

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 10, 2015**

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Sarah Galaciano led the Flag Salute.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Richardson announced the closed session items. The Board approved personnel actions as submitted and was updated for labor negotiations.

The Board recommended changes on student matters. Student #340682 was referred to a hearing. Students #340534 and #347042 were reduced to one semester of suspended expulsion. Students #342895, #345149 and #345537 were approved as submitted.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Sarah Galaciano/SMHS: ASB hosted Red Ribbon Week and held a contest to see which 5th period class demonstrated a clear and unique understanding of the day's theme and used LCAP/Gate money to buy lunch for the winners. Club news included: The Las Comadres Club helps babysit at PIQUE every Tuesday and Zodiac Engineers are volunteering to help the Robotics Club by showing them how to create robots.

Connor Roberts/Delta: New students are catching Dragon Fever. Shawn Tracht and Ryan Abshere took 15 students to Allan Hancock in Lompoc for a tour. Delta is holding their second Blood Drive on February 5th. The Basketball Team won their game against Maple High School. Connor thanked Ms. Chavez for listening to the students. Delta staff has supported him since he stepped on campus and he thanked them for that.

Joseph Codamos/PVHS: In October they hosted two back to back dances. They had the opportunity to work with El Camino Jr High students. Members of ASB presented a workshop at Ventura Middle School about leadership. It was a great experience. PVHS is taking a bus and a van for the playoff game against Palmdale. There is amazing spirit going on at PVHS.

Kyler Corral/RHS: This past week they held their first Renaissance Academic Assembly of the year. The Sophomore Class of 2018 is working with the County Food Bank. The Food Drive ends on Friday. Boy's Water Polo is undefeated in their league and will be hosting their first CIF match on Thursday.

Principal Report

Shanda Herrera presented Pioneer Valley High School FFA. Daniel Segura spoke on behalf of the FFA. He stated that FFA and Agriculture Education in our schools and in our district opens doors for students like him. He spoke about personal growth and learning about global issues and how they can apply them in everyday life. He had the opportunity to go to the FFA National Convention. He was one of six PVHS students that attended. It made him realize how big the organization is. He thanked the Board for their continued support by believing in the program and supporting the trips. He congratulated the Santa Maria High School Dairy Judging Team for winning the National Championship.

Superintendent's Report

Mark Richardson introduced the SMHS FFA Dairy Judging Team and their Advisor, Mark Powell. They are the National Champions. The team consists of Mariana De Leon, Valentina Santos, Alondra Novoa and Daisy Bernal. They sacrificed a lot by practicing and dedicating countless hours (30 to 40 hours per week). They had mentors from area industry leaders and Cal Poly professors. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and they made wonderful memories. Each team member spoke about what winning means to them and thanked Santa Maria High School staff and administration, the community, the Board and the superintendents for their support and continued funding.

Board Member Reports

Dominick Palera: Being a city boy, he wasn't familiar with FFA. He attended an awards ceremony last year and he commends the FFA. He is very impressed. He attended the awards night at SMHS and they honored 143 students that had a 3.8 gpa or above. Parents were there supporting. It was very exciting. That is what education is all about. He was able to stop by PVHS to look at the fence issue. He also stopped in one of the chemistry classes and was impressed with the students. They asked him questions and were very respectable. The students are paying attention to what is going on. The principal was aware of all the issues and there is excellent communication. He wanted to recognize all the Veterans for everything they have done.

Diana Perez: Happy Veterans Day tomorrow. Congratulated the students. She has always been impressed with everything happening in our schools. She is extremely impressed with our students. She thanked the great teachers and great coaches that are doing great things.

Carol Karamitsos: She thanked Mark Powell for his hard work. She said there is a big net of people helping FFA but told him he was instrumental in helping the students win the National Championship. She thanked him for his dedication and time. She appreciated all the students in attendance and told them they did a great job presenting. She had a couple of

visits to high schools (Righetti and Delta) and said it is always a pleasure to visit the sites. She explained that the Board deals with policy and business that happens outside of the school but their absence at the school sites should not be perceived as a disinterest. They are thankful for the teachers, the classified and administration. It takes a big team to move this district forward. It is like a hospital. Everyone from the community (from all walks of life and backgrounds) come together. She sees a lot of parallels between medicine and teaching. In our community we really do care about each other. Thank you to everyone for being here.

Jack Garvin: He has attended a few FFA conferences over the years. FFA offers great opportunities for students. He applauds their participation and hopes to be invited to their banquets this year. He congratulated Mark Powell and asked him to say a few words.

Mr. Powell said that these kids are great and he loves what he is able to do as the other advisors are. He thanked everyone for their support and is very appreciative and glad to bring back the National Title to Santa Maria.

Dr. Garvin recognized educators for going above and beyond. It makes good education and makes the whole system work. He mentioned that he helps head up a coalition (CTA, PTA, CSEA, School Board Groups and Administrators) and they are bringing in Rick Simpson, who writes bills and puts information together for the State Capital of California, to Goleta on Friday. Please see him after the meeting if you want more information.

Victor Tognazzini: He is very proud of all of the students. He has been in agriculture all his life. The skills you acquire in FFA will last you a lifetime (whether you are going into law, being an Ag teacher, whatever it may be). You learn time management, problem solving, public speaking, etc. If it weren't for teachers, coaches and advisors the students wouldn't have the opportunity. He is proud of all of them and their parents.

PRESENTATIONS

Shanda Herrera/PVHS Principal, Greg Dickinson/Assistant Principal of Student Affairs, and Mark Pierce/Intervention Teacher gave a presentation on the ISI (In-School Intervention) Program.

- Packets were distributed to the Board with information on the ISI Program.
- Panther PRIDE (Student Behavior Expectations) was reviewed. Students ages 14-18 are going through a lot. This program gives them more than one chance. If a student has a discipline issue it encourages them and does not hold it against them.
- They are changing the way they are doing discipline.
- Changed the name from the On-Campus Suspension room (OCS), to the In School Intervention Center (ISI).

- Make use of a reflection and counseling component that focuses on restoring the student-teacher relationship or addressing the negative behavior.
- If a student is referred for discipline, the student does an administrative behavior reflection sheet.
- The student has to answer questions as to what actions they can do to avoid the situation and how they can repair the damage.
- They met with teachers and counseling and reviewed the process and expectations.
- They decide whether it is truly a discipline issue or academic issue.
- When discipline happens they counsel the student and then Mr. Pierce has them go through the Ripple Effects modules.
- A Behavior Intervention Program Process Flow Chart was shared.
 - If needed – the student will be referred to outside counseling.
- There are 28 modules (160/170 modules that can be used) in the Ripple Effects Program.
- There is trust being developed. Kids are changing.
- It is a new approach to discipline.
- Ms. Herrera read a letter from a student to show an example of how the program is helping students. He now has some support.

Mrs. Perez asked how they are communicating this information with parents. Ms. Herrera explained that it is translated and it is sometimes the parent that calls because they are struggling with their child. Schools are not just a place of educating; the school system provides food for the students, a place for them.

Mr. Palera said it reminds him of the Restorative Justice System that he used in law enforcement. It takes a new mindset. What is nice about these programs is it makes the student think about it. It works with the youth. Glad to see you are following that model. Very impressive.

Dr. Garvin commended the staff and Shanda's leadership (and Greg and Mark). Sitting as a board member the last twelve years he feels this is a positive thing. Interventions, letting the parents aware; really heading the right direction.

Dr. Karamitsos has been a proponent of Restorative Justice for a long time. She went to a CSBA conference and there was a counselor there for an elementary school. She said punishment is something we do to someone else and it doesn't engage them at all. This type of program does engage the person and helps them remedy the situation. She read a poem from Edward Marcum, who was a teacher.

He drew a circle that shut me out--
Heretic, a rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!"
That is what we do.

State Physical Fitness Report

Lorene Yoshihara presented the State Physical Fitness Report. The report should read the Class of 2018. They are results from last year. They are always a year behind. She shared the findings and spoke of ways to improve the areas of deficiency. Our student numbers are failing in body composition. We know we need to work on these areas. We are only 1% below the county average and 3.5% higher than the state. She commended the school sites for maintaining that high of percentage in passing.

Teacher Induction Program – Lorene Yoshihara

The Teacher Induction Program (TIP) is used in our district. To get your clear credential program you must complete an induction program. Our district does not offer one but we belong to a county consortium that offers TIP. Teachers take two years to complete the induction and at that point can apply for a clear credential. This year there are 39 teachers trying to clear their credential with 24 mentors. We are one of the highest districts.

Mr. Tognazzini asked if the County covers the district. Ms. Yoshihara said that most of the counties have a program and the districts belong to those.

Ms. Perez asked what happened to the presidential patches and if the students get anything. Ms. Yoshihara said that is a different test and explained that schools had to purchase those patches even when the program was offered.

Dr. Karamitsos asked what we are doing with our elementary districts. Is there any talk of articulating with the elementary schools? Ms. Yoshihara did not know of any. The concentration on articulation has been on the core subjects. Dr. Karamitsos commented that it should be part of our long term planning. Ms. Yoshihara also explained that there are laws that the elementary districts should be abiding by. The sooner the students learn the more they could carry it on in their lives. We talk about nutrition and laws have changed. The bottle filling station near the gym at SMHS is being used a lot.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

BUSINESS

Award of Bid for Santa Maria High School Camino Colegio Parking Lot Re-Bid - Project #11-114

District administration opened bids on October 30, 2015 for the Santa Maria High School Camino Colegio Parking Lot RE-BID - Project #11-114. The low bidder was Main Line Engineering.

A motion was made by Jack Garvin and seconded by Diana Perez to award the bid for the Santa Maria High School Camino Colegio Parking Lot Re-Bid, Project #11-114 to Main Line Engineering in the amount of \$224,700 plus Alternate #1 of \$31,643.45 for a total of \$256,343.46 to be paid from Fund 40 – Capital Outlay Fund. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Consider finding the Righetti Multilevel Classroom Building Project #15-175 exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15302 and 15314 as set forth in the October 6, 2015 Tetra Tech report

In January 2015, the Board approved the selection of Rachlin Partners to provide architectural services for the Multilevel Classroom Building Project (Project #15-175) at Righetti High School.

In August 2015, the District retained Tetra Tech, Inc. to conduct an environmental review of Project #15-175. The purpose of the review was to determine if the project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act categorical exemption, thereby eliminating the need for further environmental study. Tetra Tech delivered its report on October 6, 2015. The report finds that the Righetti project qualifies for two separate CEQA exemptions: Class 2 (Section 15302) and Class 14 (Section 15314). Class 2 provides an exemption when the project is a replacement or reconstruction of existing structures with new facilities that have substantially the same purpose or capacity as the original structures. Class 14 provides an exemption when the project does not increase original student capacity by 25% or 10 classrooms (whichever is less) and is built within existing school grounds. Either of these exemptions alone supports the project's exemption from further environmental review.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Dr. Garvin to find Project #15-175 exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15302 and 15314 as set forth in the October 6, 2015 Tetra Tech report. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Resolution No. 7-2015-2016 providing for the issuance and sale of 2015-2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the combined aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to refund outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 and approving related documents and actions. – Appendix C

The District is authorized under the California Government Code to issue refunding general obligation bonds, provided that savings are realized as a result of such refunding, thereby providing property tax savings to the property tax payers in the District. Caldwell Flores Winters Inc., has informed the District that due to favorable conditions that exist in the bond markets at this time, the District is expected to realize interest rate savings by refunding its outstanding 2006 Bonds. The agreement sets forth the terms of this engagement.

Miguel Rodriguez from CFW gave background information on the refinancing of the bonds. The district has a strong credit and the bonds have a short term to mature. The investors are typically interested in purchasing them. In actual interest rates – the district is repaying at 5%; public offering interest rate is 2.75%; private placement the interest rate is 1.75%. Absolute savings would generate \$600,000 to \$650,000 in savings. They evaluate those savings by a certain type of criteria. They look at a basic target for municipal governments (3% of net present value). It is like a discount coupon. If they hit a 3% they will do the refunding.

The interest rate today is 1.70%. It will be based on the interest rates on Thursday, November 12th if the resolution is approved at tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Tognazzini commented that this is great. We need those dollars to provide a good learning environment but this is a great way to support the community and do something for the tax bill.

Ms. Perez asked if tax payers will see a difference in their tax bill. Mr. Rodriguez explained that they will see the decrease in 2017.

Dr. Karamitsos said that Ms. Ortiz explained it well. It is like you have your mortgage and you are going for a better interest rate without the term being extended.

Mr. Rodriguez said the next step is to enter the market on Thursday and locking in the interest rates. They will provide a final summary to the district.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to approve Resolution Number 7-2015-2016 providing for the issuance and sale of 2015 and 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the combined aggregate amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to refund outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006 and approving related documents and actions.

A Roll Call Vote was required:

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

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin to approve the consent items as presented with changes made to Item #H, Pupil Matters - Student #340682 was referred to a hearing. Students #340534 and #347042 were reduced to one semester of suspended expulsion. Students #342895, #345149 and #345537 were approved as submitted.; Item #I, Change Order 1 and 2 total was changed to \$69,747.81; and Item #J – Project # was changed to #14-159. Motion seconded by Mr. Palera.

A Roll Call Vote was required:

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

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the consent items with the corrections.

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Karen Draper/Faculty Association: She reported that the Faculty Association is looking forward to negotiations on November 16th. SMHS had School Site Council training from Andrew Oman (invited RHS and PVHS). They had a group of eleven people for the training.

Tami Contreras/CSEA: She reported that CSEA has a tentative agreement with the District for employees that are utilizing bilingual skills. Negotiations went well and reopeners are in February. Great team that we are working with. Great to come to the district and HR with issues that are going on at the sites. Good to know that people listen and will go out to the sites. Looking forward to working together in the future.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leah Holder-Dubow: She is a student at Delta. She spoke about an idea for a class about Life Past High School. She would be glad to speak with someone about her idea.

Jose Castellanos: He spoke about student behavior and staff behavior on campus. Asked how students are supposed to have respect for teachers when the teachers have no respect for administration.

Rafaela Moreno: She has been part of these parent presentations the last four years. This is her last year. She spoke about the problem with addiction, gang participation, and prostitution. She feels like nothing is being done from the public schools or public officials.

Juan Fonseca: He said the parents feel they have been ignored and the union and the board's interests are beyond the student's interest. Spoke about negotiations and Cafecito at PVHS. They demand that you take them into consideration and they be included in public negotiations.

Zachary Lotshaw: He is a senior at Santa Maria High School. It is no longer an environment where students feel safe. There have been events that happened lately. He is not the problem; the bullies are. He has felt unsafe and missed school due to bullying. Need to have initiatives in place to help these students.

Patty Wagner: She teaches science at Santa Maria High School. She taught first period for the first time and data has shown that 7:30 a.m. is not the best time for students to learn. She gives Zachary respect for being brave enough to speak. She naively thought the bully button would bring action. Perhaps there needs to be a district wide policy to interview people that enter the bullying information.

Arnulfo Romero: He is the PCIC President. Will be honoring the veterans tomorrow on Veteran's Day. He spoke about negotiations, administration and the union, and the mathematics department at SMHS. He asked why the union has the right to do some of the things they are doing. He is asking for removal of the head of the math department at SMHS.

Ephraim Joaquin: He hopes that there will be help for students at PVHS. If this had existed he feels his nephew would be alive. He was a child that needed help; there was no help. There is so much crime on the street and he doesn't see any help.

Federico Joaquin: He is the parent of Oscar. The problem is not only his but everyone that has children. It has nothing to do with gang, they were confused. This is something he is dealing with. He knows there could have been more help. Oscar went to St. Joseph; unfortunately not focused enough and went to PVHS and started having difficulty. He doesn't want his death to be in vain. We need to help other young people.

Francisco Lozano: He is proud of the FFA students and all the students honored. He spoke about bringing Cafecito to the other schools and putting the effort in to work together. There is work that the school cannot do and that is what parents can do. There is work that the parents cannot do but that the school can do. Everyone needs to work together.

Mr. Tognazzini: Thanked everyone who spoke. There were some very moving comments. We all know we have our work cut out for us. Thanked Francisco for recognizing that both the school and the parents need to work together. It takes the community.

Dr. Richardson: There were several comments regarding the community. He let everyone know that the district is looking at it and working on it. It is taken very seriously. There is a large meeting regarding a community initiative. Please contact Mr. Pete Flores. The meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13th. This is the first meeting and all the community groups are involved. More meetings will be held as we get everyone engaged. Thank you to all of you that came to speak tonight.

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 December 8, 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.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.