

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**January 11, 2022**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER - CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Karen Gray.

**A) Public Comments**

**1.1 Public Comments on Closed Session items**

There were no comments made from the public on Closed Session items.

**B) Closed Session Items**

**1.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Transfer/Resignation**

**Recommendation:** The Board will discuss and determine if action is necessary.

**1.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Agency-Silver Valley Education Association (SVEA): Negotiator: Marc Lacey**

**Recommendation:** The Board will discuss and determine if action is necessary.

**1.4 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Agency-Classified School Employees Association (CSEA): Negotiator: Marc Lacey**

**Recommendation:** The Board will discuss and determine if action is necessary.

**1.5 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**

**Recommendation:** The Board will discuss and determine if action is necessary.

**2.0 CALL TO ORDER - OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session and was Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Karen Gray.

**A) Pledge of Allegiance**

Pamela Murray, SLO for Fort Irwin, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B) 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; Robert Saffel, Sr. Director Technology Maintenance and Operations, and Robin Schreiner, Sr. Director Business Services.

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

**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**3.1 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.

**4.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

**4.1 Post-Mapping Public Hearing California Voting Rights Act, Number 2**

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.

Utilizing the 2020 Census data which has recently been released the District will now proceed forward with the steps necessary to complete this transition.

The present steps in the process include the holding of a post-map public hearing. The Governing Board will convene a public hearing to receive public testimony concerning the composition of three proposed drafts of trustee voting area plans which were created by the demographer.

**Public Hearing Opened at 6:01 p.m.**

Attorney Brandon Lallande from F3 Law reviewed the process of re-mapping the district boundaries.

Superintendent Jesse Najera explained to the board that there have not been any public comments made on the proposed maps, and this is the final hearing for members and community can make comments.

Board Member Karen Gray shared which map was the most viable and favored by the board. No other comments were heard from the public.

**Public Hearing Closed at 6:08 p.m.**

**5.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A) Student Reports**

**5.1 Student Representative Report - Silver Valley High School**

No student representative was present.

**5.2 Student of the Month - Yermo School**

Kate Henson, Principal of Yermo School, presented Joseph Kim as this month's "Student of the Month" to the Governing Board of Trustees. Joseph and his family were unable to attend meeting and Mrs. Henson will deliver certificate to the student at a later time.

**B) Public Comments**

**5.3 Public Comments on Agendized or Non-Agendized Items**

For National School Board Recognition Month, Jan Steele from the AEC presented the board members and administration with a gift and expressed her appreciation of our school board on behalf of the AEC.

**C) Board**

**5.4 Board Member Reports**

- Board member Mark Staggs shared that he recently visited the AEC campus, and the renovated restrooms look great, as well as the basketball courts.
- Board member Heather Reid wished everyone a Happy New Year and to have a safe 2022.
- Board member Lynn McKee also wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe new year.

- Board member Brian Boatwright wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Board member Karen Gray shared that she has received a lot of great feedback from the community on how nice the sports complex is looking at the high school.

Also, she shared that she has been busy working on the issues regarding the potential vaccine mandate, and has spoken to several people at the county level regarding this.

## **D) Administration**

### **5.5 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jesse Najera shared that he, too, has been working on the issues regarding the potential vaccine mandate. He also shared that he is proud of how well the district did with getting the COVID rapid tests out to all the families, and for getting back the results from these tests.

Superintendent Jesse Najera then shared that later this evening the board will hear a report on the recent audit that was done, and that this is a “clean” report. He is very proud of Robin Schreiner and her team for a job done very well!

Lastly, he shared that High School Counselor Crystal Islas has been named the California League of High Schools, Educator of the Year finalist. He is very proud of all the amazing things she has done for our students, especially with this ongoing pandemic! Congratulations Crystal!

### **5.6 Enrollment/ADA Report**

1885 students enrolled at this time.

### **5.7 Legislation Updates**

Superintendent Jesse Najera shared that they are tracking a bill that has already passed the Senate and is currently in the House of Representatives waiting for a vote. John Forckenbrock shared they will be voting on this bill next week and that the White House is tracking the deadline of the application and are committed to getting it signed before January 31, 2022. This bill could mean up to over 1 million dollars for our district for next year.

Also, he shared that the Governor’s budget proposal was just released. There is a lot of attendance proposals, but they are just proposals until the May 2022 revise and then will not be effective until signed and adopted in the summer of 2022.

### **5.8 SVUSD Soundbites**

Assistant Superintendent Jeff Youskievicz shared the CDE has just released the California Dashboard data, and he is proud to announce that Silver Valley High School and the Alternative Education Center both have a 100% Graduation Rate for 2021! Congratulations to both SVHS and the AEC!

Assistant Superintendent Marc Lacey shared his congratulations to teacher Mrs. Deb Farrington for her recent participation in the annual Rose Parade. Mrs. Farrington got to walk, and perform, with the Bands of America Honor Band, and was even spotlighted on one of the local news channels, which is very exciting!

## **E) Military Reports**

### **5.9 Fort Irwin Commanding General's Representative Comments**

Fort Irwin Commanding General's Representative General Clarke shared that second rotation is here and are moving forward in spite of COVID, and are at a 40 % positivity rate in the last seven days. Masks are required on base, and in all facilities. They had a big meeting today with all the

commanders regarding the COVID tracking issues, and if there is anything the District needs to let him know so that everyone is on the “same page”. They will be cancelling the box tours and some other events, and there are no major events right now until February. He then announced that he has a new twitter page for the Garrison, as well, if more information is needed.

**5.10 Fort Irwin School Liaison Officer Comments**

Mrs. Pamela Murray, School Liaison Officer from Fort Irwin, wished everyone a Happy New Year!

**5.11 MCLB School Liaison Officer Comments**

Mr. Adam Diaz, School Liaison Officer from the Marine Corps Logistics Base, was not present.

**F) Certificated/Classified Reports**

**5.12 CSEA Representative Report**

CSEA Representative was not present.

**5.13 SVEA Representative Report**

SVEA Representative was not present.

**6.0 PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**6.1 Yermo School Site Presentation**

Kate Henson, Principal of Yermo School, presented a video to the Governing Board of Trustees that gave a brief overview of the focus areas and highlights of her school's strategic plan to ensure the continuing achievement of site and district goals.

**6.2 Presentation of the District Spelling Bee Winner**

Superintendent Jesse Najera introduced Azriel Kottler to the Governing Board of Trustees as the 2021-22 SVUSD District Spelling Bee Champion.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and action upon separately.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda as submitted'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**A) Business Services**

**7.2 Consider Approval of Board Payment and Purchase Order Reports**

Board Payment Report Board Purchase Order Report

The Governing Board must approve/ratify all purchase orders and payments. The payments detailed here cover the period December 6, 2021 through December 22, 2021.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the purchase order and payment reports as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the purchase order and payment reports as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**7.3 Consider Approval of Fundraisers**

All fundraisers must be approved by the Governing Board.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the fundraisers detailed here.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the fundraisers detailed here'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**7.4 Acceptance of Donations**

It is not unusual for organizations, businesses, and individuals to make donations of either cash or merchandise to a public entity. Naturally, this benefits our schools and we are most grateful for the generosity of all our benefactors.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees accept the donations as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

**7.5 Williams Complaint Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter for October - December 2021**

A case settled at the state level requires districts to provide all students equal access to instructional materials, safe school, and quality teachers. A valid complaint shall be remedied within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. There were no complaints filed during this reporting period, October - December 2021.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees accept the Williams Complaint, 2nd Quarter report for October - December 2021 as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees accept the Williams Complaint, 2nd Quarter report for October - December 2021 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**B) Educational Services**

**7.6 2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)**

Education Code Section 35256 requires the Governing Board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school to annually develop a School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for each school in the district. Education Code Section 41409.3 further requires the SARC to include the statewide average salaries of teachers and administrators for the appropriate size and type of district, as well as the corresponding salary and expenditure information for the school district.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the 2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) submitted for Calico High School, Fort Irwin Middle School, Lewis Elementary School, Newberry Springs Elementary School, Silver Valley Academy, Silver Valley High School, Tiefert View Intermediate School, and Yermo School.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the 2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) submitted for Calico High School, Fort Irwin Middle School, Lewis Elementary School, Newberry Springs Elementary School, Silver Valley Academy, Silver Valley High School, Tiefert View Intermediate School, and Yermo School'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**C) Personnel**

**7.7 Classified Personnel Recommendations**

The Classified Personnel Recommendations pertains to the employment matters of Classified and Classified Management employees.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Recommendations as submitted.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Classified Personnel Recommendations as submitted'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**7.8 Certificated Personnel Recommendations**

The Certificated Personnel Recommendations pertains to the employment matters of Certificated employees.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Recommendations as submitted.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Recommendations as submitted'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**D) General Business**

**7.9 Approval of the January 14, 2021 SVUSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board is asked to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2021 SVUSD Regular Board meeting as submitted.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 SVUSD Regular Board Meeting.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Recommendations as submitted'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**7.10 Overnight Field Trip: SVHS Cadet Corps to attend San Luis Obispo Sportsman Association**

**Competitive Marksmanship Event**

SVHS Cadet Corp is looking to attend the 2022 CACC Smallbore Marksmanship Competition, which is a competitive marksmanship event that harkens to one of the original cornerstone activities of the CACC. Mission: The California Cadet Corps gathers for the Smallbore Marksmanship competition at the SLOSA to conduct various physically/mentally challenging competitive events in a field setting designed to promote teamwork and marksmanship skills. This is a 2-day event, February 12-13, 2022, and to be held at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. Barracks/sleeping quarters will be provided at the camp. The SVHS Cadets will be under the supervision of Col Bland, Commandant with approximately 20 students attending.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the overnight field trip for the SVHS Cadet Corps to attend the San Luis Obispo Sportsman Association Competitive Marksmanship Event being held on February 12-13, 2022.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve the Certificated Personnel Recommendations as submitted'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**8.0 BUSINESS SERVICES**

**8.1 Consider Acceptance of 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report**

The independent auditors report provides extensive information regarding the District's 2020 - 2021 financial activities: Internal Control Process ASB Accounting Accuracy of Financial Reports Fiscal Solvency Long Term Debt Attendance Recording and Accounting Federal & State Compliance Child Nutrition Services The auditor of Eide Bailly will present to the Governing Board the findings of the Annual Audit Report. A bound copy of the written report will be provided at the meeting.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees accept the 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees accept the 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**8.2 Recommend Board Approval for District Office Landscaping Services with Cornerstone Construction**

**Company**

Silver Valley USD has been blessed to make many improvements throughout the district's school sites. Silver Valley High School sport fields turf replacement has been completed. While the surrounding Sports Field area work is being completed, the District would like to do some landscaping improvements around the ESC Building. The ESC building sits adjacent to the newly renovated sports field. The proposed landscape work will provide coverage for approximately 16,000 square feet of dirt area that surrounds the ESC building. This area will be graded for drainage and filled with rock fines. All excess dirt and other spoils will be hauled away. Areas where vehicles currently park in the dirt will be covered in a road base material that is rated for heavy traffic. Decorative features will also be added to the area. Once finished, the area will have an aesthetically pleasing look. Payment and Performance bonds are included in this quote.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve for District Office Landscaping Services with Cornerstone Construction Company.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Lynn McKee) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve for District Office Landscaping Services with Cornerstone Construction Company'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

## **9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Revised 2021-2022 District Calendar**

On June 17, 2021, President Biden signed legislation to make Juneteenth a federal holiday, declaring June 19th as the national day to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. Therefore, it is necessary to revise the 2021-2022 District Calendar to reflect this holiday which will be observed by SVUSD on Monday, June 20, 2022 and all school sites and district office will be closed. In addition, a day will need to be added to the Summer School/Extended School Year program in order to include this holiday to the calendar. Summer School/Extended School Year will end on June 29, 2022 rather than June 28, 2022 as originally planned.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve and adopt the revised version of the 2021-2022 District Calendar which includes the Juneteenth Federal Holiday which will be observed by SVUSD on June 20, 2022, and include an additional day to the 2022 Summer School/Extended School Year Program.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees approve and adopt the revised version of the 2021-2022 District Calendar which includes the Juneteenth Federal Holiday which will be observed by SVUSD on June 20, 2022, and include an additional day to the 2022 Summer School/Extended School Year Program'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

### **9.2 Adoption of 2022-2023 District Calendar**

The development of the 2022-2023 District Calendar began last spring by a committee formed within the district consisting of classified, certificated and management employees, as well as the School Liaison Officers from Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps Logistics Base. The proposed start of school next year is August 4, 2022 and with the last day of school on May 26, 2023. This will be beneficial to the families who are required to transfer out of the area (Permanent Change of Station) at the end of the school year, and permit completion of summer school prior to the July 4th holiday. We are also continuing the Early Out Wednesdays as Professional Learning Community (PLC) Days, grades TK-12. This is noted on our proposed calendar. Highlights on this calendar include: -Continuing with 3 minimum days after the first and second trimester for grades TK-5 and first and third quarter for grades 6-8 parent conferences. -The last 3 days of the school year are minimum days for all sites, grades TK-12, in addition to allowing staff to work on grades. It is also a time when they can also clean out their classrooms to check out of school on the last day.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees adopt the proposed 2022-2023 District Calendar as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Lynn McKee) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board of Trustees adopt the proposed 2022-2023 District Calendar as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.



### **9.3 Proposed 2022-2023 SVUSD School Board Meeting Calendar**

Once the District Calendar for the new school year is set, work begins on putting together a calendar for the scheduled Board meeting dates during that school year. SVUSD schedules one business meeting per month, generally the second Tuesday of the month except for the following: \* July 2022 will be "dark" with no meetings scheduled, and \* The first board meeting of the new school year will be scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month - August 2, 2022. Additional meetings have been scheduled as Workshops meetings to conduct specific business that may come up which needs to be taken care of or for training/study sessions. Board meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Sessions and 6:00 p.m. for Open Sessions, and all Workshops will begin at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be held at the District Office where the equipment necessary to conduct the paperless meetings is housed. Additionally, all meetings have been scheduled around annual conferences that District Administration and/or Board Members might attend.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the proposed SVUSD School Board Meeting Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Mark Staggs) Moved, Member (Brian Boatwright) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the proposed SVUSD School Board Meeting Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

### **10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED**

#### **10.1 Items for future Board Meetings**

Board member Lynn McKee asked about pictures be shown on all the things that have been done throughout the district. Superintendent Najera shared that a presentation will be shared with the board during the board workshop scheduled in February.

Karen Gray mentioned that she had read several articles regarding the recent release of data and student learning, would like to see a presentation what we are doing in this in the near future.

### **11.0 CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not return to Closed Session.

### **12.0 RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Not applicable

### **13.0 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

#### **13.1 Initiation of litigation pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9**

At 6:00 pm, the Board reconvened into Open Session, announced that discussion occurred, and the following action was taken: In closed session, the Board directed legal counsel to initiate or intervene in a legal action by a 5 to 0 majority vote. The action, the defendants, and the other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage. The members voted as follows: Lynn McKee motioned, Mark Staggs seconded and upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5, Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**14.1 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 (Lynn McKee) Moved, Member (Mark Staggs) Seconded to approve the NEW motion 'It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the adjournment of the SVUSD Board Meeting at 7:09 pm'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried 5 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jesse M. Najera, Superintendent

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Heather Rae Reid, Clerk of the Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_