

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 4, 2020**

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was one public comment from Heidi Leal related to Closed Session Item B. The public comment was read and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION/ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and led the Flag Salute.

Mr. Garcia announced the closed session actions. The Board unanimously approved all certificated and classified personnel actions as submitted.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Garcia's comments were focused on the district's Reopening Plan for the Fall Semester.

- The plan was submitted to the Department of Public Health.
- The plan was sent to all staff and to families in English, Spanish and Mixteco.
- The Human Resources Department initiated the Interactive Process for staff members that need accommodations.
- There will be professional development for all teachers and staff the week of August 10.
- Principals and site leadership teams continue to plan for the on-boarding of students, with focus on 9th graders.
- He thanked all staff for their preparations for the opening of school, via the Distance Learning model.

In the last couple of weeks, he received or was copied on several emails from staff with respect to the question about WHY we advocated for distance learning from the classroom/campus setting. It made him realize that we did not do a good job at communicating this across the district. He clarified our position on the matter.

There are three principles, that he has mentioned previously, which continue to drive our decisions:

- safety of students and staff
- student learning and well-being, and
- equitable access to a quality educational program.

More specific to this position, the following points constitute our rationale:

1. Safety measures have been put in place to address health risks for staff and students as per the guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Health.
2. The classroom and work office setting provide more reliable and consistent technology. Although many staff have reliable internet in their homes, the ability to respond rapidly to any problems that might arise with any form of tech exists at the site.
3. Access to classroom/worksite tools and supplies, with room and space to move to a more optimal environment if needed.
4. Students and parents are able to access support services on an individual basis more effectively, with teachers and staff on campus.
5. Confidentiality with respect to student information may be more easily compromised from the home.
6. Distractions occur on a far greater basis at home, where phones, doorbells, pets, gardeners, loud vehicles, etc. can often interrupt audio or cause distraction.
7. The classroom/work office is a professional setting that students and parents/guardians are familiar with, and associate with learning and support services.
8. Ability to better support distance learning by administrative and support staff.
9. Ability to communicate and collaborate with other staff in person, with physical distancing and safety measures.
10. Staff whose health and child-care issues prevent them from working from campus are able to engage in the district interactive process to consider accommodations.

We feel that for most staff it would be reasonable to distance and remain safe while operating from a reliable, familiar, and professional location to provide more equitable access to a higher quality educational program for our students' learning and well-being.

We also understand that circumstances continue to change on a regular basis. We continue to work with our Unions to find common ground in the best interest of both our staff and our students.

Board Member Reports

Dominick Palera: He welcomed everyone back and welcomed the new teachers. The Board has received many emails about how we are opening schools. None of them are taking it lightly. We want to give teachers everything they need. If we all work together it can be a productive year. We can do it safely and we can give students what they need. His fear is for the students that do not get anything out of this year. It will be difficult. It is a new paradigm. The Board is here for everyone. We know your concerns. We know there is anxiety. He thanked the staff.

Diana Perez: She welcomed everyone back and welcomed the new teachers. She has read all the emails and comments from everyone. She understands the angst everyone is feeling. Many of them at the college are back as well. She has faith that the district will do whatever they can for the safety of the students and staff. She wants to assure everyone that the Board is behind them. Her greatest hope is that we can all work together to serve our students. We need to take care of each other. This is our community; these are our kids and parents. Looking forward to another interesting year.

Carol Karamitsos: She expressed gratitude to everyone that sent comments, questions, and concerns. This process will involve a lot of professionalism and trust. She trusts the teachers and staff. We have got everyone's best interest at hand. She thanked the Food Service Workers for their hard work and dedication. They are just now getting a break. They just started their vacation. Students and families are eternally grateful. She received emails about her own work. She does tele-medicine but the vast majority of her work has been face-to-face. She sees patients at the hospital. They implemented safe practices. They make sure they have universal precautions for safety of the patients and staff. Science is real time. They modify as they need to. She has had face to face encounters and feels safe and secure. She has taken care of many COVID patients. We can have the same kind of reliability . She is very confident that we can work through this and return to campuses in a careful, compassionate way. She wants people to feel safe and secure. We know a lot more now than we did in March. Physical distancing with masks is a safe way to have an encounter. She wishes everyone the best as we embark on this process and just like the rest of the world - we will modify as we need to.

Jack Garvin: He echoes what everyone said. He has read all the emails and has responded to them. He encouraged staff to work through their negotiating teams. Let your feelings be known. People are receiving accommodations. It is a slow process. We have a challenging year ahead of us. Everyone needs to have confidence in themselves and know they have the ability to apply the best interactive distance learning program we can provide.

Amy Lopez: She welcomed all new teachers and staff. She thanked everyone for their emails and outreach that have been received. She understands it may be discomfoting and difficult to share personal information. She appreciates the honesty. They hear everyone and feel the sincerity behind your comments. It is uncharted territory and we are trying to figure it all out. It is very real and raw and fluid. It is constantly changing and we are learning more each day. The safety of our students and staff is priority. So far everyone that has asked for accommodations and completed the process have been approved. Please continue with your patience as the district and Human Resources tries to move through this process. She trusts the staff. She is confident we will get through it and we will provide quality education for our students. They are trying to work out a way to have a board meeting with some board members in the boardroom. It will still be a live stream and public comments will still have to be submitted as they currently are. It will not be an open board meeting. We cannot do that. We do believe we can get some of us in the boardroom while others are virtual.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

INSTRUCTION

Consolidated Application 2020-21 – Appendix B

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District requested that the Board of Education approve the Consolidated Application for Funding for the 2020-21 school year, which includes Title I, Title II, and Title III.

The 2020-21 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs includes the following Titles and the focus of their funding:

- Title I—Improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged
- Title II – A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title III – English Learners

These funds provide a wide array of instructional and supportive services to support student success in our district.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

BUSINESS

2020-2021 Budget Revisions – Appendix C

Education Code § 42127 (h) specifies that within 45 days of the State Adopted Budget, the district shall make available for public review any revision in revenues and expenditures, and the Governing Board take action for approval.

On June 29, 2020, Governor Newsom signed into law the State’s 2020-2021 budget. The final budget results in flat funding and no funded Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA.) In comparison to the Governor’s May Revise, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) revenue has been revised to reflect elimination of the negative proration factor of 7.92% used at adoption and no funding for enrollment growth. Other items in the final budget include an increase in Special Education AB602 revenue setting the new base funding rate per ADA to \$625, along with other Special Education revenue increases resulting from updates to the Special Education Local Plan Area funding model, and a decrease in Lottery funding.

Michelle Coffin shared a PowerPoint with more information. Additional details of the proposed revisions for the District were presented as Appendix C.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera and seconded by Dr. Garvin to approve the revision to the 2020-2021 Budget as shown in Appendix C. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

There was a break taken at 7:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to approve consent items as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of July 2020

Payroll	\$1,889,748.13
Warrants	<u>4,158,192.59</u>
Total	<u>\$6,047,940.72</u>

C. Approval of Contracts

COMPANY/ VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	AMOUNT/ FUNDING	RESOURCE PERSON
Edmentum	License for Health and Fitness (PE) Courseware	\$2,500/ LCAP 1.1	John Davis

D. Safe School Plans

The Safe School Plans are site plans which must be board approved. The duration of the plans is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Safe School Plans are to be updated annually and are available for review at the District Office.

- E. Authorization to Utilize Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners – The HON Company, LLC for District-wide Purchases of Furniture and Installation for the length of the Contract through October 31, 2020

Section 10299 of the Public Contract Code provides an alternative for obtaining supplies, furniture, and equipment, whereby notwithstanding Section 20111 and 20112 of the Public Contract Code, “school districts may, without competitive bidding, utilize contracts, master agreements, multiple award schedules... established by the department [DGS] for the acquisition of information technology, goods, and services.” Section 10299 further authorizes state and local agencies to “contract with suppliers awarded the contracts without further competitive bidding.” The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of furniture and installation be made utilizing the provisions of the Public Contract Code that allow purchasing from Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners Contract – The HON Company, LLC – Contract #R142208 through October 31, 2020.

- F. Selection of Auditor

Education Code Section 41020 requires the Governing Board of a public school district to identify a qualified independent auditor each year to conduct an audit of all funds under the control or jurisdiction of the District, and notify the County Superintendent of Schools by April 1st each year of the district’s selection.

The administration has received notification from their current audit firm, Christy White Associates, of rotation of the supervising partner for the District’s audit. In addition, a proposed engagement letter has been provided detailing maximum not to exceed fees over the next three years totaling \$107,385.00. This amount is \$5,985 greater than the fees paid for the prior three years.

- G. Notices of Completion

The following projects were substantially complete. 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) SSC New Parking Lot, #15-176 with The J.F Will Company Inc.– Contractor, Substantial Completion on July 16, 2020.
- 2) SSC-DELTA-PVHS - PROP 39 LIGHTING UPGRADES, #19-299 with ReGreen, Inc. – Contractor, Substantial Completion on July 8, 2020

- H. Authorization to Utilize Cooperative Purchasing Connections for District-wide Purchases of Internet Access Outside the Classroom for Distance Learning for the length of the Contract through September 30, 2020

Pursuant to Government Code § 6502, public school districts may participate in purchasing agreements which have been through a competitive bidding process and awarded by other governmental agencies in lieu of soliciting for bids. The district administration recommends that district-wide purchases of Internet Access Outside the Classroom for Distance Learning be made utilizing the provisions of the Government Code that allows purchasing from a CPC Contract (Cooperative Purchasing Connections) with Kajeet, Inc. Contract #16.15-EDB, effective April 22, 2016 through September 30, 2020.

- I. SMHS Reconstruction Project #17-267: Approval of Amendment No. 3, to Facilities Lease Increasing Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amounts

The SMHS Reconstruction #17-267 Project Increment 1, Phase 0 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) was approved under Amendment No. 1 as \$2,739,104. Amendment No. 2 approved Change Order (CO) No. 1 and increased the GMP to \$2,778,010.70. Amendment No. 3 includes CO No. 2 and 3. CO No. 2 provides additional low voltage data cables to the gym (\$57,108.85). CO No. 3 provides a new stadium electrical transformer (\$12,342.40) and a credit for the contract's unused contingency funds (-\$29,668.27). CO No. 2 and 3, in the combined amount of \$39,782.98, increases the GMP to \$2,817,793.68. District Administration recommends approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Facilities Lease SMHS Reconstruction Project #17-267 Project Increment 1, Phase 0.

- J. Purchase Orders

PO #	Vendor	Amount	Description/Funding
R21-00860	Sisc II Property & Liability	\$1,101,596.24	FY 20-21 P&L Insurance/General Fund Admin.
PO21-00141	Kajeet, Inc.	\$ 126,445.08	Hotspot devices / General Fund LLMF - CRF Funds

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Tami Contreras spoke on behalf of CSEA. She thanked everyone for their time and for reaching out to see how members are doing. She liked the transparency and openness to work things out. One of the things they want to ensure are the health insurance for bus drivers that bid for hours. She is hoping they will still be eligible for insurance. There are a lot of members that are concerned about going back to the worksite and their health and safety. They are concerned about contact with co-workers. Some people are not being safe.

They are not wearing masks or keeping social distant. She spoke about the possibility of split shifts. They will collaborate with the district and deliver the best services for students while maintaining safety for everyone.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

NAME	TOPIC
Jen Dolan	Input From Teachers and Students
Rosie Ojeda	Teachers Working In Classrooms
Amy Hennings	Accommodations for Teachers/Hybrid Teaching Models
David Ogden	Teacher Choice To Work In Classroom
Karen Draper	Accommodations/Choice for Teachers
Amanda Rodriguez	Teachers Working In Classrooms
Mr. Regan	Change Learning Schedule
Suzanne Rocco	Teacher Choice To Work In Classroom
Tina van den Heever	Teacher Choice To Work In Classroom
Ricardo Valencia	Safety Concern About Teachers Working In Classrooms
Elizabeth Cortez	Safety Concern About Teachers Working In Classrooms

FUTURE ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- Update on CTE Site
- Feedback from Student Board Reps

NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held September 8, 2020. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is to be determined. The agenda will be posted on the district’s website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2020

September 15, 2020
Special Board Meeting

October 13, 2020
 November 10, 2020

December 15, 2020

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.