

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 12, 2017**

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 December 12, 2017 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Perez, Palera, Lopez, Garvin, Karamitsos

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. There were no public comments. The meeting was immediately adjourned to closed session.

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Ms. Hoff led the Flag Salute.

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session actions. The Board approved certificated and classified personnel actions and the recommendations for student matters. The Board was updated on labor negotiations.

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR - DECEMBER, 2017 TO DECEMBER, 2018

Approval of President

As outlined in Board Bylaw 9100, the current Clerk of the Board, Diana Perez was confirmed as the President of the Board of Education. A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos and seconded by Dr. Garvin. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Turn over to new President

The meeting was turned over to the new president, Ms. Diana Perez.

Election of Clerk

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a vote of 5-0 to approve Dominick Palera as the Clerk of the Board of Education.

Appointment of Secretary to the Board of Education

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a vote of 5-0 to approve Mark Richardson as the Secretary to the Board of Education.

Selection of Meeting Dates and Time and Place for 2018

In order to facilitate payroll requirements and other reporting deadlines, the administration recommended the Board meet each month on the dates listed below. The meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. (closed meeting) and 6:30 p.m. (open meeting) at the District Support Services Center.

January 9, 2018	May 8, 2018	September 11, 2018
February 13, 2018	June 12, 2018	October 9, 2018
March 13, 2018	June 19, 2018	November 13, 2018
April 10, 2018	July 10, 2018	December 11, 2018
	August 7, 2018	

A discussion regarding the May date was held. A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and passed with a vote of 5-0 to approve the meeting dates with a change in the May meeting date to May 15.

County Committee on School District Organization

The Board of Education is required to designate the representative and alternate to elect members of the County Committee on School District Organization. The current representative is Jack Garvin with Diana Perez as alternate. There was a brief discussion and the representatives will stay as is.

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. Board members elected to the Delegate Assembly serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2020. The current CSBA Delegate is Jack Garvin. The Board approved the nomination of Dr. Garvin for CSBA Delegate Assembly.

REPORTS

Student Reports

Ruby Estrada/Delta: Delta will have 50 students graduate in December. They are expecting 65 new students in January. On December 7, there was a Flag Football Tournament organized by Mr. Tracht. Schools from Lompoc, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo participated. The Model School Team visited Delta. The team will be recommending that Delta be recognized as a California Model High School for 2018-2010. The official outcome will be announced in February or March.

Aaron Lee/RHS: Two weeks ago ASB had holiday spirit week. Parent Tech Night was held last week. ASB set up a photo booth for donations for Salvation Army. Superintendents Council meeting was last week. They discussed technology and social media awareness. All the students are surviving finals week and are excited for Winter Break.

Jennifer Hernandez/SMHS: ASB held a Thanksgiving Banquet to encourage bonding within the classroom. They will be hosting a Christmas lunch rally prior to leaving for Winter Break. The Saints Marching Band won first place at the Christmas Parade of Lights. FFA was recognized as the 2017 Outstanding Ag Education Program for the Western United States. An elective fair was held to show students the various options available to them. The CIF Football Championship game had a record-breaking attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson recognized Maria Larios-Horton for three years of employment in the district. She is heading to the Santa Barbara Unified School District. She has done a great job for the district and has really gotten our EL program off the ground. He thanked her for all the hard work and wished her luck in her new job.

He made the decision to close schools yesterday (due to the fires and the air quality) and made the decision yesterday to reconvene school today. It required a lot of work for our classified staff. Our crews did a great job.

He recognized Brenda Hoff, who is retiring, and introduced Yolanda Ortiz to speak about Ms. Hoff.

Ms. Ortiz said that Ms. Hoff has been with the district for 14 years and 8 months. She is honored to work with such an amazing, intelligent person. This was roughly her 179th board meeting. She thanked her for the countless hours she has spent here and everything she has done for the district. Ms. Ortiz is personally grateful for their friendship and on behalf of the district she wished her well on her new adventures. She will be missed.

Ms. Hoff thanked Ms. Ortiz, Dr. Richardson and the Board members. She also thanked Jeff Hearn for hiring her and gave a shout out to Diane Bennett, who answered countless questions those first few months. She acknowledged and thanked the Fiscal Services staff. Her job has been easier due to the way they do their jobs.

Board Member Reports

Carol Karamitsos: Wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Students can get some rest. Thanked the people in attendance for coming to vocalize for ethnic and gender studies. Really excited to have fantastic teachers and support staff to provide that opportunity for students. There is 100% support from the board as well.

Jack Garvin: Wanted to acknowledge SMHS football success. It was nice to see the number of former letterman wearing their jackets. Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Amy Lopez: Thanked the district for sending them to the CSBA conference. Enjoyed the general speakers. It is empowering and energizing. She had a blast at the football game. It was a lot of fun and the kids played their hearts out. The community support was amazing. She hopes there is continued support at all events. We have a lot of great athletes and students in other programs as well. She attended the Ethnic and Gender Studies Committee meeting and thanked Ms. Larios-Horton and wished her luck in Santa Barbara. She looks forward to the district coming to fruition to allow students to learn about their own culture. She appreciates what we have now and what is coming. She struggled with the violence in the last week that our community has suffered. The violence in the community impacts our students (how they learn and how we teach). Our staff needs to be trained in trauma. She appreciates hearing from the group in the audience.

Dominick Palera: Wants to echo what everyone has said. It is a tragedy to lose another student. Dr. Richardson is involved in One Community Action and the district is working with the community. We will continue down that road. Condolences to the family of that young man. He commended Dr. Richardson for handling the smoke (fire issue) and making the decision to close the campuses for students and the employees. He was thinking of the welfare of everyone. He appreciates that. This district cares for everyone. It was a tough call to make. Kudos to staff that had to go out and clean up. Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Diana Perez: She agrees with everyone. Congratulations Santa Maria High School Football. We are offering more opportunities and we are stepping it up for sports programs. She attended Taco Tuesday at SMHS. She also attended the EGS Advisory Committee and thanked Maria Larios-Horton for caring about the students and parents and for the tremendous job with our migrant program. She also said that the Board supports Ethnic Studies and that there is a process for getting stuff done. She thanked Dr. Richardson for getting this done.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

General

Approve Contract Addendum for Superintendent – Appendix D

The board was asked to approve a contract addendum that includes a 1% salary increase to commensurate with all district employees effective July 1, 2017 and a one-time payment equivalent to 1% of annual base salary, pursuant to Article VI of the Superintendent's employment agreement.

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

Renew/Amend Agreements for Assistant Superintendents– Appendix E

The current agreements with the Assistant Superintendent of Business and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum expire June 30, 2018. The new agreements will be effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and include a 1% salary increase to commensurate with district employees effective July 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a vote of 5-0 to approve the renewed/amended agreements with the two Assistant Superintendents as presented effective July 1, 2018.

Adoption of Resolution No. 6-2017-2018 Denying the Petition to Establish the Olive Grove Charter School: Orcutt/Santa Maria – Appendix F

The petition to establish the Olive Grove Charter School: Orcutt/Santa Maria was resubmitted to the District seeking approval for a five year term commencing July 1, 2018. At the October 10, 2017, meeting, the District's Board formally received the petition to commence the Education Code charter petition process. Pursuant to Education Code section 47605, the District's Board held a public hearing on November 14, 2017, at which time the Board heard and considered the level of support for the petition.

Education Code section 47605 and applicable regulations set forth the legal requirements for the establishment of charter schools. Section 47605 prohibits the District's Board from denying any charter petition unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular charter school, setting forth facts to support one or more of the findings listed in Section 47605, which include, the petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition; and the petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all 15 elements required in Section 47605(b)(5).

The District’s staff, with assistance from legal counsel, reviewed and analyzed the re-submitted Petition and supporting documents for legal sufficiency, and have identified numerous deficiencies in, and concerns related to, the petition and the proposed Charter School’s operations. As a result, staff and legal counsel recommend denial of the petition.

Dr. Richardson introduced Bill Schuetz, Attorney at Law, DWK. He presented Resolution Number 6-2017-2018 and the Findings of Fact attached as Exhibit “A” to the Resolution to deny the petition to establish the Olive Grove Charter School: Orcutt/Santa Maria. Mr. Schuetz said that item G-3 from page 17 was removed from the findings.

A motion was made by Ms. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Palera and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to adopt Resolution Number 6-2017-2018 and deny the petition to establish the Olive Grove Charter School: Orcutt/Santa Maria.

A roll call vote was required:

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

Business

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Audit Report and Plan of Corrective Actions

As required by Education Code §41010, the District retained the services of the auditing firm, Christy White Accountancy Corporation, to audit the books and accounts of the District. In accordance with Education Code §41020, the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2017 is hereby submitted to the Board of Education for review at this public meeting. The full audit report can be found on the District’s website.

Ms. Hoff presented the audit report and thanked people in her department that helped get a report with no findings. This is the first time since Ms. Ortiz has been here that this has happened. People that attended and were recognized included Mary Andrade, Polo Perez, Tessie Nagy, Janice Swayze, Melissa Wright, and Michele Beach.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a vote of 5-0 to accept the submission of the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2017 and approve filing it with the County Superintendent of Schools as required by Education Code §41020.

2017-2018 First Interim Report – Appendix G

California Education Code requires each school district to file two interim reports detailing the financial and budgetary status to the County Office of Education. The First Interim report shall cover the period ended October 31, and approved by the Board of Education no later than 45 days after the close of this period.

The County Superintendent 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.

The certification shall be classified as:

- 1) Positive Certification will be assigned indicating that the district can meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two years, or
- 2) Qualified Certification will be assigned to a school district if it may not meet its financial obligations for the current year and the subsequent two years, or
- 3) Negative Certification will be assigned to a school district that, based upon current projections, will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year or in the subsequent two fiscal years.

Michelle Coffin showed a PowerPoint explaining the budget. The full report is in accordance with the state-adopted Standards and Criteria, is posted on the District website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and approved with a vote of 5-0 to adopt a Positive Certification for the First Interim report for fiscal year 2017-2018 as shown in Appendix G.

Authorization to Make Budget Revisions – Resolution Number 7-2017-2018

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 2017-2018 First Interim Report has been adjusted to reflect these changes is presented as Resolution Number 7-2017-2018.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution Number 7-2017-2018 authorizing budget revisions as identified in the 2017-2018 First Interim Report.

A roll call vote was required:

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

Annual Accounting for School Facilities Fees – Resolution Number 8-2017-2018

In accordance with California Government Code Section 66006, the district shall, within 180 days after the close of the fiscal year, make available to the public an accounting of developer fees collected. The district is required to identify the type of fees collected, beginning and ending fund balance and interest earnings, attached hereto as Exhibit A. In addition, the district shall list proposed projects for a period of five years, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Section 66001 requires districts collecting developer fees to make additional findings every five years in which those fees remained unexpended at the end of a fiscal year.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution Number 8-2017-2018 as presented.

A roll call vote was required:

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

Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties and Authorized Signatures Pages – Resolution 9-2017-2018

Education Code Section 35161 grants the Board of Education the authority to delegate various powers and duties to employees of the district to act on its behalf. It is necessary to update the resolution and authorized signatures, annually and in addition to periodic changes in personnel.

Approval of Resolution Number 9-2017-18 and the Submission of Authorized Signature Forms, designates various staff to act on behalf of the Board of Education with specific limitations and restrictions.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve Resolution Number 9-2017-2018 as submitted.

A roll call vote was required:

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Several people signed up to speak about item F under Consent Items (New Course Adoptions). Speakers included: Elizabeth Schneider, Donna Olivera, Daisy and Luz/Just Communities, Christa/Student, Jonathan Rojas, Abraham Melendrez, Joana Barrera, Francisco Lozano, Elsa Velasco, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, Jessie Funes, Mary Jacka, Ricardo Valencia, Elizabeth Cortez, and Pati Cantu.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Lopez and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the consent items as listed.

A roll call vote was required:

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

REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

There were no reports from employee organizations.

OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPEAKER	TOPIC
Bill Soto-Castellanos	Outstanding Performance Evaluation of Santa Maria High School
Daisy Basu Ho	Ethnic and Gender Studies

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 January 9, 2018. 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.

FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2018

January 9, 2018
February 13, 2018
March 13, 2018
April 10, 2018

May 15, 2018
June 12, 2018
June 19, 2018
July 10, 2018
August 7, 2018

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December 11, 2018

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.