

**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 9, 2011, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Reece, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin and Karamitsos. Absent: None

**Open Session**

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

**Closed Session Actions**

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

- Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions – The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as presented. Dr. Kimberly also reported that Yolanda Ortiz will replace Diane Bennett in June 2012. Yolanda thanked the Board for the opportunity and she is happy to return to the district. She is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community.
- Conference with Labor Negotiators. There were no updates concerning labor negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA). The Board was informed of possible budget reduction triggers in the near future – December or January.

**Items Scheduled for Information**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Physical Fitness Test Results - Lorene Yoshihara**

Lorene Yoshihara, SMHS Physical Education teacher, reported on the most recent performance on State Fitness Testing. She reported that last year the State changed the time allotted for students to complete the aerobic capacity test which has resulted in a small drop in percentages. She explained that the Cooper Institute patented the formula for that test which means our district will need to pay to get our results. In previous years our district worked with Educational Services to get our student data, last year our district used our Aeries system. Ms. Yoshihara credited Jenni Allen in Data Services for a great job in gathering/sorting our data and submitting it to the State.

Ms. Yoshihara provided handouts showing testing results in the following areas: Aerobic Capacity, Body Composition, Abdominal Strength and Endurance, Trunk Extensor and Flexibility. The handout included a three-year summary for all schools showing the total

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number of students tested as well as pass percentages by category. She also provided a brief explanation on how to read the fitness results. The State considers students as passing if they pass 5 of the 6 areas.

Dr. Karamitsos asked why the California Department of Education would assign schools a measuring test tool but not provide access to use a certain formula unless it is purchased. She was also concerned about the difficulty to receive testing results. Ms. Yoshihara reported that all school districts must send their data to the state for calculation and then pay for their printout results.

### **Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) – Lorene Yoshihara**

Ms. Yoshihara provided the following handouts:

The FACT System – Formative Assessment for California Teachers. The FACT System guides teachers in their growth as professionals, focuses on meeting the learning needs of all students, and promotes reflective practitioners. The FACT System is a detailed system composed of four different modules.

Qualifications for Participation in the Santa Barbara County BTSA Induction Program – In order for teachers to qualify for BTSA, participating teachers must have completed the following minimum requirements: 1) Baccalaureate Degree; 2) Passage of CBEST; 3) Professional Preliminary Preparation; 4) Supervised Teaching; and 5) Employment in a district. Ms. Yoshihara explained that the district does not mandate teacher participation in the program however, it is mandatory in order for a teacher to obtain a clear credential.

Ms. Yoshihara explained that the BTSA program is designed to help support new teachers. She stated that statistics show that fifty percent of teachers leave the teaching profession within the first five years of teaching. Pairing up new teachers with experienced teachers is very helpful and this year Pioneer Valley has a lot of new teachers; four of them in Physical Education. This year there are 32 participating teachers and 16 support providers. She added that twenty-five percent of the teachers in the north county participate in BTSA. Also, the state requires special education teachers complete a credential program for a special credential. The list provided indicated that teachers are participating at different levels.

### **California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Reporting – Recognition Certificates**

Esther Chavez, Delta High School Principal explained that CELDT testing takes place from July to October each school year. Following is the criteria which determines students required to participate:

1. If a student's primary language is other than English
2. If their home language on the enrollment form indicates another language is the primary language in home setting.
3. If the student that has not met the following reclassification criteria:

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- Overall proficiency level of Early Advanced (4) or Advanced (5) on the CELDT, and proficiency levels of (3), (4), or (5) on each section of the CELDT.
  - A score of 315 or higher on the English Language Arts section of the California Standards Test.
  - An academic grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher or teacher evaluation.
  - Consultation with teacher.
  - Consultation with parent/guardian.
4. If proficiency levels in listening, reading, speaking, and writing are between 1 and 5.
  5. If students are in Structured English Immersion, EL Writing Intervention, or L1 or L2 courses.

Ms. Chavez explained that not all students take the CELDT test seriously. She reported that administering the test during the school year versus the summer has shown improved scores at Pioneer Valley. Ms. Chavez will continue to look for ways to improve test scores. She reported that the testing takes two hours, and with 1,752 students tested, the CELDT testers administered a total of 3,504 hours of testing. She was happy to report that this year's goal was to test 95 percent of the students, and actually tested 97 percent.

Ms. Chavez presented CELDT testers a certificate of appreciation. Following are this year's testers: Maribel Vargas, Adriana Martinez, Paty LaForce, Martha Janzen, Cecilia Loera, Sonia Melena, Ahrasema Pineda, Maria Quintanilla, Linda Juarez, Lilia Drapeau, Jeanette McColm, Janet Glenn, Lily Espinoza, and Isabel Esparza. She also recognized Karen Hill, administrative assistant for the Migrant Department. Mrs. Hill also participated in the training for testers to help with testing if needed. Mrs. Chavez said Mrs. Hill also worked a lot of hours which made the testing a success.

Dr. Karamitsos asked about the DELAC meeting she attended at the end of last school year and the talk about encouraging students to speak English whether inside or outside of the classroom. Mrs. Chavez responded that this topic has been communicated to parents in DELAC meetings. She will remind parents to encourage their students to practice speaking the English language. Mrs. Chavez added that research now indicates that it is easier for students to learn English if they have a strong background in their native language.

### **Principal Reports**

Shanda Herrera, Pioneer Valley High School Principal, reported that currently the focus is on fall sports. Pioneer Valley has had a lot of growth and student athletes are working as a team. Currently there are six sports with nine on campus coaches; only one sport has an outside coach. Mrs. Herrera reported that student athletes are able to participate in tutoring as it begins after Zero Block. This allows student athletes an hour of study time prior to athletic training. Mrs. Herrera was happy to report that this schedule is working for students – 9 of the 16 students in Girl's Golf are scholar athletes and in Girls' Tennis 11 of 13 students are scholar athletes. Pioneer Valley won a varsity football game against Saint Joseph High School for the first time! Mrs. Herrera explained the

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history of the Battle for the Helmet against Righetti. The helmet has the Righetti warrior logo on one side and the Pioneer Valley panther on the opposite side and lists the year each school has won. Mrs. Herrera reported that currently Pioneer is in the lead with three wins and two losses.

Steve Molina, Righetti High School Principal, reported that after eight years of being in the league Girls' Golf placed 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Girls' Volleyball has had a good year and held their annual cancer fundraiser. The Water Polo team has been excellent this year and recently had a competitive game against Arroyo Grande. Boys' Cross Country is going to CIF and Girls' Tennis is going to second round with West Ranch for CIF. The football team has also had a great year. Mr. Molina reported that the following students have received a full ride scholarship: Mireya Cooks for basketball (Washington State) and Riley McMahan for golf (UCLA). Dominic Baldwin received a letter of intent from UNLV for a full ride football scholarship. Mr. Molina added that there has also been interest from other universities – UCLA, San Jose State, and Texas. Mr. Molina invited the board to attend a special assembly on November 16 at Righetti High School. The topic title is Invisible Children and there will be inspirational speeches.

Joe Domingues, Santa Maria High School Principal, reported that all fall sports have been great. He congratulated Ginny Barnett and the Girls' Tennis team for their efforts and coming close to winning league title. The team won their first competition against El Monte with a 15-3 score. Mr. Domingues said the team is unique in that there is no single super star, all students support each other. He also reported that ten students from Boys' Cross Country are going to the CIF prelims in Sacramento. Mr. Domingues announced that Victor Flores is the new Cross Country coach. Mr. Flores is a former college runner and he's believes his students can get to the finals this year. The Girls' Cross Country team almost made it to CIF – missed by only one point.

### **Reports by Student Representatives: Jonathan Ramos/Delta, Stephany Rubio/Pioneer Valley; and Alex McKinney/Righetti**

Delta: Dragon Battles are held on Fridays during advisement. October Dragon Battles focused on Breast Cancer Awareness and raised \$300 for breast cancer research; in November students honored veterans, prepared care packages for soldiers, collected food for the food bank; in December students will decorate a literacy tree and will donate books along with the tree to a local group or foster home. Eleven students graduated in October (after Term I) and approximately 30 students will graduate by the end of Term 2. Most of these students have or will be taking the START placement test at Allan Hancock College. Guest speakers include: Deputy Bill Borneman, Santa Maria Youth and Family; Financial Aid/EOPS from AHC; Santa Barbara Foundation; and representatives from the public sector such as the Army, Santa Barbara Business College, Universal Technical Institute, and the Art Institute.

Pioneer Valley: Fernanda Ortiz was crowned queen and Daniel Madrigal was crowned king at last month's Homecoming dance and game. The Key Club helped at the Special Olympics and with the Day of the Dead event at the Santa Maria Town Center; ASTRA held its 4<sup>th</sup> annual initiation ceremony; ASB hosted the Annual Halloween Senior Citizen Dance; Annual Club Rush event was held last Friday; college acceptances are being re-

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ceived and scholarships have been awarded. Three Elks students of the month are: Jesus Meraz, Tyler Dickinson, and Shannon Patterson.

Stephany shared some concerns at Pioneer Valley: Safety hazards and heavy traffic due to lack of bussing. The maintenance staff and security staff are doing a good job however, bussing is still an issue. Mr. Tognazzini responded that it isn't possible to reinstate busses at this time. Stephany suggested additional drop areas will help the traffic flow. She suggested a drop off area by the Edwards Community Center as it is walking distance to the school. She added that the current drop-off areas are very busy.

Lunch lines are long and students are standing in the sun for approximately 20 minutes to get their lunch. This often makes students late to noon club meetings. In addition, there is only one food cart that provides free/reduced meals, all other carts sell food.

Righetti: The fall food drive continues through November 18<sup>th</sup>; the purple door project is taking place and ASB would like to see all doors painted purple; ICC meetings were a huge success and a good way to communicate events; Club Day was a success and all participating clubs received a profit from sales; the Renaissance Ceremony was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and students were recognized for their academic work; and the Righetti football game against Pioneer Valley will be on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reports from Employee Organizations**

Krista Ballard, CSEA President, reported that a tentative agreement has been reached concerning the job description for custodian/grounds. She thanked the district and the negotiating team for their efforts in reaching an agreement. The agreement is still tentative and will be presented to the membership. CSEA is also working on the classified contract ending June 2012.

Mark Goodman, Faculty Association President, thanked Sergio Flores for addressing the temporary teacher issue. He and association executive members provided a brief overview of a memo to association members concerning the following topics: contract, Faculty Management Council meetings, school calendars, meeting with High Desert Trust, CTA training, staffing committee, Professional Development Day in March 2012, and school day schedule.

Dr. Karamitsos expressed her disappointment with the result of the school day schedule vote results. She is concerned that students are expected to do well (specifically those in core classes) with the current day schedule. Mr. Goodman noted that the vote was 53 to 53 and after some discussion it was decided to keep the same schedule. He noted that some staff was disappointed with the outcome. He added that after some research it was decided the current schedule is better.

Lisa Walters asked about the ELD coaching position which was negotiated last year. She is sorry that Dr. Flores will be leaving and she suggested his replacement be someone interested in a long term career with the district. Dr. Kimberly agreed with Ms. Walters.

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### Board Member Reports

Jack Garvin reported on a recent event with guest speaker Jack O'Connell. The topic was concerning budget reduction triggers and a truancy project. Dr. Garvin thanked the association for their report.

### Items Scheduled for Action

#### General

#### **Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Approved Special Education Local Plan (SELPA) Revisions**

Tina Christen, Special Education Director, reported that Local plan revisions were approved by the Santa Barbara County SELPA JPA Board between February 1, 2010 and June 6, 2011. The update includes policy revisions to the local plan that governs the SMJUHS Special Education policy and procedures. The plan revisions are as follows:

#### **SBCSELPA Policy Revisions and When JPA Approved:**

##### February 2010

Policy 2404, *Appointment of Members* (as associated with CAC)

Policy 2408, *Election of Term of Office* (as associated with CAC)

Policy 6110, *Referrals to California Children Services for OT/PT Services*

Policy 6114, *Referrals for Regional Provided Occupational Therapy Services & Assessment*

Policy 6115, *Overidentification and Disproportionality*

Policy 6411, *Designated Instruction and /Services Provision*

##### May 2010

Policy 3102, *Santa Barbara County Pro Rata Multiplier*

Policy 3204, *AB 602 Special Education Fiscal Allocation Plan (Funding Model revisions)*

Appendix B, *Regional Class Program Operational Guidelines*

Appendix C, *Fiscal Allocation Plan Calculation Detail for Extended School Year*

Policy 6303, *Recommendation for Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team for Programs Outside Area of Responsibility*

##### June 2010

Policy 2403, *Composition of Membership*

Policy 6204, *Content of the Assessment Report*

Policy 6208, *Independent Educational Evaluations*

##### September 2010

Policy 3701, *Facilities Plan for Housing Regional Special Education Programs*

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### October 2010

Policy 3204, *AB 602 Special Education Fiscal Allocation Plan (Sections III, VIII, & XI)*

Appendix B, *Regional Class Program Operational Guidelines*

Policy 3803, *Reimbursement of Parent Attorney Fees*

Policy 3802, *Responsibility for Solicitation of Provision of Legal/Attorney Services*

### November 2010

Policy 6405, *Entities Responsible for Program Operation*

Policy 3103, *Nonpublic School Student ADA*

Policy 6112, *Referrals To and Exit From Regional Special Class Programs Referral Process*

### December 2010

Policy 6208, *Independent Educational Evaluations*

Policy 4401, *Prohibitions Against Employee Use of Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace*

Policy 4501, *Employment Eligibility Verification and Nondiscrimination*

Policy 4601, *Prohibition Against Discrimination and Harassment*

### January 2011

Policy 3204, *AB 602 Special Education Fiscal Allocation Plan (Section XI)*

### February 2011

Policy 6442, *Testing for Students Enrolled in Regional Programs*

### June 2011

Policy 3304, *Fund Balance Policy*

Policy 3204 Section VIII, *Regional Program Cost Accounting*

Appendix B, *Regional Class Program Operational Guidelines*

The complete revised plan is posted on the District website at [www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us). A hard copy is available for viewing at the District Office (Special Education Office).

A motion was made by Dr. Reece, seconded by Dr. Walsh and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the Local Plan Revisions as presented.

A ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED:

Mr. Tognazzini	Yes
Dr. Garvin	Yes
Dr. Karamitsos	Yes
Dr. Reece	Yes
Dr. Walsh	Yes

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**Consent Items**

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

A. Approval of Minutes

October 10, 2011 - Special Meeting  
October 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of September 2011

Payroll	\$5,136,121.76
Warrants	<u>2,240,243.52</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,556,365.28</u></b>

C. Acceptance of Gifts

**Santa Maria High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wells Fargo	General Fund	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL SANTA MARIA SCHOOL</b>		<b><u>\$2,000.00</u></b>

**Righetti High School**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sydney Bennett	General (printer value)	\$150.00
John Pollock	General (telescope value)	<u>450.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL</b>		<b><u>\$600.00</u></b>

D. Request for Travel

<b>School</b>	<b>Instructor in Charge</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PVHS	Kevin Ilac	Boys' & Girls' Wrestling, Camarillo, CA	12/9-10/11
		Boys' & Girls' Wrestling, Downey, CA	12/16-17/11
		Boys' Wrestling, Corona, CA	12/29-30/11
		Girls' Wrestling, West Covina, CA	12/29-30/11
		Boys' & Girls' Wrestling, Napa, CA	1/13-14/12



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RHS	Miguel Guerra	National FFA Convention, Indianapolis	10/16-23/11
	Karen McConnell	FBLA State Leadership Conference, Irvine, CA	4/20-22/11
SMHS	Luis Guerra	National FFA Convention, Indianapolis	10/17-22/11

All required paperwork will be/was on file at the school before departure. No student was excluded from the field trip due to lack of funds.

E. Student Teaching Agreements for 2011/12 School Year

The University of Phoenix has requested the district's participation and cooperation in their teacher training program whereby the district would provide teaching experience through practice teaching to their students. There is no cost to the district for this program.

F. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Order

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description &amp; Funding Source</u>
12-0659	BusWest	\$165,946.31	Thomas 52 Passenger School Bus, Bus Replacement SJAPCD/SBAPCD Grants - #2

G. Proposal for Professional Development and Coach of School

Elizabeth Jimenez is an author and nationally recognized expert on the instruction of English Language Learners. She is submitting a contract under the name GEMAS Consulting to provide services to the district. The services will include coaching of staff at the site level in current methodologies of instruction.

H. Attendance Reports

Ms. Diane Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will be available to answer questions regarding the second month attendance report presented on page 8.

I. Facilities Report, Appendix B

**Open Session Public Comments**

The following Santa Maria High School teachers shared their concerns about the working conditions and noise level since the move of the CTE students: Kristen Hammond, Mary Foley, and Arlene Martin.

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- There was no input from teachers concerning the location of CTE students
- Constant screaming, yelling, and pounding on walls by CTE students
- Lack of regard for students being affected by the current situation
- Possible solution may be reached had administration considered input from teachers

The teachers said they love their job, understand that students with special needs have to come to school, but current conditions are making it very difficult to come to work. They felt they had already addressed their issues at the site level but no solutions.

Vicky Ramos, Guidance Technician at Santa Maria High School, shared her concerns about the happenings and the morale at SMHS. She felt that the many changes made in recent years by the current administration have contributed to a hectic schedule and low staff morale. Mrs. Ramos is concerned that some parents have a negative image of SMHS which she feels is unjustified. She shared that at a staff meeting employees were told that SMHS had poor customer service and staff was expected to improve in that area. Some classified employees were offended by the way this was communicated to them. Mrs. Ramos stated that the classified staff is proud of their school and they work very well with certificated staff.

### **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 December 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**

Future regular meetings will be established at the December 14, 2011 board meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.