

**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 at Righetti High School on February 12, 2014, with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Karamitsos, Tognazzini, Walsh, Garvin, Perez.

Open Session

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session and reconvened for open session at 6:37 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order and student representative, Ian Steller, led the flag salute.

Closed Session Actions

Superintendent Richardson reported the following closed session actions:

Student Matters – Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918. The Board approved two suspended expulsions as recommended.

Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions – Government Code Section 54957. The Board approved hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations as reported by the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

Conference with Labor Negotiators – Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board was provided an update on negotiations with the Faculty Association (California Teachers Association) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Board Member Appointment in Lieu of Election

Discussion to fill the board vacancy due to the resignation of Dr. Dean Reece took place at the January 15, 2014 Board meeting. At that meeting it was agreed to recommend Diana Perez, who ran for a position on the Board in the last election. The Elections Office confirmed with the district that Mrs. Perez is a qualified candidate. Bill Cirone, County Superintendent of Schools administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Perez who will fill the vacant seat. He spoke about the importance of individuals willing to take on the responsibility of serving on a school board. Mr. Cirone thanked all board members for serving as custodians of our students' education.

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Mrs. Perez said she is honored to serve this community, students, parents, teachers, and school district personnel. She acknowledged and thanked Dr. Jeff Hearn, former assistant principal, principal, and district superintendent. Dr. Hearn recruited Mrs. Perez to work with district students in 1997. She thanked her family and Allan Hancock College for their support. Mrs. Perez looks forward to working with our district.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve Diana M. Perez to fill the board vacancy.

Presentations

A presentation of the Cal Poly Partnership Program will be provided at the March 12, 2014 board meeting.

Reports

Superintendent's Report

Caldwell Flores Winters (CFW) Presentation

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by CFW representatives, Ernest Flores, President of CFW, Yuri Calderon and Janet Kleigl, Senior staff members. The following phases of the implementation program were explained: 1) Implementation Program Goals; 2) Facilities Assessment; 3) Capital Improvement Plan; 4) Integrated Financing Plan and Strategy; and 5) Program Implementation.

Mr. Flores stated that CFW's goal is to present to the staff and the Board an implementation program within 90 days of commencement of services. He spoke about improving functionality and appearance of school facilities, reviewing what is currently in place, establishing project priorities and working on a vision for the district.

Dr. Karamitsos is excited about the availability of matching funds. She asked about the role of the district staff currently working on the planning and development of this project. Mr. Flores explained that staff will maintain their current role and continue to build on what is currently in place. The goal is to integrate the educational program into the facilities program and build within the district's budget.

Mr. Calderon reported that he is currently working with Oxnard School District. CFW was able to build an implementation program in 90 days. The plan considers the reconfiguration of schools from a K-6/7-8 to a K-5/6-8/K-8 program. Also, Oxnard is one of the first districts in the state that also with one-to-one technology where every student in the district is allowed to take their device home.

Mr. Tognazzini thanked Mr. Flores for their help with the bond and facilities program and the scholarship program for district students.

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Principal Reports

Steve Molina/RHS: Spoke about RHS's JumpStart Academy funded by the California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) grant. The academy is a two week program which is designed to strengthen reading, writing and math skills. At registration there were over 100 students interested in participating in the program. Mr. Molina reported that eighty students are currently participating in the fun but rigorous program.

Shanda Herrera/PVHS: Exciting times for Pioneer Valley. Successful Winter Sports; girls' basketball captured a first league title, the first for PV; boys' wrestling is in first place and going to league finals. Boys' soccer is tied for first place in the playoffs. Girls' wrestling hosted the CIF Southern Section Qualifier. Over Five hundred students visited PV and over 1,000 spectators attended the event on Friday and Saturday. PV is preparing to enroll nearly 750 incoming 9th graders and Academic Awards night is scheduled for Thursday and over 400 students will be recognized.

Joe Domingues/SMHS: The SMHS Cal Poly Partnership Program will be presented at the March 12 board meeting. Mr. Domingues acknowledged the work of counselor, Julie Santoyo and assistant principal, Peter Flores for their help in building this program. Mr. Domingues spoke about the Professionals in Education (PIE) Club which is about students seeking to pursue education. One of the objectives will be to get priority enrollment at Cal Poly and teachers are mentoring students to ensure they get into college. Also, a Latino leadership conference will be held at SMHS on February 27.

Student Reports:

Student Board Representatives reported on activities at their site. Following are some of the highlights:

Leticia Mora/Delta: Open House is scheduled for February 13; the pilot program for the RT Surface Tablets is going great; the BBQ fundraiser hosted by the Lions Club is scheduled for February 22; candy grams for sale for Valentines' Day; a Blood Drive is schedule for February 28; and the second quarter dragon battles have concluded. The Awards Assembly was held on January 22: Eighty-four students had a 90% attendance or higher; Thirty-five students received an Academic Award for having a GPA of 3.0 to 3.49; and Twenty-nine students received the Principal's Award for having a GPA or 3.5 to 4.0.

Santa Maria: PVHS and SMHS staff participated in a game of soccer, SMHS won with a score of 4 to 3. ASB activities include: setting a goal to raise \$2,000 to support cancer research; hosting Spirit Week; registration of incoming 8th graders; and co-hosting a Distracted Driving Assembly. Club activities: CE'ENI received a \$3,000 grant from YMC; Central Coast Future Leaders fundraise to help kids in third world countries with surgeries; the Key Club participated in the VTC dance to support the mentally disable adults; Las Comadres Club volunteers at Cafecito meetings; Ballet Folklorico performed two show at Sanchez Elementary; and SHARe plans activities for Teen Relationship Violence Awareness for month of February. Boys' Varsity Wrestling will compete in CIF Individual at SMHS on February 20.

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Ian Steller/Righetti: Advanced Placement tests on sale Feb 11-28; Spring Renaissance is coming up and invitations will be mailed to students; and Senior Personality elections take place Friday using the electronic voting system (students vote by using cell phones or online). Soccer— Senior night against Pioneer Valley last Monday and Basketball— Senior night will be on February 15 against San Luis Obispo. The student cheering section will host another War Zone— the theme will be “This is War”. Students are working on setting up a donation booth at a basketball game and will donate the funds to the Wounded Warriors project to help pay for health costs. The Interclub Council Club meeting is scheduled for February 19 and the Sophomore class will sponsor the Sadie Hawkins dance on March 15— the theme is “Light up the Night.”

Reports from Employee Organizations

Teachers, Yazmin Aguilera and Sonia Iniguez provided Diana Perez a document previously mailed to the other Board members.

Catherine Boyle: Invited Board members to visit SMHS and requested they ask questions regarding administrators, site policies, implementation and procedures. She asked that they ask questions to determine facts.

Margaret Rucker: Spoke about a Santa Maria Times article and a quote by Mr. Tognazzini which in her opinion does not represent his actions. Teachers requested a meeting with Board members to address harassment issues— a meeting has not yet been scheduled. Teachers have been accused of negative statements by community members and the Association members have been called liars. Mrs. Rucker asked for fair negotiations.

Andrew Oman, CTA Representative: Teachers attend board meetings in order to be heard in an appropriate forum. However, they are feeling that their presence at board meetings is being manipulated. Teachers were advised by the Association that they not attend board meetings in large groups, instead they should focus on negotiations. Teachers thank those parents who attend the meetings to support them. They wish to move forward and look forward to productive negotiations on February 14.

Krista Ballard, CSEA President: Classified employees welcome Diana Perez and look forward to working with her. Mrs. Ballard reported that many items were discussed at the February 7 meeting, including classified participation in the Local Control Action Plan (LCAP). Classified employees are very interested in participating, collaborating and being part of the development and implementation of the LCAP.

Board Member Reports

Dr. Karamitsos feels that all parties want to move forward with negotiations which she hopes will conclude soon. She shared that it is not the intention of the Board to hurt the feelings of others. Dr. Karamitsos asked that people be respectful toward one another and stay focus on what is best for students.

Dr. Garvin looks forward to attending Open House at Santa Maria High School and the Academic Awards celebration at Pioneer Valley. He spoke about dedicating his life to educating

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students of this community.

Mr. Tognazzini welcomed Diana Perez and feels she will be a good asset to our district's governance team. (Mrs. Perez ran for a Board position at the last election.) Mr. Tognazzini noted that Board members may not always agree on all issues, but they work as a team. In speaking with other Board members at the annual California School Boards Association (CSBA) he learned that not all governing boards work well together.

Items Scheduled for Action

Instruction

Single School Plan for Student Achievement

The Santa Maria High School Single School Plan was provided to the Board for review prior to the Board meeting. John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented SMHS's plan for approval. The plan was developed on tentative budgets; therefore, budget revisions will be made once the Consolidated Application is completed. The plan will only be returned to the Board if major changes are made in the areas of goals and strategies.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tognazzini and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Santa Maria High School Single School Plan as presented.

General

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations

Superintendent Richardson explained that the Board reviewed the following amended or new Board Policies/Administrative Regulations, aligned with California School Boards Association updates, which are provided as education code and laws change. The policies and regulations listed below will be included in the existing sections upon approval.

The complete revised policies and regulations are part of the agenda which is posted on the district's website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/

Philosophy, goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans – Series 0000

Charter School Revocation BP 0420.43

Administration – Series 2000

Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy BP 2210

Students – Series 5000

Administering Medication & Monitoring Health Conditions BP/AR 5141.21

Instruction – Series 6000

Behavioral Intervention for Special Education Students AR 6159.4

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A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Board Policies/Administrative Regulations as presented.

Business

Agreement for Professional Program and Implementation Services with Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc.

Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services explained that the Agreement for Services with CFW was tabled at the January 15, 2014 board meeting. At that meeting the Board requested more information which has since been provided. The District had requested approval to retain the professional services of CFW to provide integrated services of planning, program development, state aid services and program implementation services. Specifically, the District wants to hire CFW to develop a high school education reconfiguration program to enhance curriculum and design facilities to fully support the educational program. Earlier in the agenda, CFW provided the Board an update on the planning of facilities, financing and program implementation.

The Agreement for Professional Services includes planning, program development, State Aid services and program implementation services, with a total fee of Five Percent (5%) of the Project Costs, as defined in the agreement. The Agreement also provides for State aid services at a fee of Two Percent (2%) of any monies received from the State, as defined in the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Agreement for Professional Program and Implementation Services with Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc.

Approval of Filing the General Obligation Bond Continuing Disclosure Statement

Mrs. Ortiz explained that the district is required to annually publish certain financial and demographic data related to the filing of the General Obligation Bond Continuing Disclosure Statement. As the issuer of the bonds, the District is responsible for ensuring that the required disclosures are completed each year. The disclosure document is prepared by Brenda Hoff, Director of Fiscal Services; saving the District about \$3,000 a year. These reports have been filed every year since June of 2006. Due to financial reform legislation (Dodd-Frank) it is now a recommended practice to have the school board review and approve the filing of the report. The report is actually "filed" by uploading to a website that was created and is maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The full report was shown in Appendix D and contains demographic information about our District such as Average Daily Attendance, revenue limit, budgets, debt issued, as well as property tax information on the top 20 taxpayers in Santa Barbara County. It also includes our assessed valuations and collections. The bulk of the detailed financial information required to be filed is contained in the District's budget reports and audited financial statements which are referenced in this report by a link to our website (www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/).

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A motion was made by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve filing of the General Obligation Bond Continuing Disclosure document.

Proposition 39/C2004 Bond Audits for Year Ended June 30, 2013

In accordance with Proposition 39 Bond Funding Requirements, an independent audit of the financial statements of the proceeds and expenditures from the issuance of the C2004 Bond was conducted for the year ended June 30, 2013. Mrs. Ortiz reported that the audit was completed by the firm, Christy White Accountancy Corporation.

The report states: "There were no audit findings or recommendations related to the 2012-2013 Measure C2004 Bond Building Fund Financial and Performance Audits."

Pursuant to Education Code 15286, a copy of this report has been forwarded to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Copies of the report are on file at the District Support Services Center for review by the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Garvin and carried with a 5-0 vote to review and accept the C2004 Bond Project Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2013.

New Financial System – Escape Technology MOU

The County Office of Education has selected a new fully integrated Financial Management Information System to replace the HP3000 system that has been in use for over 30 years. The contract for the new system will be executed between Santa Barbara County Education Office and Escape; however a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will need to be executed with each district that is using the HP 3000 system. The MOU allows districts to pay the cost over a 5 year period. In addition, there will be an annual license and support payment required thereafter. The District's required annual payment for the next five years will be approximately \$107,293. Thereafter, the maintenance and support fee is about the same we pay for the program currently in place.

The district is looking forward to a fully integrated system. Currently there are multiple systems that don't work together, such as, purchasing, payroll and the warehouse which results in added work and the possibility of losing data. The target implementation date for the new system is July 1, 2015. Superintendent Richardson noted that hardware to support the software for the current program is no longer available. It was noted that with the exception of Santa Barbara Unified School District, the entire Santa Barbara County will be using the new system. Another alternative is going fiscally independent which is expensive.

A motion was made by Mr. Tognazzini, seconded by Dr. Karamitsos and carried by a 5-0 vote to approved approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the New Financial System – Escape Technology with the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

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Consent Items

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

A. Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2014 - Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of 2014

Payroll	\$5,035,045.43
Warrants	<u>1,470,718.91</u>
Total	\$6,505,764.34

C. Attendance Report

Mrs. Yolanda Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will be available to answer questions regarding the fifth monthly attendance report presented on page 9.

D. Facility Report – ***Appendix B***

E. Acceptance of Gifts

Pioneer Valley High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Apio Inc.	Girls' Soccer	150.00
Phillips 66 Company	Jazz-Choir	250.00
Rotary Club of SM Breakfast	Band	200.00
PVHS Boosters	FFA Regular	500.00
Me-N-Eds	Boys' Wrestling	228.10
HD & CM Perrett	Student Council	1,000.00
American Dream Foundation	American Dream	7,500.00
Kelly Muldoon & Ellen Muldoon	Boys Wrestling	500.00
JM & Associates	Girls' Soccer	250.00
Melfred Borzall, Inc.	College/Career Center	<u>250.00</u>
Total Pioneer Valley High School		10,828.10

Santa Maria High School

Donor	Recipient	Amount
Klara Bergman	SMHS (value/office supplies)	\$350.00
Ann Ruth	SMHS (Class of 1973)	500.00
Sunrise Lions Club	Outreach	500.00
Julio Bautista	Baseball	200.00
Tanya Azevedo	Baseball	300.00
Paul Cuce Roofing	Baseball	200.00
Ana Velazquez	Girls' Volleyball	678.00
American Dream Foundation	American Dream	10,000.00
San Marcos Equine	FFA	100.00

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Coastline Chiropractic	FFA	<u>250.00</u>
Total Santa Maria High School		\$13,078.00

F. Student Discipline Matters

Administrative Recommendation to suspend the order of expulsion: Student #s 333351, 334893.

G. New Course Approvals

The following new course is presented to the Board of Education for approval and listing in the Course of Study for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

Santa Maria High School

➤ Digital Arts 2 AB

Open Session Public Comments

The following speakers shared their comments/concerns:

Kevin Kennemann, RHS parent: Spoke positively about the level of support and commitment of all RHS teachers.

Willie Galvan: Welcomed Diana Perez. Spoke about increased attendance at Cafecito meetings and keeping the focus on educating students.

Helen Galvan: Thanked the Board for selecting Diana Perez. Spoke about a fair settlement for all and equity concerning decision-making committees.

Angie Bolden: Spoke about racism at SMHS and feels certain students are being harassed.

Shevonne Harris, parent: Spoke about alleged discrimination/reverse discrimination at SMHS. She asked about any formal complaints to support the allegation.

Dana Valverde: Congratulated Diana Perez. She spoke about increasing math requirements and offering summer school (core classes) for all students at all sites.

Janet Cruz-Reyes, student: Spoke about a comment she made related to the school schedule.

Items not on the Agenda

There were no items discussed that were not on the agenda.

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Next Meeting Date

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 12, 2014. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Pioneer Valley High School (Cafeteria), 675 Panther Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Future Regular Board Meetings for 2014:

April 9	July 9 (if needed)	October 8
May 14	August 13	November 12
June 11	September 10	December 10

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.