



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting—Chino Valley USD

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Resa Barillas
Kareem Gongora
Patty Holohan – left at 6:15 p.m.
Claudia Lopez
Flora Martinez—arrived at 6:06 p.m.
Jay Muñoz
Rafael Trujillo
Regina Weatherspoon-Bell
James Willingham

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Mobley, Interim Acting Secretary
Audrey Grijalva, Recording Secretary
Ted Alejandre, Superintendent
Richard De Nava, Assistant Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brynna Cadman
Jennifer Quezada

COUNTY COUNSEL:

Adam Ebright

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Willingham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley to conduct a roll call of County Committee members.

2. Flag Salute

Chairman Willingham led the flag salute.

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley announced where the County Committee agenda and meeting materials could be located. He then read the notification posted on the agenda regarding AB 361 virtual meetings including instructions for emailing public comments and how to participate by phone.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Member Gongora moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Holohan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 8 - 0. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

4. General Public Comments

The Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley read the following script: Members of the public may address the County Committee on: (1) item(s) on the agenda before or during the Committee's consideration of the item, and (2) on any matter not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the County Committee. Public comments submitted by 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be read into the record. Speakers are allotted 3 minutes per person, per topic, within the time allotted per topic (up to 12 minutes).

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley and Recording Secretary Mrs. Grijalva announced there were no public comments.

5. Staff Report on Changing Method of Election Process and Procedures

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley gave a brief overview of the school districts changing method of election process and procedures. Chino Valley Unified requested changing its method of election from at-large to by-trustee areas. Mr. Mobley explained the process of receiving, analyzing, and reporting its findings to approve the district's requests. Mr. Mobley also explained the purpose of two public hearings and the action that follows.

6. Public Hearing on Change of Election Method

On February 3, 2022, Chino Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 2021/2022-53 to change from at-large to by-trustee area elections. The District's plan requires a public hearing and approval by the County Committee.

6.1 Chairman Willingham opened the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

6.2 Presentation by Chino Valley Unified School District

Todd Robbins, Legal Counsel from AALRR for Chino Valley, stated he was involved with the process to make sure that public hearings took place keeping the board aware of the process. Chino Valley USD received a demand letter in January 2021. The district elected to move the process of transitioning with using 2010 census data because of other deadlines. They had to go through a 501 9.5 process to amend the lines using the 2020 census data.

Justin Rich, Demographer from Cooperative Strategies for Chino Valley USD presented a PowerPoint of the two different data sets that are used for demographic analysis. First is the Census data and the second data is citizen voting age population.

Todd Robbins, spoke about Chino Valley USD trustee area process and community outreach effort the district made with notices of public hearing and posting maps on the website.

Justin Rich, stated there are requirements and guidelines that need to be taken into consideration for trustee areas. He showed the three maps that were presented. The Board selected Scenario 1 which trustee area one, two, and five would be up for election in 2022. Then trustee area three and four would be up for election in 2024.

Member Gongora, commented on the great presentation thanked the leadership at Chino Valley USD.

Member Barillas, seconded member Gongora's gratitude and asked if there is a map indicating where schools are within the district. Todd Robbins responded stating yes there is a map that the Board and community looked at as part of the process.

Member Martinez joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

6.3 Public Comments

Richard Wales, commented that if the committee members approve the plan both county and CVUSD will be denying people's rights to vote this November.

6.4 Rebuttal—District Response

Todd Robbins, commented Mr. Wales was present at all public meetings he attended and had the opportunity to present his comments. He disagrees with Mr. Wales assertion.

6.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no rebuttal public comments

6.6 Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

7. Approve Chino Valley Unified School District Proposal

The San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-03, a final trustee area plan for Chino Valley Unified School District to transition to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Gongora moved to approve the resolution for Chino Valley USD, Member Barillas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion Carried 9-0. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Member Holohan left at 6:15 p.m.

8. Public Hearing on Chino Valley Unified School District’s Election Waiver

On December 16, 2021, Chino Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 2021/2022-51 requesting that the County Committee grant a waiver of the election required by Education Code section 5020(a)(1). The District’s waiver request requires approval by the County Committee. It is preceded by a public hearing.

8.1 Chairman Willingham opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

8.2 Presentation by Chino Valley Unified School District

Todd Robbins, commented that the district submitted the waiver twice. once to state the other to the county committee.

8.3 Public Comments

There were no public comments

8.4 Rebuttal—District Response

There was no district response.

8.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8.6 Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

9. Approve Chino Valley Unified School District’s Election Waiver

Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-04, the election waiver request from Chino Valley Unified School District to transition directly from an at-large to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Gongora moved to approve the waiver. Member Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 9-0.

10. Other Business

10.1. Announcements and Correspondence

Ted Alejandre, Superintendent of San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, thanked the members of the County Committee and thanked the Chino Valley USD Team.

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley thanked Chino Valley USD team for gathering all the documents and posting public hearing notices on behalf of County Committee.

11. Next Special Meeting – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022

12. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Martinez Moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Trujillo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.