

**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 13, 2013, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin. Absent: Reece

**Open Session**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to closed session. There were no public comments.

**Closed Session**

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

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order and student representative, Stephany Rubio, led the flag salute.

**Announce Closed Session Actions**

Superintendent Richardson reported the following closed session actions:

Student Matters – Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918. The Board approved the proposed expulsions/suspended expulsion(s) and/or and requests for re-admission as presented.

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 negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association).

**Presentations**

**Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Statistics**

John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a brief update on district and site state accountability results. The 2012-13 school year was the sunset of the STAR program and transitioning to a new system takes place in 2013-14. A new system of testing and accountability will begin during the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Davis reported that SMHS surpassed the 700 mark on their API and acknowledged the efforts of teachers, students and all the stakeholders. Righetti and Pioneer Valley High Schools saw slight drops last year; a state-wide downward trend in API, as more schools focused on

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preparing for Common Core.

A handout was provided which included an overview of Assembly Bill 484 listing the main components of the legislation that impact accountability, required assessments for 2013-2014, and information about the Smarter Balanced field test in the spring of 2014. Tests are expected to be online in 2015 and field tests will be conducted in grades 9 and 10 as randomly selected by the state. Tests will also be given to selected 11<sup>th</sup> graders as part of the sample; 11<sup>th</sup> graders not selected may take the test if they desire. The Early Assessment Program (EAP) test will be replaced by the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced test. Mr. Davis explained that the field test is not intended to test students; rather it is a test to determine the validity of the test.

### **Reports**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **National FFA Trip Review**

Hector Guerra and 12 district FFA students attended the board meeting to share their experience at a recent FFA national convention in Louisville, Kentucky. One student reported that FFA membership has increased at Pioneer Valley and about 250 students attend FFA meetings. Some students spoke about confidence they've acquired in public speaking, participation at seminars and the great leadership experiences. The American Degree is the highest award an FFA student can earn and fifteen students received this award this year. Ag advisor, Miguel Guerra, received his honorary American Degree at this year's National FFA Conference; only 6 teachers throughout the state received this award. The annual awards banquet will be held in May and students thanked the Board for their continuous support of the program.

##### **Physical Fitness Test Results - Lorene Yoshihara**

Lorene Yoshihara, SMHS teacher, provided a handout showing the Physical Fitness Test Passing Results by district and by school. Page one of the handout showed the passage percentages by state, county, district, and schools based on the number of tests taken. Page two provided a three year summary of testing results for ninth grade students. Page 3 included the pass percentages based on the number of ninth grade students tested in the following categories: Aerobic Capacity, Body Composition, Abdominal Strength & Endurance, Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility, Upper Body Strength & Endurance, and Flexibility.

Ms. Yoshihara explained that some of the options now available include results by male, female, ethnicity, etc. The Physical Fitness test consists of six fitness tests. She reported that the district's percentage for passing 5 of 6 tests is 55.7 compared to the state's 59.5. The district's percentage for passing 4 of 6 tests is 77.8 compared to the state's 78.2. Ms. Yoshihara said students at SMHS are running a mile 2 to 3 times per week and are improving individual goals. She added that the physical fitness test does not affect graduation or the physical education requirements.

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**Peer Assistance Review/Teacher Induction Program (PAR/TIP)**

Lorene Yoshihara provided a handout listing TIP mentors and participating teachers as well their site and subject areas. Currently there are 17 participating teachers and 14 mentor teachers. This year there are 31 participating teachers in the Santa Barbara County compared to 60 last year.

**Principal Reports**

Principal Molina is pleased with the Pivot training and the positive feedback from the English and science departments. The social studies department is scheduled to meet on November 15; the math department will meet on November 22. Fall sports has come to an end and 5 of the 6 sports made CIF. Also, the water polo team won against Beverly Hills with a score of 17-2.

Principal Herrera reported that Pioneer Valley recently completed a nine week parent program (Parent Institute Quality Education) with 61 parents graduating. There are plans to offer a three-week leadership class for parents and this will be the first time the class will be offered on the Central Coast. Students at PV are participating in financial aid night and staff is preparing for WASC in March 2014 with a pre-visit on November 22.

Principal Domingues is pleased that SMHS surpassed its goal by a 19 point increase despite a state downward trend in API. He thanked teachers for keeping students on track and parents for motivating them at home. Mr. Domingues congratulated students for stepping up to the challenge and recognized that great accomplishments happen when all stakeholders work together.

Principal Prieto-Chavez reported that Delta teachers are excited about the Pivot Learning taking place. She added that teachers and students are excited about the RT Surface Tablet pilot program.

**Student Reports: Leticia Mora, Delta; Samantha Galicinao, Santa Maria; and Stephany Rubio, Pioneer Valley**

Delta: Dragon battles are scheduled for October 25, Nov 1, and Nov 8; the new Surface RT Tablets student/teacher video game will soon be released; Delta Feeds Families; Delta won both basketball and volleyball competitions; upcoming Blood Drive; largest Honors class; ten students attended the FBLA luncheon; and the Center for Employment Training, United States Air Force Base, and Fashion Institute of Merchandising and Design were the speakers for October and November.

SMHS: Homecoming was a success; the Powder Puff game is scheduled for December 6; ASB officers are working on requirements for a graduation sash; Gingerbread House War will be held during the Winter Fair; the semester will end with Spirit Week; fundraising for a trip to Washington D.C.; FBLA promoted their club at the Autumn Grapes and Grains Festival; Band is preparing for the Winter Concert and the Parade of Lights; CSF tutors students on Mondays and is planning a clothes drive and beach cleanup; Canned Food Drive

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for Thanksgiving; Mock Trial is working with local lawyers; next Breeze issue will be released on December 6; Choir Winter Concert on November 22; a benefit concert for a victim of a car collision is planned; Fellowship of Christian Athletes participated in Field of Faith; Red Ribbon Week activities; and a busy October for FFA.

Pioneer Valley: Busy beginning of year; celebrating 10 years of Panther Pride; an all school fundraiser sold nearly 1,250 barbeque tickets; the Homecoming game was a success and five past athletes were honored into the Athletic Hall of Fame; last football game for seniors; Link Crew is a success thanks to amazing teachers; ASB is planning noon-time activities; college acceptances were received early this year; Senior and Sophomore AVID classes will visit college campuses on November 18 and 19; ASB was invited to WE DAY for their efforts in the water well project for the Free the Children project in Kenya, Africa; and thanks to the Board for supporting students at the CASL leadership conference.

Dr. Karamitsos thanked the student board representatives for a job well done in reporting school activities.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Lisa Walters: Shared information on research that shows the hours of instruction and practice needed in order to become proficient in a second language; district's financial decision to eliminate L1 classes; and the correlation between the lack of L1 classes and the limited number of college acceptances.

Mark Goodman: Reported on negotiations; the seven contract items presented to the negotiations team; and the hiring ratio.

Carol Moir: Is currently working on WASC with Principal Herrera. She is pleased with the positive effects of the current school schedule.

Clint Hinkle: Stated that statements made by certain groups were untrue; questioned why an "all call" at RHS was not approved; and congratulated SMHS on their success which was accomplished with the current schedule.

Riccardo Magni: Shared his concerns about the ELD program; the lack of articulation with junior high schools; and a proposal to remove the Faculty Management Council meeting from the contract. The FMC is a small group that meets with the superintendent to discuss non-contract issues.

Krista Ballard: CSEA is looking forward to meeting with the management group regarding the classified contract. It is hoped the meeting will take place before the holidays.

### **Board Member Reports**

Dr. Garvin spoke about the success of the Power Reading program at SMHS. He reported that students participating in the program have made tremendous progress. He acknowledged United Way for supporting the reading program. Dr. Garvin also shared that an article in Ed Cal includes an article and picture of Peter Haws with Tom Torlakson, State

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Superintendent of Public Instruction. The article is about the Biliteracy Seal at SMHS which received state-wide recognition.

Dr. Karamitsos enjoyed the Pioneer Valley vs. Righetti game. She attended the Pioneer Valley and Righetti Choir performances on Veterans Day. Dr. Karamitsos announced that board meeting locations will continue to be rotated in order to accommodate a larger audience. She thanked community members, parents and staff for their participation at meetings and asked that they all work together.

**Items Scheduled for Action**

**Instruction**

**Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Funding Plan**

At the October Board meeting Mr. Davis presented a plan to utilize the Common Core State Standards funding provided by the state to support the implementation of CCSS. The goals and an estimated spending plan were presented at that meeting. As required by the state, the district presented the proposed plan for Board approval. A Public Hearing was held, following are the public comments:

Delta teachers and students: Glynda Maddaleno, Justin Fraser and students are excited about the tablet pilot program. Integrating technology into the classroom is great and allows students an opportunity to stay current with technology. Delta is the first school in the county to pilot such a program.

Cat Petty, RHS teacher: Asked about the tablet type device selected for the pilot program, plans for repair, and the district's willingness to switch to another tablet should the current tablet not have the capability needed. Mr. Davis responded that the district is happy with the features of the tablet selected and is prepared to move forward and learn from the pilot program.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the CCSS Implementation Funding Plan as presented at the October 9th Board meeting.

**General**

**Board Policies/Administrative Regulations**

The following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations have been aligned with California School Boards Association updates as education code and laws change. The policies and regulations were approved by the Board and will be included in the existing sections upon approval.

A summary of revisions/changes made was presented in Appendix C of the agenda. The complete revised policies and regulations are part of the agenda which is posted on the district's website at [www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/](http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/)

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Personnel – Series 4000  
Awards and Recognition

BP 4156.2/4256.2/4356.2

Students – Series 5000

Conduct  
Alcohol and Other Drugs  
Asthma Management  
Specialized Health Care Services  
Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs

BP 5131  
BP 5131.6  
BP/AR 5141.23  
AR 5141.24  
BP/AR 5141.27

Board Bylaws – Series 9000

Public Statements

BB 9010

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

**Business**

**Authorization to Piggyback on Hemet Unified School District for School Buses District Wide for the Length of the Contract through June 30, 2014**

Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, asked that the Board authorize the purchase of a bus using an alternative method (piggybacking) for making purchases without advertising for bids. This alternative allows the district to replace a bus that was damaged in an accident earlier this year.

Hemet Unified School District has awarded their school buses bid to BusWest Piggyback Bid #2009/10-720 which expires June 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to grant approval to obtain school buses pursuant to a “piggyback” clause in the Hemet Unified School District.

**Consent Items**

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

A. Approval of Minutes

October 9, 2013 - Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of October 2013

Payroll	\$5,103,897.91
Warrants	<u>2,112,995.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,216,893.83</b>

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C. Attendance Report

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

D. Facility Report – **Appendix B**

E. Acceptance of Gifts

**Pioneer Valley High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PG&E	PVHS Admin	\$117.00
PG&E	Link Crew, T. Watkins, T. Castillo-Shiffer	400.00
Wells Fargo Foundation	PVHS Admin	2,500.00
Atascadero Greyhound Foundation	Band	500.00
Greg Villegas Photography	Student Council	675.00
Steven & Ida Aguilar	Girls' Golf	<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total Pioneer Valley High School</b>		<b>\$3,517.00</b>

**Santa Maria High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PG&E	Admin	\$400.00
Wells Fargo Foundation	Admin	2,500.00
Santa Maria FFA Boosters	FFA	5,000.00
TLC Mortuary	Baseball	100.00
Wheels N Windmills	Automobile Club	<u>9,000.00</u>
<b>Total Santa Maria High School</b>		<b>\$17,000.00</b>

**Righetti High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Michael & Nora McNamara	VPA	<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>Total Righetti High School</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>

F. Student Discipline Matters

- Administrative Recommendation to suspend the order of expulsion: Student #s 337025, 339387, 333897, 337727
- Administrative Recommendation to order expulsion: Student #'s 338371, 336841

G. Request for Travel

<b>School</b>	<b>Instructor in Charge</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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RHS	Denise Paulus	National Honor Choir, New York	4/6-14/2014
SMHS	Richard Guiremand, Amy Hennings	Close-Up Event, Washington, D.C.	2/9-15/2014

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. District Vehicles for Disposal

<b>Veh ID#</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Make/Model</b>	<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Condition</b>
91	1997	International School Bus	1HUBGAAN7UA 077433	Fair Condition, Unable to register in California without Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofit
107	1974	Dodge Truck	D14AE45158905	Runs well, body damage/rust.
192	1987	Chevy 3/4-Ton Suburban	1GNGR26N9HF 153625	Does not run
197	1984	GMC 5.7L V8 One-Ton Box Van	2GDHG31E9E45 14882	Does not run, body damage /rust.

I. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description &amp; Funding Source</u>
14-0519	CIO Solutions	\$45,807.96	Technology
14-0528	CIO Solutions	\$67,143.04	Technology

J. Textbook Discard

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

<b>Textbook Title</b>	<b>ISBN#</b>	<b>Copyright</b>	<b># of Copies</b>
CPM Geometry Volume 1	1885145535	2002	52
CPM Math Analysis Volume 1	1885145497	2003	41
Fearons Pre-Algebra	0835934535	1997	18
Reader's Handbook	0669490083	2002	30
Great Tales and Poems			
Edgar Allen Poe	671-46326-8	1970	20
Fearons American Government	0835910466	1995	14



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2nd Edition			
American Government	0130236179	2001	23
American Government Wkbk	0130236187	2001	18
Fearon's Economics 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed	0835932869	1995	20
AGS English to Use	0785414509	1998	13

Righetti High School is requesting permission to discard the obsolete/damaged textbooks listed below:

<b>Textbook Title</b>	<b>ISBN#</b>	<b>Copyright</b>	<b># of Copies</b>
Elements of Language	0030520037	2001	64
American Government	0618562443	2006	49

**Open Session Public Comments**

The following speakers shared their comments/concerns:

Raul Ceja, community member: Concern that students are not prepared when exiting high school. All stakeholders need to spend energy on positive issues.

Carla Ayala: Thanked teachers for their vote to change the school schedule.

Shelley Klein: Shared research by Joyce Epstein which talks about promoting student success— building parent, school, community partnership.

Patty Wagner: Provided a handout about literacy— *What You Do at Home Makes a Difference*.

Helen Galvan, PCIC member: Spoke about the community working together, the cultural proficiency training, and the purpose of the handouts at the meeting.

Rafaela Moreno, SDM parent representative: Spoke about the cultural proficiency training and a desire to meet with Andrew Oman and Mark Goodman.

Karen Draper, teacher: Spoke about the Museum of Tolerance, hopes others have an opportunity to attend, and looks forward to more training.

Willie Galvan: Spoke about the cultural proficiency training, the schedule change at SMHS, and apologized for insulting teachers at a previous board meeting.

Luis Santos, SMHS student: Pleased with the schedule change and thanked the district for supporting his trip to Washington D.C. to attend a youth seminar.

Dana Valverde: Spoke about having all district schools on the same schedule for the advancement of all students.

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Zenia Iniquez, parent and Yazmine Aguilera, teacher: A complaint and request to address a concern in closed session was presented to Superintendent Richardson and the Board of Education.

Yilda Guzman, SMHS senior: Asked for clarification on a flyer that was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Karamitsos responded that the flyer did not originate from the district.

Jose Luis Castellanos, LULAC member: Shared concerns about the school schedule and clarified the intent of the flyer distributed at the meeting.

Esperanza Salazar, LULAC member: Spoke about the new schedule and thanked stakeholders for supporting Luis Santos and his trip to Washington D.C. to attend a youth seminar.

Arnulfo Romero, PCIC member: Spoke about his experience while serving on school committees, explained his inquiry about legal rights of parents, and the cultural proficiency training.

Etelvina Menchaca, parent: Mrs. Menchaca, a strong parent and student advocate for over 50 years, spoke about parent involvement issues and concerns.

**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 11, 2013. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Pioneer Valley High School (cafeteria) at 675 Panther Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

**Future Regular Board Meetings**

The Board meetings for 2014 will be established at the December 11, 2013 meeting.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.