

**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 at the Student Services Center on March 10, 2015 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session immediately following.

Members present: Tognazzini, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez, Palera

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. and immediately adjourned to closed session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened and Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The flag salute was led by Carlos Alvarado.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Richardson announced the closed session actions. The board approved the certificated and classified personnel actions as submitted. By a vote of 5-0, forty three temporary certificated employees were released as certificated employees effective the close of the 2014-2015 school year. Karen Rotondi was promoted to permanent status as principal of Righetti High School. The governance team has been impressed with her performance under some difficult situations. They appreciate her strong leadership and positive outlook.

In student matters the board elected to expel Student #338248 and Student #343966. The action will be confirmed under the consent items on the agenda.

The District Labor Negotiator, Carl Lange presented an update and initial contract proposal from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District to the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Faculty Association ("FA") for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Lange presented some topics of the proposal. He had copies of the proposal available and copies will also be available at the school sites. The board approved the proposal to the teacher's association. The process is that there will be a public hearing at the next board meeting.

Mr. Tognazzini announced that the board would like to invite the association to negotiate in public. Dr. Richardson said a formal request will be made with our negotiator and legal counsel to propose to negotiate in public and they will proceed accordingly.

Mr. Tognazzini asked for a moment of silence for Eddie Gutierrez. Eddie was a long time employee of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District. He worked at Pioneer Valley High School and Santa Maria High School. He was the security coordinator at Santa Maria High School and the Girls Basketball Coach. He was very involved in school activities and in the community. He will be missed by everyone.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Richardson introduced Maria Larios-Horton to present the Migrant Students Field Trip Presentation (Close-Up Washington). She thanked the board for allowing the presentation. It was a life changing experience for our students.

Migrant services are offered to students (whose family works in fishery or agriculture – one or more parents or themselves) and has had a move within three years. They get services for one year. These services cannot supplant Title I, LCAP or low income services. These are enriching services for Migrant students.

The application requirements to qualify for this trip were very extensive. They had 39 applications that they received and 20 students were interviewed. Of those 20, 14 migrant students were selected and 2 SMHS Close-up students attended as well.

Ms. Larios-Horton thanked all the staff that helped with the trip and introduced the instructors in charge of the trip, Mr. Guiremand and Ms. Hennings. They have taken the trip for over 15 years and have worked with migrant as well. They introduced several of the students, who spoke about their favorite experience on the trip. The students spoke about achieving their dreams and visiting the capitol. Many students said it was a life changing experience and motivated them. The teachers thanked the board and the employees of SMJUHS for the opportunity.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Gerardo Nevarez/SMHS: ASB is doing Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Fifth period classes are competing against each other to raise the most money. The winning class gets dinner at Olive Garden. The goal is \$3,000. Spirit week will be held next week to celebrate the end of the campaign. Saints Variety Show is this Saturday at Ethel Pope. CE'ENI along with Las Comadres, attended the MeCha conference at UCLA. SMHS Jazz Band received first place at the Dos Pueblos Jazz Festival.

Carlos Alvarado/Delta: The BBQ fundraiser will be held on March 14 at the Orcutt Lion's Club for \$10. Delta had their WASC visit and the WASC Chair; Mr. Rudy Washington gave positive comments. Tryouts for the Spring Showcase are this week. FAFSA night was held and twenty students were assisted with the financial aid process. Grad Night is on May 29th and students who sold enough BBQ tickets receive a complimentary grad night ticket. Principal for a Day is March 11. Delta's Principal for a Day is Cary Gray from Assessment USA.

Jhaicelle Laron/ERHS: Righetti held the last renaissance last month. It was the first assembly for freshman and the last one for seniors. They had a great crowd and a packed gym. Students pledged to stop using the R word and learn more about Special Olympics. Warrior Welcome for incoming 8th graders is March 26.

David Torres/PVHS: Clubs and ASB are holding class officer and ASB officer elections. ASB is hosting an all school rally this Friday with Guest speaker Dr. Richard Santana. FFA is gearing up for fairs. The school dedicated a spirit week to FFA. Held a Spread the Word Rally (to stop using the R word) last week. Boys Soccer made it to the first round of CIF and lost to SMHS. Girls Basketball went to 1st round CIF and Boys Wrestling won CIF. Two boys placed in the top 12 at Masters and one girl placed 6th in State and one girl placed in the top 12 at Masters.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Palera: Thanked Dr. Richardson and the people that contributed to the improvement of the board room. Dr. Richardson named the people that contributed to the new board station. Allen Johnson came out of retirement and headed the project. Jose Placencia, Ray Segovia, Ernest Paz, Don Johnson and Les Wood all contributed to the project. Mr. Palera thought the presentation about the students going to Washington and the thirteen students that attended the county science fair is great news. These things are amazing. Hats off to the teachers. Special shout out to Ricardo Magni for the Science Fair participation and to the teachers that organized the Washington trip. Mr. Palera made it to Righetti last month and spoke with teachers and the principal and visited the classroom of the future. Last week he went to visit Fitzgerald with Diana Perez. He was impressed with it.

Ms. Perez: She thanked Dominick for joining her to tour Fitzgerald. It gave them a sense of what the students are doing and the size of the program. She spoke with students and it was a good experience to get a sense of what their options are. The district had financial aid nights and assisted about 800 students with the FAFSA and California Dream Act information. She wants to thank everyone in the district that helped with those.

Dr. Karamitsos: She also thanked everyone that participated in the board room improvement. The elevation helps them have visual contact with the audience. She enjoyed listening to the student presentation about the Washington trip. She attended George Washington University (for Medical School) and her brother lives there. These are the moments and opportunities in kid's lives that we want to give the students. She is excited about Mr. Wieman and the electronics and robotics course at SMHS that is on the agenda for approval.

Dr. Garvin: He commended Kenny Klein for all of the news releases about the positive activities that are going on at the schools.

Mr. Tognazzini: He was also pleased to hear about the Science Fair and the Close-Up Washington trip. These are great opportunities for our kids. He also thanked Kenny Klein in getting the information out there. Every time he goes to Washington, D.C. there is something under construction, but it is America's hometown and is a great place to visit. He appreciates the Student Representative reports but gave them some homework. He wants to hear what the best thing was at their school last month (what are people talking about). He wanted them to know that the board does listen to them and values their input.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

General

CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Delegates ensure that the association's governance structure reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education throughout the state. Voting for Delegates is an action of the entire board and requires a majority vote. The term of office for each Delegate is two years beginning April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017.

The election of CSBA Delegate for Subregion 11-A, Santa Barbara County is open. Board members may vote for no more than one candidate. Candidates are: S. Monique Limon and Janet Zilli.

A motion was made by Ms. Perez to elect S. Monique Limon for the CSBA Delegate and was seconded by Dr. Karamitsos. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

Approval of Board Policies/Administrative Regulations

The administration has reviewed the following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations, aligned with California School Boards Association updates, which are provided as education code and laws change. The policies and regulations were presented for the Board's review and adoption and will be included in the existing sections upon approval.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin but a question was raised by Ms. Perez. Ms. Perez asked to pull BP/AR 1240 for review. She has some questions about the policy. Mr. Marsh explained that the policy was recommended to be updated by CSBA. The policy will be pulled and added to the next agenda.

The motion was revised by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin to approve the Board Policies as presented with the exception of BP/AR 1240. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations

Uniform Complaint Procedures	BP/AR 1312.3
Health Examinations	AR 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4
Criminal Record Check	AR/E 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5
Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records	AR/E 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62
Dismissal	AR 4117.4
Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action	BP/AR 4118

Approval of Early Notification Bonus

In order to help our district plan staffing needs as soon as possible, the administration would like to offer a cash bonus for early notification of any retirements that will take place prior to the start of the next school year. The district would offer a \$500 cash bonus to any classified or certificated employee who notifies the Human Resources Department by March 2, 2015 of their retirement and meets the following criteria:

1. The employee must be of retirement age according to STRS or PERS.
2. The employee must retire by June 30, 2015.
3. The employee must submit an irrevocable letter of retirement by March 2, 2015.
4. The employee must submit proof of PERS/STRS application for retirement by March 30, 2015.
5. The \$500 cash bonus will be paid following receipt of items 3 and 4 on your April 30, 2015 paycheck.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Early Notification Bonus.

Approval of Settlement Agreement for Classified Bargaining Unit, Job Description Creation and/or Modification

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached settlement agreement which establishes a process for the creation and/or modification of classified job descriptions. Ms. McDonald said the Settlement Agreement dated February 4, 2015 will take effect upon approval by both parties and that CSEA has already approved the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the settlement agreement for Classified Bargaining Unit, Job Description Creation and/or Modification.

Approval of Tentative Agreement for Classified Bargaining Unit, Article 1, Recognition

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached tentative agreement on changes to positions formerly designated as "Confidential". The job descriptions have been revised and the positions will be placed on the classified salary schedule as indicated on each respective job description.

Ms. McDonald said the Tentative Agreement (TA) deletes language in Article 1 for positions previously designated as Confidential and amends Appendix B by removing the grandfathered Confidential positions from the confidential salary schedule. The TA will take effect upon approval by both parties. CSEA will meet on March 17th to approve the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Palera, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the tentative agreement for Classified Bargaining Unit, Article 1, Recognition.

Approval of Classified Bargaining Unit Tentative Agreement on Work Calendars for 2015/16

The District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) have reached a tentative agreement on work calendars for 2015/16. The Tentative Agreement dated February 25, 2015 will take effect upon approval by both parties. Ms. McDonald explained that this is a new process that the district is approving with the classified unit.

A motion was made by Diana Perez, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the work calendars for 2015-2016 with CSEA.

INSTRUCTION

Review of Textbooks

The following two textbooks were presented to the Board of Education for preview. These textbooks are aligned with the common core.

SMHS Science Department / Ben Wieman

- Title: Make: Electronics
- Author: Charles Pratt
- Publisher: Maker Media
- Copyright: 2009

SMHS Science Department / Ben Wieman

- Title: Robot Building
- Author: David Cook
- Publisher: Apress/Paul Manning
- Copyright: 2009

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to preview the textbooks and approve them upon the second reading at the April 14, 2015 meeting.

BUSINESS

Ratification of Bond Oversight Committee Member

The Bond Oversight Committee is authorized to appoint new members and submit their names to the Board of Education for ratification. Nohemy Ornelas is submitted to serve for a two year term ending March 2017. She is currently the Associate Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services at Allan Hancock College.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Diana Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to ratify the appointment of Nohemy Ornelas to the Bond Oversight Committee for two years.

Approval of Authorized Signature Forms

Due to a change in district personnel, the District is required to update the “Authorized Signature Forms” that are kept on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the County Superintendent’s offices. These forms are used to verify information and validate signatures on District documents.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the “Authorized Signature Forms” on file with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and for transmittal to the County Superintendent of Schools.

Approval of the Selection of Four Lease Lease-Back Firms for a District Panel for Projects Identified in the District’s Reconfiguration & Facilities Program

Yolanda Ortiz presented the approval of the selection of four Lease Lease-Back (LLB) Firms for a District Panel for Projects. Jeremy Cogan from CFW presented a PowerPoint on the panel of Lease Lease-Back Firms.

Three step process that was used included:

- 1) Online form (prequalification) under the Department of Industrial Relations.
- 2) Request for Qualification to empanel firms for LLB preconstruction and construction services.
- 3) Request for Proposal for a specific project

Individual requests for proposals are issued during the third step. This is very similar to the selection of the architects. Firms must meet minimum State requirements for insurance, prevailing wage requests, and financial viability. The deadline for responses was February 9, 2015.

The District received ten firms that qualified. Step two was in early February. The ten firms were given until February 24th to respond. Seven firms responded. All seven went through the district committee (Yolanda Ortiz, Reese Thompson and Gary Wuitschick). The committee looked a lot at previous experience.

Those firms that came out of this process were put forward into a recommendation panel. The District selection committee has selected and recommends the following four lease-back firms to the board: Bernard’s, San Fernando; Frank Schipper Construction, Santa Barbara; Roebbelen, El Dorado Hill; and Vernon Edwards, Santa Maria.

Each firm will have the opportunity to compete for specific projects utilizing a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The district committee and CFW felt very positive about these companies. Each firm will remain on the panel for Phase 1 of the Facilities Program contingent on annual re-qualification with the District pursuant to the DIR requirements.

A public comment was made by Jim Diani from Diani Building Corporation. He mentioned that Mike Diani, the president of DBC could not make it due to a medical emergency. DBC was interviewed to become a panel member. The company sent an email to the Trustees on Tuesday. Jim Diani claimed they did not receive any notification of the outcome or a response from numerous inquiries electronically and by phone. They were forced to find the outcome by reading the agenda yesterday morning.

Mr. Diani quoted the RFQ requirements in the proposal (Section 11) about the appeal process. Firms will be allowed to appeal a written negative empaneling only and they have three days to submit an appeal to the Superintendent. Because of the fact that they were precluded by the protocols set by the district and in the RFQ, they are asking to meet with Dr. Richardson to discuss the appeal.

Dr. Garvin had positive comments about Diani Construction. He is happy with putting the issue on hold. Mr. Palera commented that sometimes things get lost and he feels that we should give Diani a chance to meet with Dr. Richardson. Dr. Karamitsos asked if we have any time restrictions and if we need to move forward. Mrs. Ortiz said we could table the agenda item and possibly discuss it at a special board meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to put the agenda item on hold until the next meeting. Mr. Tognazzini always asks if we looked locally and is concerned with the fact that something dropped through the cracks. He appreciates that Mr. Diani came tonight.

Information Item Only - Righetti High School New Classroom Building: Architect's Conceptual Design Presentation

Phase I of the adopted Reconfiguration and Facilities Program is underway and includes the design and construction of a new 38-classroom building at Righetti High School. The Board approved Rachlin Partners as the Architect of Record for the project at its January 13, 2015 meeting. The Rachlin Partners architectural team is prepared to present to the Board its conceptual design for the new building, representative of the proposal provided to the District's Selection Committee and based on the guidance and direction provided by the Board's adoption of the First Semi-Annual Report of program status.

Michael Rachlin began the presentation and introduced his team. He explained how they started the process and shared renderings of the new building. It requires three stories to add the 38 classrooms. The proposed building is by the gymnasium and the 400 block classrooms. The presentation also included animated videos. The presentation will be available on the district website.

Some key features include a nice plaza area for students and an open atrium space with covered walkways. Teachers can move the presentation walls to cover the windows or open them for more lighting. The furniture and presentation walls are moveable. Every wall is markable. They also plan to use skyfold moveable partitions (that store in the ceiling) for five of the classrooms. It is their goal to save the floor space. Sound transmission

(resisting) is also available.

Ms. Perez commented that she hasn't seen the new classroom yet and asked if students will have charging units available for their tablets/laptops. It was explained that there are storage/charging carts that would be available to students.

Approval of the Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. to perform Preconstruction Professional Services for the Righetti High School New Classroom Building project of the District's Reconfiguration and Facilities Program

A selection committee consisting of District staff reviewed proposals for the Righetti High School New Classroom Building project and interviewed firms interested in providing the District with preconstruction professional consulting services and, ultimately, Lease Lease-Back construction services. Of seven proposals received, the committee is recommending the selection of Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. to perform preconstruction services for the project.

Ms. Ortiz described the interview questions that the seven firms were given on February 26 and February 27. The committee is recommending Roebbelen. She gave a background on the company. The company has adequate bonding capacity.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the selection of Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. to perform preconstruction services for the Righetti High School New Classroom Building project. Mr. Tognazzini asked if this item should be pulled due to the fact that item #3 was pulled. Ms. Ortiz said the outcome would not change. Diani was interviewed on these panels. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Tognazzini casting a no vote.

Approval of 2014/15 Second Interim Report

California Education Code section 42130 et seq requires each school district to prepare and submit interim reports detailing the financial and budgetary status, to the County Office of Education. The Second Interim Report shall cover the period from July 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015, and be approved by the Board of Education no later than 45 days after the close of this period.

The Board shall certify in writing that the district can meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, based on current forecasts and assumptions, and for the subsequent two fiscal years. This certification is subject to review and confirmation by the County Office of Education.

A the full report, in accordance with the state-adopted Standards and Criteria, is posted on the District website at: www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us, click on Departments, Business Services, Financial Documents & Reports and finally Financial Reports 2014-15.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt a Positive Certification for the Second Interim report for fiscal year 2014/15.

Approval of Authorization to Make Budget Revisions

Income and expenditures have been updated in accordance with revenues, grant awards, personnel and other expenditure adjustments. The working budget, as shown in the Projected Year Totals column of the 2014/15 Second Interim Report has been adjusted to reflect these changes. Resolution Number 17-2014-2015 authorizes these revisions.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution Number 17-2014-2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the contract for Audit Services as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the consent items as presented with the change in student discipline matters (item #F). Student #338248 and Student #343966 were recommended for expulsion. Mr. Palera asked that item #J be removed and discussed separately. Consent items were approved (with the exception of item #J and with the change in item #F) with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Item J (Adoption of Boundary Realignment Proposal) was discussed. Mr. Palera shared that a constituent brought up the bussing issue. Dr. Richardson explained that part of the plan was to adjust the boundaries and the second step was to address the transportation concerns. They had a no bus zone from 3 ½ miles (prior to economic downturn was 2 miles). We want to get the boundary approved and then bring options to the Board and decide how we want to change the bussing zones. If the board wants to change it, we would bring back proposals once the boundary is approved.

Mr. Palera just wanted to make sure he brought it up and also asked if class size at Righet-ti would be impacted due to the boundary change. Dr. Richardson explained that all schools have a 28:1 fte ratio. If we have more students we will bring in more teachers. If we move students from one school to another we would want to staff it. Mr. Palera is appreciative about all of this information.

Mr. Palera made a motion to accept the boundary changes as presented, seconded by Dr. Garvin and approved with a 5-0 vote.

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports from employee organizations.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helen Galvan: She is from the group, ASPIRE. The group has been meeting as a school community. They invited SM Bonita and SMJUHSD and are very grateful that superintendents, some board members and site and district administrators all showed up. Their goal is to see what we have now in the district and what we can work on to have high performing schools. She invites students to the meetings, they need your voice. The next meeting will include students that attended both schools and Hancock. The meeting is Apr. 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Denny McKee: His topic was, “Does it Matter?” On Jan. 20 an email was sent out from the Faculty Association’s Crisis Committee about where did the money go? He asked members of the union leadership who was on the crisis committee and he was told they are anonymous and they asked him , “What does it matter?” He said he feels it was designed to get people fired up about something that didn’t happen and still remain anonymous.

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 April 14, 2015. 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, 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015

Tuesday, May 12, 2015	Tuesday, July 14, 2015	Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Tuesday, June 9, 2015	Tuesday, August 4, 2015	Tuesday, November 10, 2015
	Tuesday, September 8, 2015	Tuesday, December 8, 2015

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.