

SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

South Monterey County Joint Union High School District  
800 Broadway  
King City, CA 93930

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Foster – President  
Raul Rodriguez - Clerk  
Mike LeBarre - Member  
Paulette Bumbalough – Member  
Bob White – Member

STATE ADMINISTRATOR

Daniel Moirao, Ed.D.

OPEN SESSION: 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- D. PUBLIC COMMENT: *The public may address the Board regarding general school district topics or a specific agenda item. The person wishing to speak is asked to complete a Request to be Heard Form prior to the meeting, indicating whether they wish to address a non-agenda item or a specific item and present it to the Executive Assistant. This is an opportunity to address the Board when that item is acted upon. Unless otherwise determined by the Board/State Administrator, each person is limited to 3 (three) minutes. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, there is a limit of 20 minutes total input on an item. For matters that are not listed on the agenda, the Board may refer the matter to the Superintendent or designee, or take it under advisement, but shall not take action at that time except as allowed by law.*

*El público puede dirigirse a la Mesa Directiva de Educación con respecto a asuntos generales o a asuntos especificados en la agenda. La persona que quiera hablar debe de pedir la forma que se le da a la comunidad pidiendo permiso antes de la junta, indicando si se desea hacer algún comentario sobre un tema de la agenda o algún otro asunto y presentarlo a la Secretaría de el Superintendente. Esta es una oportunidad de dirigirse a la Mesa Directiva de Educación cuando un asunto se esté llevando acabo. A menos que se determine de otra manera por el Administrador de el Estado, cada persona tiene un máximo de 3 minutos para hablar. Se hay muchas personas que quieran hablar sobre un asunto especifico entonces habrá un limite de 20 minutos en total para cada asunto. Para asuntos que no estén enlistados en la agenda, La Mesa Directiva podrá referir ese asunto al Superintendente o su designado o poner ese asunto en sobre aviso, pero no se tomara ninguna acción en ese momento excepto cuando la ley lo permita.*

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Policies (Second Reading) (*Daniel Moirao, Ed.D., State Administrator*)  
BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures

F. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Board Study Session – Institutional Racism Setting (*Daniel Moirao, Ed.D., State Administrator*)

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G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETING DATES

May 13, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting at Greenfield High School

May 28, 2014 – Board Study Session (Healthy Kids/School Site Plans

June 11, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting at King City District Office

June 18, 2014 – Board Study Session (Alternative Education/FCMAT Update)

H. ADJOURNMENT

## BP 1312.3 Community Relations

### Uniform Complaint Procedures

The Governing Board recognizes the district's primary responsibility to comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The district shall investigate any complaints alleging failure to comply with such laws and/or alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and shall seek to resolve those complaints in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

The district shall use the uniform complaint procedures to resolve any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying in district programs and activities based on actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)*

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used to address any complaint alleging the district's failure to comply with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities, the requirements for the development and adoption of a school safety plan, and state and/or federal laws in adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*  
*(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*  
*(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)*  
*(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)*  
*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*  
*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*  
*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*  
*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*  
*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*  
*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*  
*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*  
*(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)*  
*(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)*



(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

The Board prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process. The identity of a complainant alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying will remain confidential as appropriate. Participation in the complaint process shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the complainant.

The Board encourages the early, informal resolution of complaints at the site level whenever possible.

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving the problem through mediation, the State Administrator/Superintendent or designee shall initiate that process. The State Administrator/Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved and the integrity of the process shall be protected. As appropriate, the State Administrator/Superintendent or designee may keep the identity of a complainant confidential to the extent that the investigation of the complaint is not obstructed.

*(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)*

The district's Williams uniform complaint procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to the following:

1. Sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials
2. Emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff
3. Teacher vacancies and misassignments
4. Deficiency in the district's provision of instruction and/or services to any student who, by the completion of grade 12, has not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination  
8200-8498 Child care and development programs  
8500-8538 Adult basic education  
18100-18203 School libraries  
32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures  
35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures  
37254 Intensive instruction and services for students who have not passed exit exam  
41500-41513 Categorical education block grants  
48985 Notices in language other than English  
49010-49013 Student fees  
49060-49079 Student records  
49490-49590 Child nutrition programs  
52160-52178 Bilingual education programs  
52300-52490 Career technical education  
52500-52616.24 Adult schools  
52800-52870 School-based program coordination  
54000-54028 Economic impact aid programs  
54100-54145 Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act  
54400-54425 Compensatory education programs  
54440-54445 Migrant education  
54460-54529 Compensatory education programs  
56000-56867 Special education programs  
59000-59300 Special schools and centers  
64000-64001 Consolidated application process

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state  
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

PENAL CODE

422.55 Hate crime; definition  
422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 Application of section  
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures  
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-6577 Title I basic programs  
6601-6777 Title II preparing and recruiting high quality teachers and principals  
6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students  
7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act  
7201-7283g Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs  
7301-7372 Title V rural and low-income school programs

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

## AR 1312.3 Community Relations

### Uniform Complaint Procedures

Except as the Governing Board may otherwise specifically provide in other Board policies, the uniform complaint procedures shall be used only to investigate and resolve complaints alleging violations of federal or state laws or regulations governing specific educational programs, the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participating in educational activities, and unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as specified in accompanying Board policy.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

The district's uniform complaint procedures policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning uniform complaint procedures shall be translated into that language. (Education Code 234.1, 48985)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

### Compliance Officers

The following compliance officer(s) shall receive and investigate complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law:

Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
800 Broadway Street  
King City, CA 93930  
831-385-0606, extension 4315

The State Administrator/Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Designated employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the State Administrator/Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

### Notifications

The State Administrator/Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's uniform complaint procedures to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district



advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 4622)

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The notice shall:

1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal discrimination laws, if applicable
3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process pursuant to Education Code 262.3, including the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies
4. Include statements that:
  - a. The district is primarily responsible for compliance with state and federal laws and regulations
  - b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline
  - c. An unlawful discrimination complaint must be filed not later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination occurs, or six months from the date the complainant first obtains knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination
  - d. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the district's decision
  - e. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

- f. Copies of the district's uniform complaint procedures are available free of charge.

Procedures



The following procedures shall be used to address all complaints which allege that the district has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs or has committed unlawful discrimination.

All complaints shall be investigated and resolved within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint. Compliance officers shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled, and when a decision or ruling is made.

#### Step 1: Filing of Complaint

Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint of the district's alleged noncompliance with federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. (5 CCR 4630)

A complaint concerning unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, and intimidation or bullying. The complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying. However, upon written request by the complainant, the State Administrator/Superintendent or designee may extend the filing period for up to 90 days. (5 CCR 4630)

A complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance. (Education Code 49013)

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

#### Step 2: Mediation

Within three days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaint, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. (5 CCR 4631)

### Step 3: Investigation of Complaint

Within 10 days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall provide *the complainant and/or his/her representative* an opportunity to present the complaint and any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. The compliance officer also shall collect all documents and interview all witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. (5 CCR 4631)

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

### Step 4: Response

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below, within 60 days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. The

Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)



#### Step 5: Final Written Decision

The district's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The district's decision shall be written in English and, when required by Education Code 48985, in the complainant's primary language.

For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered
2. The conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's decision within 15 days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal. In addition, any decision concerning discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaint based on state law shall include a notice that the complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies. (Education Code 262.3)

If investigation of a complaint results in discipline to a student or an employee, the decision shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the student or employee was informed of district expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, which, where applicable, shall include reasonable efforts to ensure full reimbursement to them. (Education Code 49013)

#### Appeals to the California Department of Education

If dissatisfied with the district's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the CDE within 15 days of receiving the district's decision. When appealing to the CDE, the complainant shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant has appealed the district's decision, the State Administrator/Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the decision
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
4. A copy of the investigation file, including but not limited to all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
6. A copy of the district's complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

The CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in 5 CCR 4650 exists, including cases in which the district has not taken action within 60 days of the date the complaint was filed with the district.

#### Civil Law Remedies

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures under State or Federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

For complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying based on state law, a complainant shall wait until 60 calendar days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies, provided the district has appropriately and in a timely manner apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with 5 CCR 4622. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and to discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying complaints based on federal law. (Education Code 262.3)

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Regulation

SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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King City, California