

**REGULAR BOARD 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 cafeteria at Santa Maria High School on October 8, 2014 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Walsh, Garvin, Tognazzini, Karamitsos, Perez

Open Session

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session and reconvened for open session at 6:34 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order and student representative from SMHS, Gerardo Nevarez, led the flag salute.

Announce Closed Session Actions

Superintendent Richardson welcomed everyone and reported that all certificated and classified personnel actions were approved as recommended. The board approved the student matters as presented to them and were updated on the status of contract negotiations.

Presentations

Facility Update

Reese Thompson and Gary Wuitschick gave a PowerPoint update on facility upgrades and projects that have occurred districtwide.

Righetti: Slope improvement, roof repair, window tinting in the upper classroom area, classroom carpeting (cleaning and installing), grounds improvement, new fencing, updating the football lights, scoreboard and Pressbox. Dr. Karamitsos asked if they are going to add benches to the new grassy areas between blocks. Mr. Thompson said they probably could and would follow up on that.

PVHS: Added canopies at attendance and business office for parents and students, improved traffic flow areas, landscaping upgrades, turf and track repairs, carpet cleaning, maintaining support areas and resurfacing gym floors.

SMHS: Mr. Wuitschick gave an update on the performing arts center. They are working with DSA and hopefully will get it out to bid soon. Other projects include: New roofs on portables, asphalt paving for staff and events parking, Quiet Room portable installation

and renovation, Girls Weight Room update, scrubbing and recoating of hard floors.

Mr. Wuitschick showed the progress of the new classroom building at SMHS on Broadway (14 room construction). It will be a beautiful building and a wonderful addition to the campus.

He also showed a rendition of the new Ag Education Career Technical Education Center. He stated that the district is in the middle of environmental reviews right now. Hopefully by April we should have a clean property.

There has been a district-wide energy upgrade. A pump (for the well) at Righetti was installed and their department is going through some trials with it. Hopefully, it will be a good addition and give a lot of water for irrigation.

Pictures of the Professional Development Center progress were shown. There has been a lot of activity and so far it is on schedule for completion at the end of November. The District Office has also had asphalt paving. They are happy with the results.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wuitschick explained that several projects are being done 50/50. Half is being done by outside contractors with the other half being done by our inside employees. It is working great and saving money.

Boundary

Mr. Wuitschick presented a draft of the Boundary Project Timeline Estimate. We will begin this month with developing the draft boundary criteria and process. It should take approximately six months for the process and he wants to present the plan at the March board meeting for approval. The plan would be implemented for the 2015/2016 school year.

He explained that during November we will commence with evaluation of maps and establishment of a district parent advisory committee. There will be a variety of meetings (proposal reviews with site principals, meeting with feeder school districts, public input and public hearing). It is an aggressive schedule but doable.

Dr. Garvin asked if this boundary study also take a look at bus routes. We are at 3 miles radius now and he is concerned with kids finding a way to school. Can we take a look at that? Mr. Wuitschick explained that safety is a priority.

Dr. Richardson stated that transportation would be part of the criteria we are looking at. This is not an action item tonight. We are just updating the board as to where we are at this point. We will come to the Board in November with more information and will then ask for approval.

Reports

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson presented an update on LCFF and an update on the activity of our LCAP plan. The district did not get the LCAP template until the first of the year and at that point we had to work with the County as well, to know what had to be included in the template. We were able to work through the process and wanted to give the board a snapshot of what we have done so far.

The LCAP plan has to address the eight priorities that were defined by the State of California. They are: Basic Services, Implementation of Common Core Standards, Parental Involvement, Student Achievement, Student Engagement, School Climate, Course Access and Other Student Outcome.

Dr. Richardson described the goals, actions and services and the status thus far of each goal that are in the LCAP plan.

Goal 1: Challenge and support all students to demonstrate proficiency in the Common Core State Standards and acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful. Services include contracts with PIVOT Learning which is in year 2 of 2 and the online professional learning tool, School Innovation Technology, which will be accessible in November 2014. The Professional Development Center should be complete in December 2014.

Goal 2: Create a culture of respect and caring that supports positive relationships among all stakeholders. Discussed the C.P.I. Training in June 2014 and Cohort 2 is set for October 2014 and Just Communities and Training Menu Development for Cultural Proficiency.

Goal 3: Strengthen the quality for career education programs and services. Primarily this goal is focused around our Career Pathway Development. We are working with AHC, ROP, CFW in the development of Career Pathways, Facility Master Plan, CTE Course Facility Development and CTE Equipment. Eventually, developing our capstone classes that we will be implementing at the CTE facility and on our campuses.

Goal 4: Strengthen district wide support systems, processes and practices that support student learning. We have hired new PPS Counselors on the sites and have invested in additional AVID sections to support his goal.

Goal 5: Expand the ways in which technology may be used to support student engagement and learning, while improving the efficiency of district operations. One of the areas in this goal is to implement wireless installation. That is complete. 1:1 devices for staff and students are in the pilot stage. Delta is currently using 1:1 devices. Once the decision is made on the type of devices - we will implement this winter for staff, and begin in spring 2015 for students. Dr. Karamitsos asked if there are different products (for students and staff). Mr. Davis explained that the students at Delta are using the RT Surface Device but unfortunately, Microsoft has discontinued the line. Several teachers are us-

ing loaner devices that different companies have given us. Some students are also using the loaner devices. We will get everyone together and decide how we will move forward.

Goal 6: Maintain a safe, secure and healthy environment for all students and staff. All sites now have Sheriff Resource Officers. There is one stationed at Righetti, through the Sheriff's Office, and we have two officers contracted with the Santa Maria Police Department. Opportunity Programs were moved from the Learning Center to the sites. Students have the opportunity to work in those programs and it offers our staff more flexibility for students that have ongoing issues. We will be bringing to the board some of the work we have been doing regarding safety equipment.

Goal 7: Strengthen programs and services to support English Learners becoming proficient in academic areas. We have invested heavily in hardware and software in Read 180 and in EL staffing. Read 180 is double block classes which require additional staffing. We are getting ready to hire EL Coordinators that will be working with Maria Larios-Horton. Maria is also investigating the hiring of bilingual instructional assistants and how we can utilize them at our school sites.

Goal 8: Identify and work with Foster Students in the District and feeding to the district. We have contracted for liaison services with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley. Edwin Weaver, the director of FBSMV, has taken ahold of this. We are working on data access and developing partnerships with the governmental agencies that work with foster students and developing contacts with our feeder school districts so we can transition them into our program.

LCAP Cycle: This is the timeline on how we will address this process. We have to do this every year. Goal is in middle January, to convene a District Steering Committee to review the current plan and make recommendations for our plan for next year. In February we will take those recommendations (from the committee) and post them on a district blog to get feedback and make adjustments accordingly. In March we will take the plan out to the EL parent group and other parent groups. In April we will meet with the employee organizations and adjust if necessary. In May we hope to sunshine the plan to the public and go to board in June for approval.

Make-up of the LCFF Steering Committee: The make-up of the Strategic Planning Committee was a great model. As we looked at the requirements for the LCFF we have created the following six categories: Site Representation (4 parents, 4 students and 4 principals), Employee Group Representation (4 CSEA reps and 4 FA reps), District Committees (4 DELAC, 4 MPAC), District Partners (4 Feeder District reps, 2 high education reps, 1 SBCEO and 1 City of Santa Maria; At Large Community Representation (4 reps) and Other Support Staff (6 District Table Facilitators, 2 translators, 1 Lead Facilitator and 1 Recorder. New to this committee will be the representatives from the District Committees (DELAC and MPAC.)

The Lead Facilitator will be Jim Brown (who was the facilitator for the Strategic Planning Committee). The committee will be larger (50 people vs. 40 people) from Strategic

Planning Committee. We will take a look at the plan (it was developed for three years with the capacity to adjust as we move along). Focus would be to adjust and engage everyone in the process. We want to make sure that everyone feels they have a part in it.

Board members are happy with the parent participation piece. Ms. Perez asked how the parents are selected from the committees. Dr. Richardson explained the selection process. He said the site people are recruited by the principals. The employee agencies and parent and community groups will pick their representatives. Dr. Richardson reaches out to Hancock and UCSB or Cal Poly for representatives.

Ms. Perez asked if textbooks were going to be downloaded to use on the tablets. Wasn't that part of the goal? Mr. Davis stated that we are pretty certain that is the direction instructional materials is moving but we don't have a lot that we have access to at this point. We are looking into it and know as we get further into common core we will have more access to electronic text. Dr. Karamitsos said with that in mind, you would certainly want to pick a product that has a split screen. Dr. Richardson stated that we are still looking at where we start and where are we going to finish. Technology is changing and we may need a different product.

Discussed the challenges of common core. Mr. Davis said we are dealing with ELA and Math changes for common core. Standards change but we are still locked into an accountability system that makes it doubly difficult for teachers in terms of instruction (to balance that). We have been given some relief from the state as to what we will be held accountable for. We hope we get additional funding for technology requirements in terms of preparing our labs. There is a lack of instructional materials for common core. The state is coming around with the digital library (and we want to get that in the hands of our teachers). We are not alone – it is going on around the country.

Principal Reports

Mr. Davis prefaced the reports by stating that we are moving in three parallel tracks (three areas of emphasis) - Common Core (spearheaded by PIVOT), extensive Cultural Proficiency training and Professional Learning Communities, and Collaborative Model (subject area teams, share best practices). With that spirit, we sent a large amount of our staff to Anaheim (a week ago). This report is what they took away from this event.

Shanda Herrera: We did have the opportunity to go to the conference. Each of our schools brought four leaders from the site. People volunteered to go. We had 2 ½ days of dynamic presenters. Our district looked at the offerings and found what was best for our district. What could we do? How can we implement it? We are going to bring the team members back to go over everything. PLC has been around forever but this gave us a chance to re-examine what is working and what is not. We were able to share ideas. How can we fix what isn't working? How we can celebrate what we do well?

Esther Prieto-Chavez: One of the best conferences we have ever attended. Validated some of what we are doing and also what we can change. Research regarding strate-

gies overcoming obstacles (students in poverty); working in teams, not in isolation. Karen Rotondi: We wanted our teachers to take away something they can use from the conference. We asked them to tell us what they took away that they can immediately use. They said learning how to create data notebooks and how to use it in your PLC. The purpose is not to talk about discipline in your classroom. Keep positive when meeting with each other. Also reminding us the importance of celebration (student success).

Joe Domingues: We had a team effort on multiple results.

Dr. Karamitsos asked how the conference information gets disseminated to the entire staff, since we can only send a representation from the schools. Mr. Davis stated that the team that attended is going to meet to figure that out. It is overwhelming for each teacher to do that with their department so we are exploring to see if we can partner with the other districts in our area to pool our resources and bring some of the speakers here so the entire staff can hear the speakers.

Student Reports

David Torres/PVHS: The new schedule has brought a lot of changes. Without Panther Forum it is difficult to communicate with everyone, however; we are keeping our Panther Pride. 52 members attended a leadership conference in SLO in September. We learned to choose well and do our best. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was done over four days and they raised \$942. Campus beautification day was held last weekend. We are gearing up for homecoming (fall rally on Friday). We play St. Joseph. Band and cheer will perform. Theme is "Around the World" and voting for King and Queen is by text message.

Gerardo Nevarez/SMHS – ASB is busy running elections for homecoming court. Homecoming rally is October 17th. ASB attended a leadership conference in Solvang with members of Friday Night Live. Clubs have been very busy with fundraising and volunteering. Students are continuing to show Saints Pride by keeping campus clean, getting involved, attending sporting events, club meetings, and being involved in the community. Posters and homecoming announcements are up throughout the campus.

Jhaicelle Laron/RHS: Freshmen class officer elections were held last month. Next Friday is Fall Club Day. College boot camp for seniors was held with Mrs. Dirkes. Spirit week was a success and we won against St. Joseph! Inspirations are posted all around our school. We have had two rallies so far. We have our last rally this Friday. Homecoming is this Friday and a King and Queen will be selected.

Carlos Alvarado/Delta: Student activities include Wired Wednesdays, Dragon Battles, Basketball and Football. Last week a group of students and counselor went to Allan Hancock College to learn about their mechanical and technical programs. Delta staff members have been nominating Delta Dragons who show positive traits and put forth outstanding efforts for student of the week awards. Over 50 students have been recognized so far! Presenters are on campus speaking to the Career Exploration students.

Board Member Reports

Ms. Perez: She tried out the Parent Portal and feels it is a great tool and is a great addition for parents to keep track of their student's homework. She also wanted to thank Dr. Richardson and John Davis for attending the meeting at Hancock. It was a pleasure to introduce Maria Larios-Horton at the DELAC meeting. She was at Righetti on October 2nd and enjoyed it. She will be at SMHS tomorrow. She met a lot of new teachers and new counselors and was excited to meet them. She would like to ask the board to move the day of the board meetings because it is the same day as the board from SM Bonita meets. Dr. Richardson stated that we could move the dates at our organizational meeting in December and could speak with their Superintendent to make sure the dates do not conflict.

Dr. Karamitsos: She had an opportunity to visit PVHS and she is in the process of setting up dates at the other sites. It is beneficial for people to be able to speak with the board members. She wants to thank everyone to a great start for the new year (especially with the schedule changes and new common core standards). She sees a spirit of positivity and appreciates it.

Dr. Garvin: He will be attending the awards night at SMHS later in the month and appreciates the invitation.

Mr. Tognazzini: He stated that he delivered the Santa Maria Times 58 years ago and looks at the paper every day. He notices all of the positive press we are getting covering our students, faculty and staff. He wants to thank Dr. Richardson and Kenny Klein for putting our face out there. If you read it this morning you saw the two high school teachers that are going to Cal Poly. If you follow these things – it gives you a good feeling. He also plugged a radio show (Andy Caldwell, KUHL, 1440) that he will be guest hosting tomorrow. Dr. Richardson and Debbie Troop from the Ag Advisory Council will be discussing the proposed CTE school between 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. We need to get this information out to the public.

Items Scheduled for Action

Instruction

New Textbook Adoption

Pioneer Valley High School/International Languages, J. Zambrano

- Allons au-delá, Pearson, Richard Ladd, © 2012 for AP French

John Davis presented the textbook for the Board to preview. It will be up for a second reading and approval at the November 12, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the preview of the textbook.

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

John Davis presented the Williams Uniform Complaints report for the months of July – October 2014. There have been no complaints. A PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED. No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints.

General

Ed Code Sections used for Assignment Options

Tracy Marsh presented Resolution 9-2014-2015, the Teacher Assignment Options Resolution for 2014/2015 school year. The District is required by state law to have all teachers properly assigned within their credentialed subject areas according to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. However, there are several Education Code options to assign teachers in areas in which they have a requisite number of units and/or expertise.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution Number 9-2014-2015.

Roll Call:

Dr. Walsh	Yes
Mr. Tognazzini	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Ms. Perez	Yes

SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-2014-2015

WHEREAS, the District is required by state law to have all teachers properly assigned within their credentialed subject areas. However, there are several options to assign teachers in areas in which they have a requisite number of units and/or expertise.

WHEREAS, Education Code §44258.7 (c & d) allows the district to assign teachers, with their consent to teach elective subject classes when that assignment has been approved by the Committee on Assignments. Policies and procedures for this committee have been implemented and approved by the Governing Board, and

WHEREAS, Education Code §44263 allows teachers to teach outside of their major/minor in subject areas in which they hold eighteen (18) semester hours of course work or nine (9) upper division semester hours or graduate course work.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District does hereby authorize the assignments of the teachers listed per education codes cited:

Education Code §44258.7(c & d)		Education Code §44865	
Roxana Maldonado	Ballet Folklorico	Glynda Maddaleno	VPA
		Lisa Adams	VPA
Education Code §44263		Jenna Dee	VPA
Robert Knight	Spanish	Sonia Galvez	VPA
Kevin Barbarick	Mathematics	Justin Fraser	English
Ricardo A. Gabaldon	VPA		

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Walsh, Tognazzini, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez
NOES: N/A
ABSENT: N/A

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

EL Coordinator Position – Appendix C

Tracy Marsh presented a new job description for EL Coordinator. It has been created to formally document a new position within the EL department. The EL Coordinator, together with the Director of Multilingual and Migrant Education Programs, develops and establishes coherent, district-wide protocols and procedures for the implementation of English learner programs.

Dr. Karamitsos asked if the job responsibilities specify about articulation with the feeder schools to ensure we have continuity between districts. Dr. Richardson explained that responsibility would be primarily with Maria Larios-Horton and John Davis.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the job description for the EL Coordinator Position.

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations – Appendix D

Mrs. Ortiz presented Board Policy E9323.2. This policy reflects the new law AB 97, 2013 which repeals Education Code 17583; the requirement for a 2/3 vote to transfer funds from the Deferred Maintenance fund. It also adds a new policy that requires a 4/5 vote of the board related to district borrowing.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the changes to Board Bylaw E9323.2.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - September 10, 2014
Special Board Meeting - September 23, 2014

Approval of Warrants for the Month of September 2014

Payroll	\$5,815,705.46
Warrants	<u>2,258,436.46</u>
Total	\$8,074,141.92

Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the first monthly attendance report of 2014-2015.

Facility Report – Appendix B

Acceptance of Gifts

Pioneer Valley High School		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Target	PVHS	\$145.78
Ralph & Sherry Tourino	Band	\$200.00
Hilda Sanroman	Band	\$100.00
Albino Avila	Band	\$100.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	FFA	\$100.00
Atascadero Greyhound Foundation	Band	\$500.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	Band	\$200.00
Pacifica Personnel, Inc.	Band	\$100.00
Encino Valley Farming	Band	\$100.00
The Hasan & Darlene Adam Rev Family Trust	Band	\$100.00
Santa Maria Noontimers Lions Club	Band	\$100.00
Industrial Radiator	Band	\$100.00
C.D. Lyon Construction	Cross Country	\$250.00
Porter & Howard, Inc. Toyota Scion	Girls Tennis	\$100.00
G. Starowicz Revocable Trust	Drama (Center Stage)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Pioneer Valley High School		\$2395.78

Santa Maria High School		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joel & Eleanor Byars	Boys Golf	\$250.00
Jane Michel	Boys Golf	\$200.00
Heath Family Dentistry	Boys Golf	\$100.00
Frank Clabough Insurance Services	Boys Golf	\$100.00
William Dowell	Boys Golf	\$100.00
David Alderte	Boys Golf	\$100.00
The Rental Concept	Boys Golf	\$400.00
Brian Drewniak	Boys Golf	\$100.00
Ken Groppetti	Boys Golf	\$110.00
Marc DeBernardi	Boys Golf	\$105.00
Doug Silva	Boys Golf	\$110.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	Band	\$200.00
California Mid State Fair	FFA Dairy	\$279.00
Elks Rodeo Parade	FFA	\$300.00
Saints Football Boosters	Football	\$1600.00
Santa Barbara Athletic Association	Cross Country	<u>\$1500.00</u>
Total Santa Maria High School		\$5,554.00

Righetti High School		
<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bob and Mary Perry	VPA Department	<u>\$650.00</u>
Total Righetti High School		\$650.00

Student Discipline Matters

- Administrative Recommendations to suspend the order of expulsion:
Student # 340731
- Administrative Recommendation to revoke suspended expulsion:
Student # 338246

Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description & Funding Source</u>
15-0465	Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc.	\$320,484.00	Reconfiguration & Facilities Program/Developer Fees

Textbook Discard

Santa Maria High School is requesting permission to discard the obsolete/damaged textbooks below:

Title of Book	ISBN #	Copyright	# to be discarded
IMP Year 1	1559532505	1997	165
IMP Year 2	1559532637	1998	115
IMP Year 3	1559532939	1999	50
IMP Year 4	1559533447	2000	30
IMP Fireworks	1559534656	2000	135
IMP Solve It!	1559534648	2000	50
Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic	0130631310	2003	58
The Practice of Statistics, 3 rd edition	9780716773092	2008	29
CPM Algebra 2, Volume 1	1885145632	2001	257
CPM Algebra 2, Volume 2	1885145640	2002	222
Of Mice and Men	0140177396	1993	78

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Title of Book	ISBN #	Copyright	# to be discarded
Macromedia Studio MX 2004	061918390X	2004	61
Digitools	0538434864	2004	100
Keeping Financial Records	0538441534	2006	33
Language! Book A	1602188424	2009	47
Language! Book B	1602188432	2009	39
Language! Book C	1602188440	2009	108
Language! Book D	1602188459	2009	106
Traditions and Encounters	9780072424355	2003	20

New Course Adoptions

Santa Maria High School

- Integrated Marketing and English

Ernest Righetti, Pioneer Valley and Santa Maria High School

- ROP Professional Business Communication

Ernest Righetti, Pioneer Valley and Santa Maria High School

- English 1 Intensive A/B
- English 2 Intensive A/B

Request for Travel

SCHOOL	INSTRUCTOR IN CHARGE	EVENT/ LOCATION	DATES
PVHS	Alejandra Lopez Vanessa Carrillo Jesus Gallardo	La Tertulia Club/Costa Rica	June 15, 2015 – June 30, 2015
SMHS	Mark DeBernardi Luis Guerra Mark Powell Shannon Powell	National FFA Convention/Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN	October 26, 2014 - November 1, 2014

Corwin Press Consulting Services

Corwin Press is providing consulting services and professional development for the SMJUHSD for the 2014-15 school year. Services include, but are not limited to, professional development for a district-wide Cohort 2 of teachers, administrators and parents to attend the Cultural Proficiency International Institute in Los Angeles later this month, as well as some guided professional reading and support for the districts efforts in Cultural Proficiency.

Reports from Employee Organizations

Stacia Malm: Happy that classified are being recognized as stakeholders on the LCFF District Steering Committee. Do you consider the January meeting as the kickoff meeting for moving forward for LCAP? Have the meetings been ongoing? CSEA has not been contacted. How will the public be notified of the meetings?

Karen Draper: As of the ratification of our contact at the end of last year, SDMC bylaws still need to be negotiated. After six meetings the Faculty Association and District are in agreement with all but one item, which is the election process for the constituents. The District wants to run the parent election. The negotiating team proposed several models but we are at Impasse at this point and a mediator has been called by Andrew Oman with times available. Currently awaiting times that will work for all parties. Additionally,

the FA was able to secure a permanent spot for a classified person on SDMC. They are very important and a significant voice on SDM.

Sue Savins: She is pleased to announce that as of October 23rd the FA will host six monthly workshops for their members of the benefits of belonging to CTA and NEA. Some of the topics include financial workshops and planning for a comfortable retirement. They have over 60 new members this year.

Matt Markstone: Two items were taken to Curriculum Council. One was the Incident Form and concern that it was being used inconsistently at each site and administrator to administrator and asked that the district look into that. Second thing was the state of classroom equipment. District was looking into what the standard classroom looks like. Raised some concern when teachers moved rooms (where the equipment goes) and if department funds were responsible for replacement items.

Open Session Public Comments

Helen Galvan: Discussed the difference between equity and equal. The new funding formula from the state was based to promote school equity and is for the most needy students. Parents recognize that SMHS is the most needy school. This means that SMHS should have the most funding. For instance, counselor ratio is equal but not equitable. Equitable assignments should be the percentage of counselors to service ELD and Foster students, not just an average counselor to student ratio. Please keep this in mind and apply it equitably.

Willie Galvan: We know that the board and union and teachers were challenged to do something different to educate our SMHS students. This Board has gone through a lot of work (and probably grief) and being personally attacked. You never wavered. We know you have held the line; we believe that by your actions you may have saved a generation. We know that the majority of students at SMHS have to overcome many obstacles to succeed. The Board and administrators have helped students to succeed. We thank you for this. He wanted to testify that the Board clearly listened to the parents and the school community. He (and parent representatives) presented a plaque to the board in appreciation for all that they have done.

Shelly Klein: Wants to speak about Common Core. This year we are implementing it in many classrooms but in math it looks very different than what students have seen in the past. We also know that the testing is different. Does the District have any plans for site or public forums on what the common core looks like and how the testing has changed? She is hoping there is a plan on how the information will go out to the public.

Patti Wagner: She has taught 30 years as a science teacher. We are moving and insisting that all students are college prep. She is not anti-college prep but sees problems in classrooms with students that are not ready for this. Students can be moved up but they get frustrated when they are put in college prep too soon. Wants to encourage a discussion about what we are doing with our students. We have students that read at a third grade level with students that have grade level reading. We need to start doing what is equitable

for our students.

Rich Boyle: Stated that a teacher's classroom was interrupted by a site administrator for non-emergencies several times. He considers it harassment.

Francisco Rosano: He thanked the Board for all the changes at SMHS. He is proud to have his son at SMHS. He is making good grades and spending more time at school, which means less time on the streets. Thank you to all of the teachers and to the other parents that are involved.

Jose Luis Castellanos: He reminded the public that next month are elections. Discussed the change in the SDMC bylaws to involve more parents and feels that now every student in the SMJUHSD will get an equal education.

Roberto Michel: He thanked each of the board members for all the changes that have happened for the kids. Now we know the kids have the choices if they want to succeed. On behalf of all the parents (that work in the fields) – thank you. Thank you to the teachers, counselors, admin, etc. Without everyone we could not achieve anything. He is very proud to have our Board members representing our students.

Mary Jacka: Parent and community voice is needed at all schools. It is a parental right that they have input. SMHS enjoys Cafecito (coffee with the principal). She feels that all schools in the district should offer it.

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 November 12, 2014. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Santa Maria High School, 901 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Future Regular Board Meetings for 2014

December 10

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.