



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting—Bear Valley USD

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Resa Barillas
Brynna Cadman – Arrived at 5:25 p.m.
Kareem Gongora
Claudia Lopez
Flora Martinez
Jay Muñoz
Rafael Trujillo
Regina Weatherspoon-Bell
James Willingham

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patty Holohan
Jennifer Quezada

COUNTY COUNSEL:

Adam Ebright

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Willingham called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and asked Interim Acting Secretary Mr. Mobley to conduct a roll call of County Committee members.

2. Flag Salute

Member Muñoz 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 Martinez moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Weatherspoon-Bell 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 5:00 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.

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. Bear Valley Unified requested changing its method of election from at-large to by-trustee areas. Mr. Mobley explained the process of receiving, analyzing, and arriving at its findings that the district's plan was in full compliance. Mr. Mobley also explained the purpose of two public hearings and the action that follows.

6. Public Hearing on Change of Election Method

On November 17, 2021, Bear Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 21-22-012 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 5:11 p.m.

6.2 Presentation by Bear Valley Unified School District

Angela Banuelos, demographer from Cooperative Strategies for Bear Valley USD, presented a PowerPoint of the process the district undertook to transition from at-large method of election to by-trustee method of election following the receipt of a demand letter. She also shared the 2020 Census Demographic Data and the districts trustee area process for community input. Angela spoke about the considerations used to draw the potential boundaries. The Board selected Scenario three which trustee area one and three would be up for election in 2022 and trustee area two, four and five will be up for election in 2024. Todd Robbins, legal counsel from AALRR for Bear Valley USD, stated Bear Valley USD received the demand letter in 2019 and were able to postpone until 2020 Census data was received.

6.3 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6.4 Rebuttal—District Response

There was no district response.

6.5 Rebuttal—Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6.6 Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

7. Approve Bear Valley Unified School District Proposal

The San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approved and adopted Resolution 20212022-07, a final trustee area plan for Bear Valley Unified School District to transition to a by-trustee area election system.

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

Member Cadman joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

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

On January 12, 2022, Bear Valley Unified School District adopted Resolution 20-21-015 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 was preceded by a public hearing.

8.1 Chairman Willingham opened the public hearing at 5:28 p.m.

8.2 Presentation by Bear Valley Unified School District

There was no presentation.

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 5:29 p.m.

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

Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution 20212022-08, the election waiver request from Bear Valley Unified School District to transition directly from an at-large to a by-trustee area election system.

Member Barillas moved to approve the waiver. Vice Chairman Martinez 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 Chairman Willingham, County Committee members. He thanked Bear Valley Superintendent Mary Suzuki and her team for being proactive and engaging the community for input and making the process as transparent as possible. He thanked Mr. Mobley and the representatives who presented.

Interim Acting Secretary stated there are no correspondence but there are special meetings after the Bear Valley USD meeting.

Adam Ebright thanked everyone for helping run the process smoothly and appreciates all the work.

11. Next Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022

12. Adjournment

Member Barillas moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chairman Martinez seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.