

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 10, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was held on January 10, 2017 with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and an open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Lopez, Palera, Perez  
Absent: Garvin

**OPEN SESSION**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Dr. Karamitsos called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Flag Salute.

She asked for a moment of silence for John Rucker. Mr. Rucker was a science teacher and department chair at Righetti High School. He was with our district for nearly 21 years. He leaves behind his wife Margaret, who also teaches at Righetti and three children, Daniel, Michael and Katy. His memorial service is Saturday, January 14 at St. Mary's with a reception following at Righetti High School. He made a huge impact on so many students and staff and will be missed by everyone.

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session items. All personnel actions were approved as submitted. The Board approved the student matters as submitted.

**REPORTS**

**Principal Report – Joe Domingues/SMHS**

Santa Maria High School prides themselves on becoming a cultural proficient campus. Mr. Domingues introduced the advisors for the Gay Straight Alliance Club, Merrie Goldin and Autumn Jennings. Ms. Goldin introduced Mayte Olivera, the Crisis Intervention Specialist at SMHS who is also attending and helping with the meetings.

- Ms. Goldin said she appreciates the SMHS Admin and their support for the club and all the clubs on campus. They come by at meetings to make sure all is going well.
- The club addresses LGBT issues on campus and provides a safe place and supports diversity.
- Ms. Jennings described how she first became an advisor for the GSA Club at Righetti High School. She was asked by students to be the club advisor. Several teachers had turned them down. The difference between then and now is wonderful. She introduced some club officers and alumni to share their feelings and experiences at Santa Maria High School. Comments included:
  - Want to open the club up for all students.
  - Goal is to create a safe environment. There was no sanctuary in junior high or elementary, now there is somewhere to go.

- The students feel they are a family and it makes them feel wonderful and a part of something.
- Mr. Domingues said he is looking forward to growing this club to help everyone become more accepted and more a part of the club and the school.

Ms. Perez asked if the other high schools in the district have this club. Ms. Jennings said there is a club on all campuses and the clubs are very active.

Ms. Lopez said she really admires all of the students and thanked Mr. Domingues for bringing them to the meeting. She told the students they are valued and important and their efforts will impact students for years to come.

Ms. Goldin presented Dr. Richardson with a beautiful painting from members.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Richardson gave kudos to Reese Thompson and all the maintenance crew for their quick response to the busted pipe at Righetti High School Gym. Staff reacted promptly and got it shut down and started the abatement right away. They were able to save the floor.

He had a good conversation with the Superintendent's Council. They came up with times for graduation. June 8, 2017 is the date for all three graduations. The times are: 9:30 a.m. for Righetti, 11:30 a.m. for SMHS and 1:30 p.m. for PVHS. These times allow the district to run the graduations during regular operating hours. We also need to notify Josten's for the graduation announcements.

The Superintendent's Council is working on other information for graduation regarding attire.

Dr. Richardson said the schools may not have to issue tickets this year. There was a different situation last year in the community and they felt the sites needed to add an element of control. He is looking at putting it on hold for this year unless circumstances warrant issuing tickets.

### **Board Member Reports**

Ms. Lopez: She wished a Happy New Year to everyone. She is looking forward to catching some basketball games and the second half of the school year.

Mr. Palera: He said he wanted to give condolences to John Rucker's family. Mr. Palera gave said he remembered speaking with Mr. Rucker about two years ago and Mr. Rucker remembered all three of his daughters and even individual things about them. It just shows how connected Mr. Rucker was with his students. He will be missed.

Ms. Perez: She wished everyone a Happy New Year. She is looking forward to this year and wanted to thank Dr. Richardson for implementing the Board's vision and moving the

district forward. She is looking forward to what is ahead. It has been a positive experience working with the members of the Board.

Dr. Karamitsos: She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Safe Haven Resolution Number 9-2016-2017**

Resolution Number 9-2016-2017 supports that the schools in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District will remain safe places for learning and teaching for all students, regardless of immigration status. Under the law, all students have the right to attend public school and enjoy access to equitable educational and programmatic services regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student’s family members.

A motion was made by Diana Perez and seconded by Amy Lopez to approve Resolution Number 9-2016-2017. A roll call vote was required and passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

**INSTRUCTION**

**Proclamation Declaring February 6-10, 2017 as National School Counseling and Guidance Week – Resolution Number 10-2016-2017**

National School Counseling and Guidance Week is celebrated from February 6-10, 2017, to focus public attention on the unique contributions of professional school counseling and guidance staff members in our schools across the country. The National School Counseling and Guidance Week, sponsored by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors and guidance staff can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Certificates will be given to each counselor and guidance staff member to show our appreciation.

A motion was made by Diana Perez and seconded by Amy Lopez to approve Resolution Number 10-2016-2017. A roll call vote was required and passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

## **BUSINESS**

### **Fiscal Year 2015-16 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, 2016 was submitted to the Board of Education for review and includes the district's plan of corrective actions for the findings and recommendations identified in the audit report. There was an issue with Nutrakids and CALpads but they are working with that to make sure that information doesn't drop through the cracks.

This is the second year in a row that there were no findings in ASB. Brenda Hoff commended Mary Andrade and all the people at the sites. The full audit report can be found on the District's website.

A motion was made by Dominick Palera and seconded by Amy Lopez to approve the report. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

### **Declaring results and certifying proceedings of School Bond Election and appointing the Citizens' Oversight Committee with Respect to Such Bond Measure – Resolution Number 11-2016-2017**

The Board of Education placed a measure to the voters to authorize the issuance of \$114 million in general obligation bonds on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The district has received positive certification of the election results from the Registrars of Voters of the County of Santa Barbara and the County of San Luis Obispo. The Board of Education needs to officially declare the election results to the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County. Resolution No. 11-2016-2017 so certifies.

A requirement of a Proposition 39 bond measure is a citizens' oversight committee ("COC") to monitor bond expenditures. The Board of Education appoints the existing COC with respect to such bond measure as stated in the aforementioned Resolution.

A motion was made by Dominick Palera, seconded by Amy Lopez to approve Resolution Number 11-2016-2017. A roll call vote was required and passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

**Emergency Resolution - Righetti High School Flood - Resolution Number 12-2016-2017**

On December 17, 2016 Righetti High School experienced flood damage thereby requiring immediate remediation to mitigate further damage to the facility, and for the safety and health of students, staff and other persons.

Subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, Public Contract Code section 22000, et seq. (“UPCCAA”), any contract for construction work exceeding \$45,000.00 and up to \$175,000.00 in value must be informally bid. An exception exists in cases of emergency when repair and/or replacements are necessary. The emergency work requires a four-fifths vote of the Board of Resolution Number 12-2016-2017. The resolution also authorizes the District’s superintendent or designee to execute contracts or change orders, as appropriate and as necessary with firms to perform flood remediation work, without further advertising for or inviting of bids, and to take all steps and perform all actions necessary to execute and implement those contracts.

A motion was made by Diana Perez and seconded by Dominick Palera to approve Resolution Number 12-2016-2017. A roll call vote was required and passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Diana Perez and seconded by Amy Lopez to approve the Consent Items as presented. A roll call vote was required and passed with a vote of 4-0.

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

**REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no reports from the employee organizations.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NAME	TOPIC
Laura Mudge	Petition for Olive Grove Charter School to be placed on the next agenda

**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, February 14, 2017. 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 2017**

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| February 14, 2017 | June 13, 2017    | September 12, 2017 |
| March 14, 2017    | June 20, 2017    | October 10, 2017   |
| April 11, 2017    | July 11, 2017    | November 14, 2017  |
| *May 16, 2017     | **August 1, 2017 | December 12, 2017  |

Please note:  
 \*Third Tuesday of the month  
 \*\*First Tuesday of the month

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.