

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2020**

REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME/PLACE

The Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District Governing Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 6, 2020 in the Santa Cruz Library, Community Room which is located at 1000 N. Main Street in Eloy, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Flores called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

THOSE PRESENT

Elizabeth Flores, President, Anna Bell Saucedo, Vice President, Thomas Gil, Member, Richard Reyes, Member, Emilio Ysaguirre, Member, Orlenda Roberts, Superintendent, Debi Tabelaing, Business Manager, Orante Jenkins, Principal and Sherry Eisler, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Decker conveyed to the board members, some of the comments parents expressed to her for which there has been little communication from the school regarding students who do not have Wi-Fi services in their homes. She went on to say that in the protocol which was approved by the board in July there were a couple of issues that were not address such as a process for a school wide closure and teachers becoming ill. Ms. Decker suggested a committee be created which includes administration, teachers and support staff so all staff is represented. Ms. Decker thanked the board for their time.

Ms. Steiner expressed her concerns regarding teachers teaching from the safety of their homes due to a possibility of being exposed to the virus. She explained the equipment to teach remotely is portable and could simply be operated from home. Ms. Steiner explained the contract does not state teaching has to be performed at a school campus and an addendum could be issued. She went on to say, there was little difference from teaching online from home or a classroom. Ms. Steiner thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to express her concerns about teaching during a pandemic.

Ms. Mesa expressed her concern regarding there is no plan in place after the first week of school and students are brought back on campus. She went to say there are no detailed protocols for staff that are exposed from infected Covid-19 staff member (s). Ms. Mesa stated the school was provided funds to help assist families that do not have Wi-Fi in their homes and no help was provided to these families. Ms. Mesa thanked the board.

Ms. James thanked the board for the opportunity to address her concerns about the reopening of the school. Since school would be starting a week later, fall break would be canceled to make up the time. She suggested teachers be able to work from home since some teaching staff had made plans during the fall break. Ms. James expressed her concerns the district has been slow with planning and communication with staff and the community and her recommendation was establish a committee where all staff and community members will be represented. Ms. James thanked the board for their time and consideration.

Mr. Ibarra expressed his concern about the health and safety of students and teaching staff. He went on to say, with the increase of Covid-19 cases in Arizona teachers should be allowed to teach from their homes. Mr. Ibarra expressed that teachers were not given an option to teach from home and that it was a requirement from the district. Mr. Ibarra thanked the board members.

Mr. Jimenez explained to the board how the pandemic has affected his son's sense of normalcy. He went on to say, he was asked by his son why the students at Santa Cruz received a "P" grade where as other schools were able to give a grade to the students. Mr. Jimenez stated he was part of the administration conversation regarding the "P" grade students would receive. He stated the community needs to have an input in the operations of the school during the time of uncertainty and this decision is not only for the teachers. Mr. Jimenez stated he cannot speak for the staff at the front office but that they have worked on site since the start of the pandemic. He went on to say, with the opening of registration, all high school staff has worked nonstop. Mr. Jimenez recommended creating a committee so all people involved can be heard. Mr. Jimenez thanked the board.

Ms. Flores asked if there were any other members of staff or community who wanted to address the board. Ms. Eisler stated "no". Ms. Flores thanked everyone for addressing their concerns at the meeting. Stating no comments can be made by the governing board but the board members will consider these concerns in future issues.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Ms. Tabelaing asked the governing board members if they had questions regarding her monthly report. There were no questions.

Ms. Flores stated under the Superintendent Items, number one will be moved to the second item and number two will become number one.

SUPERINTENDENTS ITEMS

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Master Calendar for FY20-21.

Mrs. Roberts explained to the board, the calendar committee met last week and, with a majority consensus, fall break would make up the late start of school and these days would be asynchronous days. She went on to say, teachers are expected to be in their classrooms

teaching remotely. Mrs. Roberts stated she does not have any issues with giving teachers the option to work at home or their classroom during the time period which would have been fall break. Mrs. Roberts had requested Dr. Jenkins to provide a list of expectations for teachers who will work from home. She presented to the board the expectations:

- ④ reliable internet connection and an environment conducive to interacting with students and parents.
- ④ Teachers will be available each day prepared with the materials and resources necessary to succeed.
- ④ Provide students with rigorous materials including, but not limited to, video instruction and engaging independent practice.
- ④ Set a consistent, high degree of expectations and suitability for individual students.
- ④ Recognize that unforeseen situations may arise and demonstrate understanding and flexibility.
- ④ Maintain a system to monitor and record students' completion of assignments, progress and learning and/or non-instructional activities which is accessible to students and parents.
- ④ Be available via Zoom, email and/or telephone to provide assistance to students.

Ms. Flores asked if there was a process in place if parents had a concern or complaint during this time. Mrs. Roberts stated an investigation would be conducted to address and resolve a complaint. She went on to say that Dr. Jenkins normally addresses this type of issue if it relates to teachers or instruction. Ms. Flores stated the school does not want complaints that the teacher is not available. Mrs. Roberts agreed.

Mr. Reyes asked who was involved in the calendar committee and how was it determined to eliminate fall break and how teachers would instruct classes. Mrs. Roberts stated the calendar was adopted in March but, with the pandemic, changes needed to be made. Teachers had voted a couple of times on which calendar they wanted in place. Mr. Reyes stated he wanted to know if teachers did have input to the changes. Ms. Flores asked Dr. Jenkins about the meetings regarding the calendar. Dr. Jenkins stated that there were three meetings and the proposed calendar was voted on by teaching staff. Mrs. Roberts stated days had to be added to comply with required annual instructional hours. Dr. Jenkins stated classified staff was also represented in the calendar committee.

Mr. Gil MOVED, approval of the Master Calendar for FY20-21, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mr. Gil – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the School Year 2020-2021 Distance Learning Plan for Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District.

Mrs. Roberts asked the board to look at page 3, which states the start of classroom instruction would be virtual. She went on to say, she will change the wording to reflect distance learning would start August 10th and would continue until it was safe to start hybrid learning. Mrs. Roberts stated she will revise the plan and submit it to Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Mr. Gil asked what date would students return to in-person classroom instruction. Mrs. Roberts stated the governor stated no in person prior to August 17th. Pinal County Health has three color indicators to determine the severity of the pandemic and Arizona is in the color red

and there is no in person learning. Mr. Gil stated private schools have students in the classroom. Mrs. Roberts replied by stating that they may have the advantage of smaller class size, are able to implement social distancing and they don't normally provide transportation. Parents drive their children to school. Dr. Jenkins asked Mrs. Roberts if it would be decided at the meeting when students would return to the classroom. Mrs. Roberts stated she would prefer to have some flexibility in the plan. She went on to say the state superintendent is working the Public Health officials to determine the guidelines for schools to use to determine when it would be safe to have students return to the classroom. Mr. Gil asked about students with no internet. Mrs. Roberts stated the cafeteria or gym may be used for students who do not have internet. The district also has an agreement with AireBeam Broadband to help families, who qualify for free/reduced lunch, with low-cost internet services. There is a \$250.00 set up fee which will be broken into five \$50.00 monthly installments. After the set up is paid (first 5 months) then the monthly services will be \$15.00 per month. Mrs. Roberts stated she has also been working with another internet company to get free internet services to families. Right now, the agreement is being looked at by our attorney. Mr. Gil stated that the internet is not reliable in Eloy and students need to attend in person as soon as possible. Mr. Jimenez stated that the pandemic is still an unknown virus even with the health professionals and it would be a risk to bring students back to school now.

Mr. Reyes stated the plan states the school will provide internet and Mrs. Roberts stated that is what she is working on with AireBeam. Mr. Reyes explained he was under the understanding the CARES ACT would be used to pay for internet services to families. Mr. Bates explained the guidelines and the procuring of computers and internet services at a school district. The district can purchase devices that are AT &T and Verizon based under the districts name. He also explained that the district could purchase about five hot spot for \$100.00 to \$200.00 each. However, the school couldn't filter access and restrict students from certain inappropriate internet sites. The hot spots would be under the district's name and if family member (s) used the hot spot inappropriately, the district would be violating the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Paying for internet for a family is considered a gift of public funds and, to be in compliance, the family has to be the internet account holder. If the district's name is on the account again, the internet provider cannot filter the content of the service. Mr. Bates explained that there were different cameras purchased to make it efficient for the teachers to show a document or walk in the classroom or show work on the computer. If the hybrid teaching is used in October, teachers will have the capability to teach. Mr. Reyes expressed his concerns that some students did not have reliable internet service to connect with the on line classes. He went on to say that he felt a detailed plan has not been constructed to deal with the many issues the pandemic has raised and included in the plan should be all different ways of learning such as distance and hybrid. Mrs. Saucedo commented that her work at the Eloy Elementary District is changing daily. She went on to say, the state has provided the schools little to no guidance.

Mrs. Roberts explained that she will continue to work with a committee, parents and teachers to create a hybrid plan for when students can return to the classroom. She went on to say, the state recently released the guidelines for distance learning. Ms. Flores stated that the webinars she had attended all schools are in the same predicament, not knowing what the state guidelines will require. She added that even larger communities are having internet concerns. Mrs. Roberts explained that the distance learning plan had input from Dr. Jenkins

and the teachers with the instructional section. Ms. Flores asked for clarification on if Ms. Roberts would be attending a meeting tomorrow to give schools guidance for hybrid teaching. Mrs. Roberts stated “yes”. Ms. Flores asked how soon Mrs. Roberts would present this information to the board. Mrs. Roberts stated that she will write up a summary and email the information to the board with any information that was shared at the meeting. It was discussed in detail the difficulty with trying to give a date when students would return to the classroom and the difficulties schools are facing with daily changes from state to school levels. Ms. Flores confirmed with Mrs. Roberts, she is recommending the distance learning plan begin on August 17 with a possible beginning date of hybrid learning October 26, 2020. Mrs. Saucedá MOVED, to approve of the School Year 2020-2021 Distance Learning Plan for Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedá – Yea; Mr. Gil – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

3. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Policies: Regulation GBGB-R – Staff Personal Security and Safety; IHA-Basic Instructional Program; Regulation JICA-RB- Student Dress; KB-Parent Involvement in Education; Regulation KI-RB-Visitors to Schools

Mrs. Roberts stated this is the first reading on the policies; and should be a discussion only. There were no questions asked by the board members.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire and approve coaches and volunteers for all sports season FY 20/21.

Mrs. Saucedá MOVED, to approve to hire and approve coaches and volunteer for all sports season FY 20/21, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedá – Yea; Mr. Gil – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire Rishard Davis as the Summer Weights Sponsor for July 2021.

Mrs. Saucedá MOVED, to approve to hire Rishard Davis as the Summer Weights Sponsor, with a SECOND by Mr. Gil.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedá – Yea; Mr. Gil – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

- Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire Ofelia Granado as a part time facilities assistant for FY 20/21.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED, to approve to hire Ofelia Granado as a part time facilities assistant for FY20/21, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyas.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedo – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Pima County Joint Technical Education District and Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District concerning the Arizona CTE Curriculum Consortium for five (5) years beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement & the Memorandum of Understanding between Arizona State University (ASU) Prep Digital between ASU Prep Digital and Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District #840 for fiscal year 2020-2021.
- Approval of the FY2021 School Facilities Board Capital Plan Submittal Form.
- Approval of the Site Agreement between Jobs for Arizona’s Graduates, Inc. and Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District for the Operation of JAG’s Career and College Success System Program Applications during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approval of ratification of the expenditures identified in the Auxiliary Operations Fund Report for July 2020.
- Approval of Student Activities Account Report for July 2020.
- Approval for ratification of payroll and expense vouchers for July 2020.

Payroll	Amount	Expenses	Amount
# 1	\$ 7,726.76	# 2050	\$ 285,100.17
# 2	\$ 41,901.65	# 2051	\$ 8,323.30
		# 2052	\$ 10,416.02
		# 2053	\$ 802.94
		# 2100	\$ 183,996.15
		# 2101	\$ 26,425.33
		# 2102	\$ 76,997.26
		# 2103	\$ 8,250.63
Total Payroll:	\$ 49,628.41	Total Expenses:	\$ 600,311.80
Grand Total: \$ 649,940.21			

- Approval of the Special Meeting June 25, 2020 and Public Hearing and Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2020.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve Consent items F-1 thru F-8 with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedo – Yea; Mr. Gil – Yea; Mr. Reyes – Yea; Mr. Ysaguirre – Yea

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jenkins announced Meet the Teacher will be conducted virtually. Parents will be notified along with posting on social media.

Mrs. Roberts announced that to be in compliance with the Arizona Department of Education and federal law, the website was revised.

Mr. Bates stated the new website would be online next Monday.

Ms. Eisler asked Mr. Gil and Mr. Ysaguirre to stop by the district office to sign past board minutes and vouchers. She added BoardBook has revised their platform and she would be sending out information.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

There were no Board Member items announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; with Mr. Gil SECONDING the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0; Ms. Flores – Yea; Mrs. Saucedo – Yea; Mr. Gil - Yea

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Flores, President

Anna Bell Saucedo, Vice President

Thomas Gil, Member

Richard Reyes, Member

Emilio Ysaguirre, Member

Date Approved: _____