

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 9, 2019**

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 April 9, 2019 with an open session at 6:30 p.m. and closed session immediately following. Members present: Palera, Lopez, Garvin, Karamitsos, Perez

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Mr. Palera called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and lead the Flag Salute.

Dr. Richardson announced the closed session items.

- Classified and certificated personnel actions were approved as submitted.
  - Sal Reynoso was introduced as the new principal at Delta High School. Tami Contreras and Glynda Maddaleno presented him with a gift basket.
  - Dr. Paul Robinson was announced as the new Director of CTE
- The Board was updated on labor negotiations with CSEA.
- The Board approved all student matters.
- The Board was updated on pending litigation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2019 Classified Employee of the Year Recognition**

Dr. Richardson introduced the 2019 Classified Employee of the Year nominees. Joni McDonald and Tami Contreras presented them with certificates and plaques.

The district certificate winners were Cathy Cabrera, Cecilia Loera, Jeanette McColm and Julie Norris. All four were nominated in the Office & Technical category. Ms. Norris was in attendance and was presented with her certificate.

The district plaque winners were all in attendance. They are: Erik Fulton/ Maintenance, Operations & Facilities; Eduardo "Eddie" Hernandez/Support Services & Security; and Adalberto "Beto" Santos/Paraeducator & Instructional Assistance.

**REPORTS**

**Student Reports**

Karen Rotondi and Righetti Administration surprised Kate Martella, the Righetti High School Student Board Representative, with a certificate and announced she was the Salutatorian for the Class of 2019.

Kate Martella/ERHS: Clubs will adopt-a-spot on campus and monetary prizes will be awarded. AVID students will be going to six flags this Friday. Special Ed students will be showing goats at the SMHS fair. A Student Signing Day will be held on May 1 for students that have signed up for college. Seniors are gearing up for end of year activities like Gradnite and Prom. Four girls tied for 2019 Valedictorian. Staff and students finally moved in to the new building on campus. It is exciting to attend class in the new building.

Jose Rodriguez Magana/Delta: The Pennies for Patients fundraiser was a huge success. Over \$1,000 was collected. Delta hosted a Blood Drive on April 5. Senior Awards is May 17. The Inmates Mentoring Peers Against Criminal Thinking (I.M.P.A.C.T.) field trip is next week. Delta Dragons will participate in a softball tournament at Paso Robles next week. Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Perreault will be taking a small group of students to visit Google this year. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Fraser have started the Vex Robotics team. Students are excited to build a robot.

Cristy Vega/SMHS: ASB raised nearly \$4,000 for Pennies for Patients. ASB students attended CASL and some volunteered at various booths at the Open Streets in Santa Maria. Juniors have started the Smarter Balanced testing. Seniors completed the Promise for Allan Hancock. Powder Puff Football is in the air! AP students are registering to take the AP tests.

### **Board Member Reports**

Dr. Karamitsos: She was sorry she missed the last board meeting, but she had the opportunity to travel to Portugal with her daughter. The people were friendly, and the landscape actually looks a lot like California. She attended "Guys and Dolls" at PVHS and was blown away. They were spot on (acting, choreography, sets, costumes). She attended the community event hosted by CAUSE at Centennial Park and there was a guy rapping there (in Mixteco, Spanish and English). He was great. The SMHS Band was there playing and students from Grizzly Academy were helping out. It was a nice community event. She visited the new classrooms at Righetti and the energy was amazing. The natural light in the classrooms is wonderful. Being in a space where you feel comfortable helps you learn. A lot of wonderful things are happening in our district and more exciting things are coming ahead. She asked the student representatives if they know where they are going or what they are doing after high school. Kate said she is almost 100% sure she is going to Berkeley for Political Science; Cristy said she will be taking advantage of the Promise program at Hancock, then transfer to Irvine or Berkeley. Jose is a junior and will be a senior next year.

Dr. Garvin: He had the opportunity to travel the world. It is truly a global economy. English is prominent in all the countries he visited. It is a second language and is taught in all the schools. It was a wonderful and different experience. He is really glad to be home.

Ms. Lopez: Not too much to say tonight. Likes to hear the stories and success. Everyone is doing a fantastic job and it is showing.

Mr. Palera: The view from the third floor of the new building at Righetti is amazing. Hats off to the staff of Righetti for managing the moves. Reclassification ceremony was well attended,

and he enjoyed the speaker. SMHS Academic Awards night was exciting. Good job at SMHS! He took the family to see "Guys and Dolls" at PVHS. Fantastic and impressive show. At the sports events we let students get in for free – he asked Dr. Richardson if the students could get into the other events for free (like Big Show and plays). Worth looking into.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richardson said he will send an update to the board regarding charging students at the events.

He introduced Shanda Herrera, principal of PVHS for a presentation on academic performance.

Presenters included Ms. Herrera, Dr. Paul Collier, Mr. Greg Dickinson and Dr. Paul Robinson.

They reviewed the School Accountability 5 x 5 measure and how PVHS compares to the state averages.

Dr. Collier said they are working with students and trying to keep the suspension numbers low. Suspension rate has gone down from 2016-17 and 2017-18. The reason it is going down is due to using restorative practices, meetings required for students, use of in-school interventions, regular counselor visits to the classrooms and providing staff development on Restorative Justice.

Mr. Dickinson presented why the graduation rate went up by 1.7%. Reasons for success are increases in all subgroups and having two counselors per grade. They also have increased support classes offered during the school day, so students can recapture units.

Ms. Herrera said the College/Career Indicator is the most challenging, now that all the pieces have been laid into place by the state. They increased by 1.3% and are in the orange. The state average is in the yellow. There is positive movement.

Mr. Dickinson said they are trying to find strategic ways to address the college/career indicator. They have refined a lot of courses and put them on CTE pathways. He is excited about the giant gains they anticipate over the next few years. They are spending time with department chairs and teachers and helping them through the a-g process. He is confident there will be a giant gain all across the district.

Dr. Robinson spoke about Indicator #4/Testing ELA and Math. PVHS took a small downturn, as did the State. They are expected to get to the Algebra 2 level and the students come in below level. They are using scheduling tricks, and support classes to throw into the mix, to improve. CSUs have added SBAC skill level to assist in college placement. ELA and Math teachers utilized online practice tests and all students test with their own teacher. Administration emphasized test importance with test chats, an academic stole, and the message (along with a package of cookies) that said, "You are one smart cookie!"

EL Progress was discussed. 2018 was the first year for this accountability measure. There is no comparative data due to the newly introduced ELPAC test. The ELPAC test is administered in class with the teacher.

Dr. Collier said the attendance rate is extremely important. PVHS attendance was at 8.9%. PVHS has the largest attendance in the district and the lowest chronic attendance and lower than the state. They are working hard with guidance techs who make daily phone calls for absences.

Ms. Herrera said the challenges of the new accountability model are:

- If a school is high performing; it may be difficult to maintain and could still show a decrease.
- PVHS is outperforming the state in 3/5 areas, but might have a lower color range when compared to other schools.
- Always look at the complete data noting the details of status and change.

Most course offerings at PVHS meet either the A-G or CTE measure. PVHS is also offering courses through Hancock.

The Board thanked them for the presentation.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**GENERAL**

**Board Policies for First Reading – No Action required**

The following board policies were presented for First Reading and will be added to the May 14, 2019 agenda for approval.

<b>BP/AR/BB</b>	<b>Title and Description</b>
BP 4121	Temporary/Substitute Personnel
AR 4161.1 AR 4261.1 AR 4361.1	Personnel – Personal Illness/Injury Leave

**Public Hearing on Joint Initial Proposals for Successor Negotiations from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the District**

At the March 12, 2019 meeting, the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the District presented their Joint Initial Proposal for Successor Negotiations for public review as required by Government Code 3547. A public hearing was required at this time to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on this topic.

The hearing was opened. There were no comments. The hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Ms. Perez to adopt CSEA and District's Joint Initial Proposal. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**Reduction in Force for Classified Staff – Resolution Number 13-2018-2019**

The district must reduce certain classified positions due to lack of work or lack of funds. Resolution No. 13-2018-2019 authorizes the administration to proceed with the recommended reduction in force.

Due to lack of funds the District must reduce the work year of one position funded via the Migrant Program.

Due to lack of work the District must reduce the work hours of certain Transportation positions for the beginning of next school year. New routes will be established and will be selected in the new school year, per the CSEA labor agreement.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to approve Resolution Number 13-2018-2019 which authorizes the administration to proceed with the recommended reduction in classified staff. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

**INSTRUCTION**

**FAFSA Waiver Presentation/Informational Item Only – No Action Needed**

Mr. Davis presented information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and a look at AB 2015, Reyes and AB 1617.

AB 2015, Reyes was approved by Governor Brown in September 2018, commencing with the 2021-22 school year. It would require districts to ensure students receive information on how to properly complete and submit at least once before the 12<sup>th</sup> grade the FAFSA and the California Dream Act application.

AB 1617, Reyes, was introduced February 22, 2019 and would require districts, as a condition from high school, that each student who does not opt-out as provided, completes and submits the FAFSA and California Dream Act application. It has been designated for a “2-year” tentative approval process. The analysis of the bill will take place during the 2019-2020 school year.

He shared the data on FAFSA completions for each high school. We are significantly on the high end of completions compared to other comprehensive sites.

Ms. Perez said that it is a bill that is up and coming and one of the things that helps students qualify for financial aid for college. (Promise is available at Hancock, Cuesta and SB City College). She would like to make a motion to add an agenda item to next month's agenda. She shared that one school district implemented the policy and had 92% FAFSA completion. She would like to see if the board would place it on the next agenda as part of the graduation requirement.

Discussion included:

- Students could opt out with a waiver form.
- Providing notification in several languages.
- Not preventing someone from graduating because they didn't fill out the form.
- Possibly have a public discussion.
- Correlation between filling out a FAFSA form and going to college.
- Concern about getting ahead of something that may not happen.
- Not having another roadblock to graduate.
- Teachers and counselors should have feedback.
- Forming a committee or a study session to see if it is something the Board wants to act on.
- Schools are promoting FAFSA already through Financial Aid nights and working with the counselors and Allan Hancock College.
- There is a parent component that has to be filled out
- One school in California and the entire state of Louisiana has already made it a graduation requirement.

The conclusion is that the Board will set up a committee to discuss it further.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Facilities Update/SMHS Fly-through/Informational Item Only – No Action Needed**

Ms. Ortiz introduced Michael Rachlin and Len Metcalf from Rachlin to give an update on the new building at Santa Maria High School. They provided a fly-through presentation of the new 50 classroom/Admin building. The plans are in DSA. Should have more news in May or June.

### **One to One Presentation/Informational Item Only – No Action Needed**

Geri Coats presented information on the one to one devices. She said the Lenovos are more durable than the Dells. The purchase order is under Consent Items for approval for purchasing for the incoming freshman classes for next year. They keep the device all four years. The Lenovos work great and stay charged all day.

The TOSA's have been providing staff training and are getting more teachers signing up than before. They had 66 teachers for a day long training at the District Office and 44 teachers for on-site training. They did a survey and 97% of the responses said they could use something in their classrooms the next day.

The new building at Righetti has been very busy the last few weeks. They are working on making all the equipment work together.

Thirty teachers and staff members attended the CUE conference in Palm Springs. Looking at implementation on what teachers learned at the conference.

The district has finalized Leslie Fisher for professional development and are working on scheduling it for two different sessions (for all teachers in the district).

Ms. Lopez asked if there is student feedback on usage and if they can do a satisfaction survey. This is a large purchase every year. Ms. Coats said they haven't done a survey this year but, in the past, did a survey on technology as a whole (not specific to the device). They will work on a new survey.

**Public Disclosure of Agreement and Approval of Salary Increase for Confidential, Classified Management and Certificated Management**

In accordance with AB 1200 reporting requirements, the District must make public disclosure of any proposed collective bargaining agreements with their various employee organizations as to the effects of the agreement on the District's financial status. Administration is proposing the same increase given to the classified bargaining unit for non-bargaining unit members which consist of confidential, classified management and certificated management employees. The proposed increase is for 2.098% to the salary schedule effective July 1, 2018.

The total cost of the recommended increase is projected to be \$123,895 in 2018-19. Of this amount, \$121,361 is chargeable to the General Fund and \$2,534 is chargeable to the Cafeteria Fund. Further documentation of the fiscal impacts (as required by AB1200) is shown in Appendix C.

A motion was made by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Dr. Karamitsos to approve the AB 1200 Public Disclosure of the Agreement and Approval of salary increase with the Confidential, Classified Management and Certificated Management for an ongoing 2.098% salary schedule increase effective July 1, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

A motion was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve all consent items as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5-0.

A roll call vote was required:

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Warrants for the Month of March 2019
- C. Attendance Report
- D. Facility Report – **Appendix B**
- E. Student Matters – Education Code § 35146 and § 48918
- F. Approval of Contracts
- G. Approval of Board Policies
- H. New Course Adoptions
- I. Student Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- J. Out of State Travel
- K. Authorization to utilize Sourcewell for the Purchase of Polaris Goods and Services for the length of the Contract through July 18, 2021
- L. Authorization to Utilize Omnia Partners for District-wide Purchases of Club Car Electric Vehicles for the length of the Contract through December 31, 2019
- M. Authorization to Utilize Omnia Partners for District-wide Purchases of Roofing Products and Services for the length of the Contract through June 30, 2019
- N. Notice of Completion for the Multi-Level Classroom Building at Ernest Righetti High School - Project #15-175
- O. Approval of Grant Funding for School Bus Replacement
- P. Purchase Orders
- Q. Acceptance of Gifts



**REPORTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments from employee organizations.

**OPEN SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SPEAKER	TOPIC
Dr. Hazel Givsto	AVID updates/leadership
Esparenza Romero	Parent participation at the schools and respect for parents
Francisco Lozano	Commentary
Britt Ortiz	FAFSA

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session after public comments.

**RECONVENENE IN OPEN SESSION/ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There was no reportable action.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held May 14, 2019. 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 2019**

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| June 11, 2019 | August 6, 2019     | November 12, 2019 |
| June 18, 2019 | September 10, 2019 | December 10, 2019 |
| July 9, 2019  | October 8, 2019    |                   |

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.