

**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 in the cafeteria at Santa Maria High School on December 10, 2014 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Tognazzini, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez, Palera

Open Session

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 p.m.

Installation of Board Members Elected November 2014

Dr. Richardson administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected board members: Dr. Carol Karamitsos, Mr. Dominick Palera and Ms. Diana Perez. He presented them with their Certificate of Election from the County of Santa Barbara.

Mr. Palera introduced his wife, Pam; daughters Kristen and Nicole; son-in-law Aaron; and granddaughters Camryn and Charleigh.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session and reconvened for open session at 6:55 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

Mr. Tognazzini called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. The flag salute was led by Mr. Palera.

Announce Closed Session Actions

Superintendent Richardson welcomed everyone and announced the closed session items. Personnel actions were approved as submitted. The board was updated in certificated and classified matters and approved the recommendations on student matters. The board also had a conversation with legal counsel.

Organization for Year December 10, 2014 to December 2015

As outlined in Board Bylaw 9100, the current Clerk of the Board will be confirmed as President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve Mr. Tognazzini as President of the Board of Education.

Turn over to New President

The meeting was turned over to the new president, Victor Tognazzini.

Election of Clerk

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

Appointment of Secretary to the Board of Education

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

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. A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve Dr. Garvin as the representative to elect members of the County Committee on School District Organization and Ms. Perez as the alternate.

Selection of Meeting Dates, Time and Place

In order to facilitate payroll requirements and other reporting deadlines, the administration recommends 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.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the proposed dates and times for meetings of the Board of Education. Mr. Tognazzini commented that he will be absent for the February 10th meeting.

Presentations

John Davis presented a progress report update regarding activities with PIVOT Learning.

He described briefly the history of how we got into PIVOT learning and why. Beginning with the 2012/13 school year we had a lot of teachers and administrators that did not have common core training so we decided to bring someone to us so we could get everyone involved. Righetti was already working with PIVOT and we liked what they brought to the table.

We went into an agreement for two years. Began working with ELA and Math and looking at the shifts that will be necessary to implement. We are keeping an eye on creating new assessments (common formative assessments and the new computer generated assessments).

Provided highlights of the groups. All of the ELA teachers have met with the PIVOT coach

and came up with a series of goals and plans related to timelines, creating units, and a lot of work and timelines for CFA's (Common Formative Assessments). ELA has done a great job and the teachers have been committed to working district-wide and have done great work.

Math is working with PIVOT as well but it is more difficult due to students being at so many different levels. Math has been focusing on CFA's, developing curriculum units, common core and sequencing. Math teachers are primarily working on the algebra course and the traditional pathway (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II and so on).

Recently the state board adopted a new framework for Social Studies. The teachers have been working on supporting other core disciplines (with performance tasks and document based questions) which blend very well with common core performance tasks.

Science teachers have been very busy. They have been working on academic fusion (blend of common core, next generation of science standards, performance tasks). Teachers have created units so students can work on performance tasks. This should help with smarter balance testing. They are doing a great job collaborating district-wide. The Next Generation Standards come from the National Standards.

This brings us to a serious evaluation point with PIVOT. We are coming up on the end of our third quarter. We have had some great success working with them but also some challenges. We will be working with our teacher groups. We have strong instructional leaders in each discipline and are developing capacities to provide staff development in these areas.

Mr. Davis will have more information in the next few months. The primary challenges are:

- Resources – will we be able to provide the staff development for the teachers?
 - Common core requires a lot of outlay of resources including the computer based models and the new frameworks. It will be imperative to be able to provide a high level of training.
 - Instructional materials are also a concern.
 - The one on one device – we may have E books and electronics to draw from.
 - We participated in the Smarter Balance Field Test last year. We have put a lot of resources into our labs (as I mentioned last month – the tablets won't be the solution) but it will take some fundamental formatting (re-formatting) of Smarter Balance for those tests to be useable on tablets. There is a lot of cutting/pasting and split-screen.

We know it is going to be a challenge and we are waiting to see if they release API, we hope not. We believe that the students, parents, teachers and administrators in our community, know what is in their hands. We don't have a full set of matrixes at this point.

Ms. Perez asked how many teachers participated and how the trainings were offered. Mr. Davis said that every teacher has had training and the training times varied. All science and ELA teachers have met districtwide while other groups have met with their own site teachers. There has been significant training over the last two years.

Dr. Karamitsos agreed that there are plenty of talented leaders in the teachers in their subject areas – there can be a transition time. The teachers would drive what their needs are. Maybe some type of layering (certain subjects need ongoing support). We should take the lead from the teachers. Mr. Davis agrees; that is one reason we used PIVOT. The plan from the ELA group was made from their group. That capacity exists in each group/department. We were not able to do it without PIVOT.

Mr. Tognazzini explained to the audience that we will do our best to have presentations that will update the public. If you have any questions, Mr. Davis will be here for a short time after the meeting.

Guidance Services Update – Steve Molina

Mr. Molina thanked the board and introduced some of the counselors. Some of the work they have done is building collegiality amongst them and collaborating with our colleges. They have overcome some obstacles in the past year including equity and access to Hancock. The counselors attended a joint meeting with Hancock and Orcutt Academy this morning (along with Mr. Molina and Mr. Davis).

The following counselors spoke during the presentation: Victoria Lopez (SMHS), Ryan Abshere (Delta), Eric Blanco (RHS), Julie Santoyo (RHS), Nadia Ventura (PVHS), and Juan Gallardo (UCSB Outreach – all sites).

Ms. Santoyo: Explained the basic premise of who the counselors are and what degrees they need to be a school counselor.

Mr. Blanco: Explained what the counselors do. School counselors have standards through California Association of School Counselors. Three domains include: academic, social/emotional, career/college readiness. Twelve counselors from the district attended the CSAC conference.

Ms. Ventura: Spoke about the academic program they are working on. There is a four-year plan that includes classroom presentations (especially registration), monitoring progress, placement recommendations (ELD, Foster Youth, Alternative Education, Resource (SPED), Star Enterprise), intervention support (SST, After-School Tutoring, 504s, IEP's). It is a big team effort throughout the school. They also look at testing scores to make sure they are placed correctly.

Mr. Abshere: Counselors deal with the personal and social well-being of students. Counselors can bring a lot to the table by providing individual student counseling. They often refer them to outside agencies (SAFTY, Transitional Youth, Mental Health, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley). Counselors spend a lot of time meeting with parents so they can problem-solve. Counselors take a huge role when there are moments of crisis.

Mr. Gallardo: The counselors have been doing a lot of great work. They have done a lot of presentations, practice SATs, practice labs (including three days having a lab open during thanksgiving week). They had a total of 186 visits from students and the students received a lot of help in those three days. Everyone is working closely with colleges and their programs.

Ms. Lopez: They have been working on bringing people to the sites (Career Faire had over 90 vendors). Excited to have all these programs to get the students ready for college. They want to ease the transition for students going into higher education; make it as smooth as possible for them. They are four months into the school year and foresee that they will be working on the following:

- Increase A-G completers
- Increase graduation rates (attendance and intervention)
- Decreasing referrals/suspensions, providing individual and group counseling
- Increase parent engagement (by providing parent trainings on various topics)
- Increase access to pre-college programs and information
- Group counseling

They are working (at SMHS) with students and parents and holding a series of workshops. Parents know who the counselors are so they feel comfortable speaking with them. Want to increase the knowledge of the students and parents (EAOP, ETS, Upward Bound) – take advantage of the resources that are available to our students.

Mr. Blanco thanked the Board for the opportunity to present. The support of the board and community will be paramount in their effort as a district counseling team to provide the necessary services for all students to succeed and become lifelong learners as well as productive citizens.

Ms. Perez commented that she is so excited to see them as a group, working together. It has been a long time coming. She thanked them all for everything they do.

Ms. Lopez explained that they will show data at the next presentation.

Dr. Karamitsos knows that we have big campuses and lots of kids. We know there is an interface with the community, you are offering a one-on-one connection. She is super excited and very thankful for the counselors and their expertise. It is integral to academics. The students need their basic needs met.

Ms. Lopez announced that Eric Blanco was chosen as Executive Vice President of the California Association of School Counselors in November and represents our district.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson is excited to go with the board to the California School Board Association Conference this weekend. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Principal Reports

Mr. Domingues: In the spirit of the holidays he had two students from the girls' basketball team speak about Toys for Tots. He publicly thanked their coach, Eddie Gutierrez for adopting the attitude, "Think of Others Before Themselves." The girls encouraged everyone to donate toys to the office and wished everyone a nice holiday.

Mrs. Rotondi: Wished everyone Happy Holidays. The students have been very active lately and in the holiday spirit. She invited the Board to the RHS Choir Winter Concert on December 15th at Orcutt Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Herrera: Welcomed Mr. Palera. She shared that PVHS will be having 60 graduates from PIQE plus the STEM program (which is an additional two weeks of training). The counselors at PVHS are working closely with the guidance technicians and working side-by-side.

Mrs. Prieto-Chavez: Some students (led by Jenna Dee) are going to Patterson elementary to sing for them. She spoke about the Hour of Code (Science Education Week) and Wired Wednesdays. If you go to Delta's website and latest news and click on Week of Code, it will take you to a video and puzzle to show you how to code.

Student Reports

Gerardo Nevarez/SMHS: In the holiday spirit, the students have brought the community to SMHS. They are helping Salvation Army by having students ringing the bell and getting donations. The students have enjoyed it. Events have included Special Olympics, Canned Food Drive (CSF Club), and the FBLA Door Decorating Contest. Winter Faire is next Friday. Senior, Carlos Balderas is part of Team USA (Boxing) and took the Gold in the Lightweight Division and will represent USA at the next Olympics. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Jhaicelle Laron/ERHS: Students have been busy doing lunch activities. ASB held a winter spirit week and will be hosting a CASL leadership workshop. The Water Polo Team is CIF Champs. Happy Holidays from RHS Student Body.

David Torres/PVHS: ASB held their 2nd BBQ (sold 1800 tickets and they get 50% profit). They had a Winter Themed Dress Up Week and Senior Panoramic Photo. This is the first time for a finals schedule. He assured everyone that the students are all studying very hard. Activities included: The band received 1st place in The Parade of Lights. Drama has a Winter Production of "You Can't Take It With You" and the Winter Faire is Dec. 19th. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Carlos Alvarado/Delta: Delta will hold a Blood Drive on January 30th. He spoke about the Dragon Battles (answering riddles), the Food Drive, and the Loose Change Drive. List of presenters at Delta include: California Conservation Corp., County of SB Social Services, Probation Department, Art Institute, Marian Medical Hospital, Air Force, SMPD Crime Lab, National Guard, Santa Maria Valley YMCA and the Air Force.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Palera: As a new board member he is honored to be elected and he takes it very seriously and will strive to do his best. He is honored to join the members of this professional board. He met a lot of the teachers and staff at the sites and got to speak with Dr. Richardson. The dedication of all of them to help all the students to succeed is phenomenal and he will help do whatever he can.

Ms. Perez: Welcomed Mr. Palera. She wanted to congratulate the RHS Water Polo on their CIF Championship. Her son is on the JV team. It is important for her to speak about the melee at Righetti High School. She was on campus and was also present at the parent meeting on Sunday. She wanted to share with everyone that the Righetti staff (and Karen Rotondi) and law enforcement did an amazing job to make sure that the students and staff were safe. The communication with all the parents is appreciated. The staff is doing a great job and she is proud to represent this school district.

Dr. Karamitsos: Echoed the welcome to Dominick Palera. Looking forward to the newness of the board. It is always a great time for everyone to come together. Looking forward to the CSBA conference. It rejuvenates them. It will be a good time to get to know each other. Happy Holidays (whatever holiday you celebrate) and enjoy it with your family and friends.

Dr. Garvin: He was able to participate in the Model School program at Delta. Very impressed that so many people have input with a student that is having a problem. Congratulated Delta on taking that approach. He congratulated Shelly Klein for successfully completing her dissertation. He will be attending the CSBA conference in December (34th year). On a side note - if you ever get a chance – go to Nashville and visit Graceland. He just returned and had a great time.

Mr. Tognazzini: Wants to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Palera to the board and salute him for his years of service in the Sheriff's Department. He welcomed back Dr. Karamitsos and Ms. Perez. The Board operates with a great deal of collegiality and he sees that will continue. He appreciates Karen Rotondi for her prudence and wisdom and the way she handled things at Righetti High School. She met with the parents and he appreciates her work. He is also looking forward to going to the CSBA conference. It is a time of learning and networking with other school board members and superintendents. He also congratulated Mrs. Klein. Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Items Scheduled for Action

General

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations

Mr. Davis presented AR 6146.1. The regulation was revised to add Independent Living & Health to the course approved list to count toward the 4th Year of English and wording was removed that referred to the Block Schedule.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the revision of AR 6146.1 to add Independent Living & Health to the course approved list to count toward the 4th Year of English.

Reopener Proposal from the District for Classified Negotiations – *Appendix D1*

The Contract with California School Employees Association, Chapter 455, allows the parties to reopen certain articles. In order to commence negotiations with CSEA and to fulfill conditions of the Rodda Act, the Board needs to acknowledge receipt of the following proposal from the District.

- Article 3, Pay and Allowances
- Article 4, Health and Welfare Benefits
- Article 19, Classification/Reclassification

A public hearing will be held at the January board meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 vote to acknowledge receipt of the reopener proposal from the District to CSEA in order to commence negotiations.

Reopener Proposal from CSEA for Classified Negotiations – *Appendix D2*

The Contract with California School Employees Association, Chapter 455, allows the parties to reopen certain articles. In order to commence negotiations with CSEA and to fulfill conditions of the Rodda Act, the Board needs to acknowledge receipt of the following proposal from CSEA.

- Article 2, Hours of Employment
- Article 3, Pay and Allowances
- Article 4, Health and Welfare Benefits

A public hearing will be held at the January board meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to acknowledge receipt of the reopener proposal from CSEA to the District in order to commence negotiations.

Business

2014/2015 First Interim Report – *Appendix C*

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 report was included as Appendix C.

Ms. Perez asked what will happen with counselors that are being paid through QEIA and if all the counselors were returning. Ms. Ortiz explained that the district has a plan (working on a comparative ratio for each site). It depends on the ratio (with the LCAP). There will be some carryover to phase out the low class size. Dr. Richardson clarified that the district will be working on the process this spring (LCAP steering committee).

Dr. Karamitsos asked about the QEIA reserve. Ms. Ortiz explained that there is about half a year of funding in reserves so we will have a year to phase out the lower class size. Dr. Karamitsos stated that the district needs to be mindful about not diminishing support for students. This was regarding the \$15,000 miscellaneous but not related to QEIA. Ms. Ortiz said that Brenda Hoff will get a more detailed budget report to her.

Ms. Perez asked about the LVN and School Support Secretary positions that were listed as being reduced in the report. Joni McDonald said the people in the positions left (resigned and/or promoted) and a decision was made not to replace them. There is a recommendation

to review all the services at the sites and it is under analysis and will be brought back to you in January.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt a Positive Certification for the First Interim report for fiscal year 2014/2015 as shown in Appendix C.

Authorized Signature Forms

Annually and as necessary, the District is required to review and 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. Garvin, 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.

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 First Interim Report has been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Resolution Number 10-2014-2015 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 #10-2014-2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Annual Accounting for School Facilities Fees

In accordance with California Government Code 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. In addition, the district shall list proposed projects for a period of five years. 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. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Perez and carried with a 5-0 roll call

vote to approve Resolution #11-2014-2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties

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.

Passage of the following resolution will authorize the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Director of Fiscal Services, Director of Facilities and Operations and the Director of Support Services to act on behalf of the Board of Education with specific limitations or restrictions.

A motion was made by Dr. Karamitsos, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution #12-2014-2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

(2nd Meeting - Consideration and Vote): RESOLUTION #13-2014-2015 (presented as *Appendix E*) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION OF 2004, SERIES 2014, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$29,001,905; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS. [Agenda Statement Required by AB 182: *This Resolution authorizes bonds which allow for the compounding of interest.*](#)

Miguel Rodriguez provided information (2nd meeting) on the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds and an update on the 2004 Measure "C" series 2014 Bonds.

The bond documents for board approval include:

- Bond Authorizing Resolution (#13-2014-2015)
 - Specifies bond parameters; amount of bonds; use of proceeds; maximum rates; term of repayment; cost of issuance estimates; assignment of issuance team
 - Delegates certain responsibilities to staff and public agencies as required to

- affect the sale and install/collect tax levies
- Preliminary Official Statement
 - Bond offering document (prospectus) containing District financial and operating data
- Draft Bond Purchase Agreement
 - Form of District/Underwriter contract
- Continuing Disclosure Certificate
 - Covenant to provide annual updated financial and operating data for benefit of investors.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the SMJUHSD has a high worth credit standing and congratulated Dr. Richardson and Ms. Ortiz.

He spoke about the market rate and looking at alternative bonds. Dr. Karamitsos had some questions regarding the future bonds. Mr. Rodriguez said he will work on an involved bond analysis to make available to the board at a later time.

Mr. Tognazzini appreciates the pivotal role that CFW has taken. They have lowered the cost to tax payers.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Resolution #13-2014-2015 (*Appendix E*) to authorize and provide for the issuance, sale and delivery of the District's General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2004, Series 2014 and authorize district representatives to execute and deliver related documents and take related actions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Consent Items

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the consent items as presented in the December 10, 2014 board agenda.

Reports from Employee Organizations

Krista Ballard: Congratulated Dominick Palera. Thanked Mrs. Herrera for recognizing the Guidance Technicians and their role. As previously presented in the agenda CSEA has presented their items for negotiations for January and February. CSEA has selected their members for the LCAP Steering Committee.

Clint Hinkle: Faculty would like to welcome the three newly elected members. Looking forward to a participating in LCAP Steering Committee this year, they were not included before.

Susan Savins: Mr. Goodman could not make it tonight, he had a family issue. Wants to make sure everyone feels welcomed. Congratulations to SMHS for receiving a projected 2.88 million for QEIA. Those resources have really helped SMHS. They have helped class size reduction. Teachers are concerned that the money will be in jeopardy and returned to the state. Thanked the Board for their intelligent questions regarding QEIA. There is a process on SMHS campus (QEIA committee makes recommendations to SSC). Eight of the counselors at SMHS are being funded through QEIA. She shared results of a staff survey. The staff was polled as a whole and the staff has requested professional training on the tablets. Suggesting the next three development days be set aside for this use. The lack of substitutes for instructional aides in the Special Ed classroom is a concern. It still leaves a hole when one fills in for another. Faculty association conducts elections concerning faculty.

Karen Draper: Provided a friendly update on SDM. Explained to Mr. Palera that SDMC is a collaborative group that sets school policies (not curriculum or negotiated items). It is comprised of teachers, parents, students and admin. This model was developed like SSC. The first SDM meeting at SMHS is January 28th. They are looking forward to hearing from the other two sites when they set their meetings. Some of the items SDM works on include: tardy policies, ID badge requirements, extended leave policies (to name a few). SMHS spent a lot of time on these policies (which are not in Ed Code). Extended leave policy has been changed at SMHS. Asked if it had been changed districtwide.

Open Session Public Comments

Shelly Klein: Spoke about implementing common core standards. She would like to see an expert on the LCAP committee for teaching and technology (suggests six expert teachers). You need a teacher that has experience in this. If this major change is going to happen it will be driven by the teachers (training, materials). Asked that the district please add these experts to the steering committee.

Mr. Arnulfo Romero: Congratulated the new board members. He spoke about SDM and reminded the Board that it was his issue with SDM that ignited the changes. He still finds that the SDM process is unfair and discriminates. He would like the community to look over what he is saying. Thank you to the community and parents for working with him. Everything is done for the benefits of students, not to affect one person. Have a good Christmas.

Francisco Lozano: He would like to state that it is a pleasure to be here and recognizes that the committee is in favor of the students. He is pleased that the meetings have been moved so he can attend the SM Bonita meetings as well. He would also like to express his appreciation for the support at Righetti High School and appreciates the way the district handled it. He has a student at SMHS (not at RHS), but any situation that a student has affects him, because the students are our future. He overheard that meeting at SMHS will be on January 28th while parents are working and is wondering if the board is willing to compensate the parents so they can meet. Ran out of time before he could finish.

Clint Hinkle (for Jen Dolan): Jen Dolan is a teacher at Righetti. Clint gave the board members letters from Ms. Dolan because she could not make the meeting. The letter is regarding the district's violation of past practice criteria for certificated exempt leave. Asked that the board please call or email Ms. Dolan to discuss this with her. Mr. Hinkle said it would be an excellent opportunity for board members to lead by example and communicate.

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 Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the Support Services Center, 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m.

Future Regular Board Meetings for 2015

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Tuesday, July 14, 2015	Tuesday, November 10, 2015
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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.