plan will be on the December agenda for approval.

Dr. Karamitsos asked if it is a lump sum or incrementally implemented. Ms. Ortiz said we get it all in one year.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a vote of 4-0 to approve the consent items as presented. The bus purchase was discussed.

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Tami Contreras: CSEA is starting a new election this year. In January they would like to introduce the new board. She thanked Mark Richardson for allowing them to sit in on interviews. She is grateful to be a part of that and have input and have it respected and to be heard. She said that she and Matt shared the enjoyment of being part of the process and being heard.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Garvin adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:43 p.m.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 6:54 p.m. Dr. Richardson announced the closed session items. The board was updated on personnel items and all personnel actions were approved as submitted.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 13, 2016. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the District Support Services Center.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The meeting dates for 2017 will be determined at the December 13, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.