

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 25, 2020**

**DATE/TIME/PLACE**

The Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District Governing Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting beginning at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2020 in the Santa Cruz Library, Community Room which is located at 1000 N. Main Street in Eloy, Arizona.

The Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District will be enforcing the Center of Disease Control (CDC's) Guidance to limit all public gatherings to ten people during the board meeting. The board meeting will be conducted in a telephonically setting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Flores called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**THOSE PRESENT**

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

**WORK SESSION**

Discussion of SCVUHS 2020-2021 reopening plan options. Mrs. Roberts explained she provided, to the board member, two draft documents which are the initial plans to reopening of the school, if it does reopen. She went on to say, with cases rising in the county, there was a possibility pushing back the start date or start classes by remote learning. Mrs. Roberts stated she was not bringing that recommendation to the board at this time; however, it could be an issue that would need to be address at a future time. Mrs. Roberts explained the documents she provided were the recommendations provided by The Trust. Ms. Flores asked for the date school was scheduled to open. Mrs. Roberts stated August 3<sup>rd</sup> with teachers reporting two weeks prior. Mrs. Saucedo asked for the date if school was pushed back two weeks. Dr. Jenkins explained there was not an identified dated set. Mrs. Saucedo announced Casa Grande schools would start August 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Saucedo than inquired the effect of teacher's pay. Mrs. Roberts stated there were eight in-services days that could be used. Mrs. Roberts stated she had a conference meeting with teachers and had provided them with the same draft documents, and explained this was an initial draft and there would be additional meetings to refine issues. Dr. Jenkins inquired what date the school year would end. Mrs. Roberts stated it's an option the school would have depending on the rise of cases leading up to the start date. Mrs. Roberts questioned if it would it be safe to bring the students back to school. Dr. Jenkins stated teachers asked if the starting date was continuously pushed back, would be in the best interest

to start remote learning; when there is a decrease in cases bringing students back to campus. Mrs. Roberts stated she is not making a recommendation to push back the opening of the school. Mrs. Saucedo inquired school would open as scheduled implementing one of the three models. There was a discussion among the board members and administration regarding the announcement made by Governor Ducey the state has not spiked. The state had seen a surge of cases after a holiday, including businesses opening up and more likely there would be another surge with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weeks away.

Mrs. Saucedo asked which model administration was proposing. Mrs. Roberts stated she has not made a recommendation. She went on to say, she wanted the board to review the protocols with a recommendation they change any language that would better serve the school. Mrs. Roberts stated she would have a definite recommendation to the board by the next board meeting. Dr. Jenkins stated with the governor's additional funding use that to prepare to teach online. Mrs. Saucedo expressed concerns of reliable internet access for students including affordable internet services. Mrs. Roberts stated the funds have been released; however, there is no information regarding applications or guidelines in combination with when the funds will be available.

Mrs. Saucedo inquired if all students would be provided a chromebook; Mrs. Roberts stated "yes". She went on to say, every student will be issued a personnel chromebook. Mrs. Roberts stated students will not be able to share textbook; after researching the cost of digital textbooks, the cost is not affordable on the school's budget.

Mr. Reyes expressed concerns regarding no recommendation being made at the work session. There was a comprehensive discussion regarding no recommendation being presented. Mrs. Roberts stated she would have a recommendation for the board to review at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mrs. Saucedo recommended a hybrid model, to bring students into the classroom at least once a week. Mr. Reyes expressed the hybrid model as his preference and expressed other concerns on class sizes and social distancing. Mrs. Roberts explained teachers will have the capability to teach in the classroom and to the distance learning students. Each classroom will be equipped with the same technology as ASU digital. Ms. Flores asked if a survey was conducted to determine how many families did not have internet services. Mrs. Roberts stated it was carried out in March, explaining reasons why she wanted another survey to be conducted. Ms. Flores asked for the percentages of families with no internet; Mrs. Roberts replied she would email the information to the board members.

Mr. Reyes asked if the district could research the cost internet providers would charge to families who only needed Wi-Fi services. Mrs. Roberts stated during the first school closure an internet provider was contacted and the least expensive service was at the cost of \$50 to \$60 per month. For cellular service there is a 90 to 120 day back log. Mrs. Saucedo stated CenturyLink has no open lines in Eloy and AireBeam has a two to three back log and cost is \$90 to \$100 a month.

Ms. Meza expressed the concerns teachers have with the hybrid model, creating multiple lesson plans for students who are in class, attending virtually and the student who has no

internet access who is given a paper packet. Teachers feel online teaching will be more efficient. There was a discussion of the amount of responsible the school would have to provide internet service for the student.

Mrs. Roberts explained there is a reopening committee who meets on Monday afternoons and there would be draft recommendation to the board before the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Flores asked the board if they had any questions or concerns about the protocol on the draft documents. There were no questions from the board.

Ms. Decker informed the board members, City Manager; Mr. Krauss will contact the owner of AireBeam to explain the issues families are experiencing with internet access. He requested the number of students who do not have access to the internet and the regional location of where the student resides.

Mr. Reyes commented given that internet service is a high concern for the district, if another work session is required, schedule a time Mr. Bates will be available to attend. Mrs. Roberts stated he is part of the reopening committee.

The work session ended at 5:47 pm.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**Elizabeth Flores, President**

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**Anna Bell Saucedo, Vice President**

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**Thomas Gil, Member**

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**Richard Reyes, Member**

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**Emilio Ysaguirre, Member**

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_