

**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 August 10, 2011, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: Walsh

**Open Session**

Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order and Dr. Sergio Flores led the flag salute.

**Closed Session Actions**

Dr. Kimberly, Superintendent, reported the following closed session actions :

- Student Matters – There were no proposed student expulsions.
- Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions. The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented with the exception of a Righetti basketball coach who was removed from the Personnel Actions pending a review in September.
  - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. The Board took action to place a certificated employee on administrative leave pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.
  - Dr. Kimberly introduced John Davis, the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.
- Conference with Labor Negotiators. The Board was provided a review of negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).
- Potential Real Property Negotiations for New School and extension of current “Buyer Broker Agreement” (ending date August 10, 2011). The Board approved the extension of the current agreement to August 31, 2012.

**Items Scheduled for Information**

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Report on Summer Facilities Projects**

Reese Thompson, Director of Facilities & Operations and Gary Wuitschick, Director of Support Services, provided an update on the summer facilities projects. Following are some of the highlights:

Righetti: Resurfaced gym floor; cafeteria and new lunch tables; landscape improvements; cleaned floors and carpets in classrooms, and installation of Smart Boards (Federal Jobs Bill project). The goal is to get all Smart Boards running by the beginning of the school year. It was noted this is the first year the cafeteria will be used as an eating area in more than ten years.

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Pioneer Valley: Remediation includes the removal and installation of windows and doors, windowsills, rain gutters, roof repair, and painting. The lawn in the school quad area was reseeded. The marquee which was funded by school administration budget and other donations is now complete and operational.

Santa Maria: Installation of a pool is in progress. The pool work done this summer includes excavation and rerouting of underground electrical, data, and fire alarm wiring. The Home Economics lawn is now opened to the campus. Relocation of four portables to the south side of the campus and six portables relocated to the Learning Center on Lincoln Street. Other projects include working on the acoustics for the temporary band room, repair of the roof, and replacement of the canopy in the agriculture building. The Plastics Lab has been converted to a CAD drawing and drafting classroom with the assistance of the electrician funded by the Federal Jobs Bill. Part of the practice field has been modified to improve student outside eating areas.

Mr. Thompson said one of the projects at the Support Services Center includes the waxing of school buses. Mr. Wuitschick reported a lot of activity at Delta due to water in quad area, bursting of water lines because they were not capped properly which later created a sink hole. The contractor, architect, and consultants took responsibility for these issues and the appropriate repairs were made at no cost to the district. Dr. Garvin is proud of the good work being done in our district and thanked the staff for their efforts.

### **Update on State Budget**

Ms. Bennett explained that the budget adopted in June was based on the district receiving 2010–2011 per ADA state funding. In order for the state to approve its budget by June 30 districts received the prior year's funding level. She said the state budget was built on optimistic income projection due to five good months of state tax receipts. If those projections do not come to pass by November there is a possibility the state may need to make mid-year cuts. Ms. Bennett said our district's budget is solvent due to its adequate reserves and it is anticipated there will be no cuts this year despite potential state mid-year cuts. However, depending on the severity of the potential state mid-year cuts that will most likely change for the 2012/13 school year.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Krista Ballard, CSEA President, reported on a recent conference she attended. She said it was a very informative conference and it was well worth attending.

Karen Draper, reporting on her own behalf, shared that a group of teachers attended a summer institute in UCLA that was sponsored by CTA. A representative from the state department provided them a brief overview of what's at the forefront for testing and standards. The group learned a lot and they came up with a plan to support what teachers and staff want to focus on this school year.

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### **Board Member Reports**

Dr. Garvin asked about the closed campus at Righetti. Dr. Kimberly responded that the high school is prepared for this change and security is on track to enforce the new policy. He added that seniors allowed to leave the campus will need to meet certain criteria - GPA, behavior and attendance. Santa Maria High School also has a lunchtime privilege for students achieving on the 2010-2011 California State Test (CST).

### **Items Scheduled for Action**

#### **Instruction**

##### **Quarterly Report of Williams Uniform Complaints**

Dr. Kimberly explained that 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 July 2011 on the Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of April-June. Dr. Kimberly reported that 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 with no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Reece and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Williams Uniform Complaints report as presented.

##### **Textbook Preview**

The following textbooks were presented to the Board of Education for preview. They will be presented at the September 14, 2011 Board meeting for second reading and approval. Dr. Kimberly said a copy of each textbook is on display in the Curriculum & Instruction department.

##### **Santa Maria High School**

- Geometry
- Government in America (AP): People, Politics, and Policy

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 vote to preview the new textbooks, which will be presented for second reading and approval at the September 14, 2011, Board meeting.

#### **General**

##### **Teacher Credential Assignment Options**

Dr. Kimberly explained that the District is required by state law to have all teachers

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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. Resolution No. 1-2011-2012 outlines specific names, subject areas and Education Codes to meet these annual criteria.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 Roll Call vote to approve Resolution No. 2-2011-2012, to certify the Teacher Assignment Options for the 2011/12 school year.

### **Authorization to Piggyback on Hemet Unified School District for School Buses District-Wide for the Length of the Contract through June 30, 2012**

Ms. Bennett explained Section 20118 of the Public Contract Code provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, commonly referred to as “piggybacking.” Notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the Public Contract Code, the governing board of any school district without advertising for bids, may authorize the purchase of such supplies, furniture and equipment. She explained that Hemet Unified School District has extended their school buses bid to BusWest (Piggyback Bid #2009/10-0720, previously expired August 18, 2010 has been extended to June 30, 2012). Ms. Bennett requested the Board approve to piggyback on Hemet Unified School District to purchase buses district-wide.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos 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 bid for which the originating district has complied with all competitive bidding requirements; pursuant to Piggyback Bid #2009/10-0720, extended to June 30, 2012.

### **School Bus Replacement Program**

In September 2008, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) announced to school districts the availability of current funding opportunities that would assist in the replacement of school buses with new buses that burn ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and produce lower emissions. This is part of a continuing effort to reduce air pollution from school buses operating in the State of California. In December 2009 the CARB negotiated a deal with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to implement the Lower Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) and our local agency, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBAPCD) is working with San Joaquin Valley to implement the program.

Ms. Bennett reported that this is the fifth bus purchased through this replacement program. She noted that the bus being replaced has logged 217,663 miles. Ms. Bennett acknowledged Jerry Sitton, Transportation Manager, for his efforts in finding grants to fund new buses. Ms. Bennett was happy to report that our district was notified by SBAPCD that additional funds are available to replace another one of our older buses. She added that the program requires that districts show proof that the buses being replaced are destroyed.

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The quoted unit cost for replacement is \$169,609.25. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will fund up to \$117,077.15. The SBAPCD will contribute \$25,000 per bus. Therefore, the cost to the School District is only \$27,532.10. Ms. Bennett added that the new bus is handicapped accessible.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the submission of the grant application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for the replacement of school bus #70 for a net cost to the district of \$27,532.10 to be paid from the general fund.

### **Retention of Commercial Warrant Documentation**

In accordance with Education Code 42634, and the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 16025 and 16026, the district is required to provide complete support documentation for each commercial warrant presented to the County Office of Education for payment.

The County Office of Education has agreed to allow districts eligible for a discretionary audit of certain commercial warrants rather than an audit of one hundred percent (100%) of commercial warrants produced weekly. Ms. Bennett explained this option will save in excess of one hundred (100) hours of staff time annually producing copies as well as the cost of copies. Our district has been using this option for the past four to five years.

The terms of the agreement between the district and the County Office of Education are contained in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on file at the District Support Services Center Business Office. This MOU is a renewal of an agreement originally entered into in March 2006.

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Retention of Commercial Warrant Documentation with the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

### **Consent Items**

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the following consent items as presented. *All items listed are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the board and acted upon separately.*

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Months of June and July 2011

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| <u>June 2011</u> |                              | <u>July 2011</u> |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Payroll          | \$5,206,632.42               | Payroll          | \$1,358,797.88               |
| Warrants         | <u>2,286,856.15</u>          | Warrants         | <u>2,357,795.22</u>          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b><u>\$7,493,488.57</u></b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b><u>\$3,716,593.10</u></b> |

C. Contract for Services

Approval is recommended for a contract with Kevin E. Welch, Principal With Leadership, Inc. Mr. Welch will provide coaching and consulting sessions to increase leadership capacities. The total sum of the contract will not exceed \$10,000 (includes hotel and travel expenses). The term of the agreement begins in August 2011 and will be completed by June 30, 2012.

Approval is recommended for a contract with Dr. Jeffrey N. Hearn. Dr. Hearn will provide coaching and consulting sessions to increase leadership capacities. The total sum of the contract will not exceed \$10,000 (includes hotel and travel expenses). The term of the agreement begins in August 2011 and will be completed by June 30, 2012.

D. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

| <u>P.O. #</u> | <u>Vendor</u>      | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description &amp; Funding Source</u>   |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| 11-1702       | Brahma Engineering | \$79,800.00   | PVHS Gym Roof Repair, Fund 35   |
| 12-0074       | Scholastic         | \$74,435.43   | Classroom Magazines, General Fund   |
| 12-0267       | BusWest            | \$168,172.52  | Thomas School Bus, Grant Funding-San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District/SBAPCD/District |

E. Attendance Reports

Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, was available to answer questions regarding the attendance reports for months 10 and 11.

F. Facilities Report, Appendix B

**Open Session Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

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**Items not on the Agenda**

No items were addressed 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 September 14, 2011. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Support Services Center at 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

**Future Regular Board Meetings:**

October 12, 2011  
November 9, 2011  
December 14, 2011

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.