



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting—Silver Valley USD

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Resa Barillas
Brynna Cadman
Kareem Gongora
Claudia Lopez
Flora Martinez
Jay Muñoz
Rafael Trujillo
Regina Weatherspoon-Bell

COUNTY COUNSEL:

Adam Ebright

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patty Holohan
James Willingham
Jennifer Quezada

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley conducted a roll call of County Committee members.

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.

2. Flag Salute

Vice Chairman Martinez led the flag salute.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Member Barillas moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Trujillo 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: Pursuant to Government Code 54954.3 every notice of a special board meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before consideration of that item. Members of the public may address the County Committee before or during the County Committee's consideration of the item as noted on the special meeting agenda. 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 (up to 12 minutes).

Recording Secretary Mrs. Grijalva announced there are 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. Silver 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 8, 2022, Silver Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 20-21-20 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 Vice Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

6.2 Presentation by Silver Valley Unified School District

Jesse Najera, Superintendent, Silver Valley USD introduced the staff representing Silver Valley USD.

Milton Foster, Legal Counsel from Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost for Silver Valley presented a PowerPoint of the districts process and efforts they engaged in for the transition to by-trustee area election system. Silver Valley USD provided various methods for community input and feedback.

Angela Banuelos, Demographer from Cooperative Strategies for Silver Valley USD continued the PowerPoint presentation. She mentioned the federal and state requirements they need to follow when preparing for trustee voting area plans. She shared the current district demographics on 2020 census data and the citizen voting age population.

Milton Foster, spoke about the three maps presented. The Board decided to adopt map three which trustee area one, two and four will be up for election in 2022 and trustee area three and five would be up for election in 2024.

6.3 Public Comments

There were no public comments. Member Trujillo asked if school board members are placed in the same district. Milton Foster answered stating there is a rubric that is looked at to make sure there is proper representation.

6.4 Rebuttal—District Response

There was no district response.

6.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6.6 Vice Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

7. Approve Silver Valley Unified School District Proposal

Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-05, a final trustee area plan for Silver Valley Unified School District to transition to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Trujillo moved to approve the Silver Valley Unified School District proposal as presented. Member Gongora seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

8. Public Hearing on Silver Valley Unified School District's Election Waiver

On February 22, 2022, Silver Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 20-21-23 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 Vice Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

8.2 Presentation by Silver Valley Unified School District

Milton Foster, legal Counsel for Silver Valley stated the district is seeking a waiver of the County Committee to ensure the district would be able to get a new map implemented in time for the November election.

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 Vice Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

9. Approve Silver Valley Unified School District's Election Waiver

San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approved and adopted Resolution 20212022-06, the election waiver request from Silver Valley Unified School District to transition directly from an at-large to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Weatherspoon-Bell moved to approve the Silver Valley Unified School District's election waiver as presented. Member Barillas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

10. Other Business

10.1. Announcements and Correspondence- Ted Alejandre, Superintendent San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Thanked the County Committee members and the Superintendent and staff at Silver Valley USD for a thorough and diligent work.

Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley stated that the clock for AB 361 will need to be reset at next week's special meeting prior to the five o'clock meeting.

Adam Ebright, Legal Counsel for SBCSS thanked the Mr. Mobley for getting all the meetings to run smoothly.

11. Next Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022

12. Adjournment

Member Trujillo moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Barillas seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.