

**MINUTES
BOARD WORKSHOP
SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 26, 2021**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – WORK SESSION

The Board Workshop was Called to Order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President Karen Gray.

2.0 Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following Board Members were present: Brian Boatwright, Karen Gray, Lynn McKee, Heather Reid, and Mark Staggs.

In addition, the following staff members were present: Jesse Najera, Superintendent; Jeff Youskievicz, Asst. Superintendent Educational Services; Marc Lacey, Asst. Superintendent Administrative Services; and Robin Schreiner, Sr. Director Business Services. Absent: Robert Saffel, Sr. Director Technology Maintenance and Operations

Martha Bootsma, Administrative Assistant, was also present to record the minutes.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Karen Gray, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Governing Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Administration recommends that the Governing Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5-0.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

5.1 Public Comments on Agendized or Non-Agendized Items

No comments were made.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Pre-Map Public Hearing California Voting Rights Act

The District previously initiated a transition to by-trustee area election system. The transition to by-trustee areas was to be completed after the release of the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census has recently been released and the District will now proceed forward with the steps necessary to complete the transition. The present steps in the process include the holding of a pre-map public hearing. The Governing Board will convene a public hearing to receive public testimony concerning the composition of potential trustee voting areas associated with the District's transition to a by-trustee area election system in advance of the preparation of draft trustee voting area plans by a demographer.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:06 p.m.

Milton Foster from F3Law gave a presentation regarding the CVRA. He explained the what a "by-trustee area" election system is as and the reasons for the change from an "at-large area" election system. There will be two public hearings required prior to preparing the drafts for trustee voting area plans by the District's demographer. Today is the first of the two public hearings, with the second scheduled for next month, November 9, 2021 during the regular board of trustees meeting. The public will be given opportunities to give feedback concerning the CVRA and the re-

mapping of the district. Public hearings are one of the ways to access information. Other ways will be through Community meetings for the public to give input, information placed on the district website, media postings, etc. Mr. Foster went over the different types of comments that are usually made by community, and he reviewed the criteria that will be considered. After pre-map public hearings, maps will be posted to district website. There will be three Public hearings after the maps are drawn. The Community will then be given opportunities to give feedback on the proposed maps. The board will plan to adopt the maps in February 2022. The maps will then be transmitted to county committee for review and will conduct their own public hearings to consider approval of the district maps. This process will not change the overall district boundaries, nor does it change school of attendance boundaries, or how the district is governed. Mr. Foster provided the tentative proposed schedule for the process and this schedule will be placed on the district website and will include community meetings.

Community member and teacher, Diana Sandridge, asked if the demographer will be looking at the district's current maps, and if the "equal population" is based on registered voters or people. She also asked if all board members will need to be re-elected in November 2022.

Mr. Foster stated that yes, the demographers will be looking at the current district maps, and that the "equal population" is based on the number of people in the area. Also, board members whose terms expire will be up for re-elections if they choose to run.

Col. Clarke asked if a person could be "appointed" if there were not enough permanent residents eligible to sit on the school board, and do they have to be a registered voter?

Mr. Foster explained that there is a mechanism in the board bylaws where the board can appoint someone, and yes they would need to be a registered voter.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:47 p.m.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 SVUSD Strategic Plan Presentation

Jeff Youskievicz, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services, provided a presentation of the District Strategic Plan to the Governing Board.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjournment of the SVUSD Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the adjournment of the SVUSD Board Meeting.

NEW - Motion

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Heather Reid) Seconded to approve the NEW motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the adjournment of the SVUSD Board Meeting at 7:29 p.m.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jesse M. Najera, Superintendent



Mark Staggs, Clerk of the Board

Date: 11-09-2021