



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

AGENDA

Special Meeting—Needles Unified School District

Monday, May 20, 2024

1:00 P.M.

Needles Unified School District
District Office
1900 Erin Drive, Needles, CA 92363

The San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization is an 11-member entity comprised of two representatives from each supervisorial district and one member at-large elected by representatives from local boards of education. The County Committee studies and makes recommendations in the areas of: (1) the organization and reorganization of school districts, (2) changes in school district boundaries, and (3) the number of trustees and the manner by which they are elected.

AGENDA: The agenda and attachments may be found at www.sbcss.net. When on the website, go to the middle blue bar and click on Governance>County Committee>County Committee Agendas/Minutes.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Owen at Jenny.Owen@sbcss.net or call (909) 386-2947 during regular business hours.

REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS: If you wish to request reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (909) 386-2947, at least 24 hours in advance.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call..... Chairman
2. Flag Salute Chairman
3. Adoption of Agenda Action
Moved by Member: _____ Seconded by Member: _____ Vote: _____
4. General Public Comments..... Chairman
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. Individuals have three minutes to address the County Committee within the time allotted per topic (up to 12 minutes). When addressing the County Committee, please state your name and place of residence for the audio recording.
5. Staff Report on Changing Method of Election Process and Procedures Interim Acting Secretary
Needles Unified School District submitted a petition to the County Committee to request changing its method of election from a hybrid at-large to by-trustee area election system. Staff will review the process of receiving,

analyzing, and reporting its findings to approve the district’s requests. Staff also will explain the purpose of the two public hearings and the action that follows.

6. Public Hearing on Change of Election Method Chairman/Interim Acting Secretary
- On April 16, 2024, Needles Unified School District adopted Resolution No. 23-24-20 to change from a hybrid at-large to a by-trustee area election system. The District’s plan requires a public hearing and approval by the County Committee.
- 6.1 Open public hearing. Time: _____
- 6.2 Presentation by Needles Unified School District (up to 20 minutes)
- 6.3 Public comments (up to 20 minutes)
- 6.4 Rebuttal—District response (3 minutes)
- 6.5 Rebuttal—public comments (3 minutes)
- 6.6 Close public hearing. Time: _____
7. Approve Needles Unified School District Proposal..... Chairman/Interim Acting Secretary
- Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution No. 20232024-02, a final trustee area plan for Needles Unified School District to transition to a by-trustee area election system.
- Moved by Member: _____ Seconded by Member: _____ Vote: _____
8. Public Hearing on Needles Unified School District’s Election Waiver Chairman/Interim Acting Secretary
- On April 16, 2024, Needles Unified School District adopted Resolution No. 23-24-20 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 Open public hearing. Time: _____
- 8.2 Presentation by Needles Unified School District (up to 20 minutes)
- 8.3 Public comments (up to 20 minutes)
- 8.4 Rebuttal—District response (3 minutes)
- 8.5 Rebuttal—public comments (3 minutes)
- 8.6 Close public hearing. Time: _____
9. Approve Needles Unified School District’s Election Waiver Chairman/Interim Acting Secretary
- Be it resolved that the San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization approves and adopts Resolution No. 20232024-03, the election waiver request from Needles Unified School District to transition directly from a hybrid at-large to a by-trustee area election system.
- Moved by Member: _____ Seconded by Member: _____ Vote: _____
10. Next Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024..... Information
11. Adjournment Chairman