

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840  
GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – May 18, 2021**

**DATE/TIME/PLACE**

The Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District Governing Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2021 in the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in room 8, which is located at 900 N. Main Street in Eloy, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Flores called the regular meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Elizabeth Flores, President, Anna Bell Saucedo, Vice-President, Brandi Ogle, Member, Richard Reyes, Member, via phone Emilio Ysaguirre, Member, Orlenda Roberts, Superintendent, Debi Tabeling, Business Manager, Dr. Oranté Jenkins, Principal, and Sherry Eisler, Administrative Assistant were present.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**A. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Ms. Flores \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Saucedo \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ogle \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Reyes \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ysaguirre \_\_\_\_\_

**B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a Special Budget Override Election to be held in and for the District and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments “for” and “against” the election to the Pinal County School Superintendent as August 4, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Ms. Tabeling introduced Mr. Giel from Gust Rosenfeld to answer any questions the board members may have regarding the Override Election. Ms. Tabeling submitted to the board sample ballots for a 5%, 10% and 15% override. It was discussed in length the concerns of a tax increase to the community. Mr. Geil clarified there would be no tax increase if the district proposed a 5% override. He explained the voters approved of a 15% override in 2015, and since it has not been approved since then, the override has been decreased to 5%. If the district should propose a higher percentage there will be a tax increase. It was discussed how to approach getting the information to the community and be in compliance with state regulations. Mrs. Saucedo suggested setting up a voter registration booth and capturing the population who are now eligible to vote. Mrs. Roberts asked Mr. Reyes if he would be willing

to be the chairman for the Override Committee. Mrs. Ogle volunteered to help with the committee. There was a discussion on the tax increase verbiage of the 10% override sample ballots which may lead to a misunderstanding with the voters. Mr. Giel stated the verbiage has to remain as is since it is in Arizona Revised Statutes. Raising funds for postage, signs and printing were discussed including using social media.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to adopt a resolution ordering and calling for a ten percent (10%) Special Budget Override Election to be held in and for the District and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments “for” and “against” the election to the Pinal County School Superintendent as August 4, 2021 at 5:00 P.M, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

### **C. PERSONNEL**

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire James Fitzgerald as a Teacher for FY 21/22.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to hire James Fitzgerald as a Teacher for FY 21/22, with a SECOND by Mr. Reyes.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire James Fitzgerald as the Athletic Director for FY 21/22.

Mr. Reyes stated his concern over Mr. Fitzgerald being a new teacher to the community and questioned whether assigned duties for both positions would be overwhelming. Dr. Jenkins stated Mr. Fitzgerald is completing his Masters in Leadership and Sport Management in June. He went on to say, his teaching certificate from ASU and ADE shows he has the qualifications and was part of the program. There was a discussion of when Mr. Fitzgerald would be on campus and Dr. Jenkins stated that he would verify the date. Mr. Reyes expressed concerns that Mr. Fitzgerald has only served two years in previous employment. Dr. Jenkins stated Mr. Fitzgerald has moved back to Arizona to be closer to family.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to hire James Fitzgerald as the Athletic Director for FY 21/22, with a SECOND by Mrs. Ogle

MOTION CARRIED 3-2; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – nay and Mr. Ysaguirre – nay

3. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire James Fitzgerald as the Summer Weights Coordinator for June FY 20/21.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to hire James Fitzgerald as the Summer Weights Coordinator for June FY 21/22, with a SECOND by Mrs. Ogle

MOTION CARRIED 3-2; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

4. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire James Fitzgerald as the Summer Weights Coordinator for July FY 21/22.

Mr. Reyes recommended the Summer Weight Coordinator position and salary should be combined with the Head Football coach.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to hire James Fitzgerald as the Summer Weights Coordinator for July FY 21/22, with a SECOND by Mrs. Ogle

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 ; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

5. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire James Fitzgerald as the Head Football Coach FY 21/22.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to hire James Fitzgerald as the Head Football Coach for FY 21/22, with a SECOND by Mrs. Ogle

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

#### **D. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of the emergency purchase orders for Dr. Jenkins & Ms. Rodrigues for gas purchases during the senior trip.
2. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for provision of services by the Pinal County Recorder and Elections Department in regards to the November 2, 2021 General Election.

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to Consent Items D-1 thru D-2, with a SECOND by Mrs. Ogle

MOTION CARRIED 3-2; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes – aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

#### **E. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING**

Mrs. Saucedo MOVED to approve to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 pm; with Mr. Reyes SECONDDING the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0; Ms. Flores – aye; Mrs. Saucedo – aye; Mrs. Ogle – aye; Mr. Reyes - aye and Mr. Ysaguirre – aye

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**Elizabeth Flores, President**

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**Anna Bell Saucedo, Vice President**

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**Brandi Ogle, Member**

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**Richard Reyes, Member**

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**Emilio Ysaguirre, Member**

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