



**SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Large Conference Room
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001**

**December 14, 2023
ADOPTED MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Shasta Union High School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Trustee Zufall in the Shasta Union High School District Large Conference Room. Trustee Zufall led the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Vericker recited the mission and vision statements.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Ron Zufall, Constance Pepple, Mike Doran and Jamie Vericker were present. Also present: Superintendent Jim Cloney, Chief Business Official David Flores, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Jason Rubin, and Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services Leo Perez.

RES. 23-249 That the Board approve the agenda, as presented. (Motion Pepple, second Vericker, carried 4-0)

RES. 23-250 That the Board adopt Resolution No. #23-250 to adopt map option Ponderosa and the election sequencing identified therein, initiating a proposal to the Shasta County Committee on School District Organization for the adoption of by-trustee area elections. (Motion Pepple, second Vericker, carried 3-1)

RES. 23-251 That the Board conduct the second reading and approve the supplemental textbook *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green. (Motion Pepple, second Vericker, carried 4-0)

RES. 23-252 That the meeting adjourn. (Motion Pepple, second Vericker, carried 4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

DISCUSSION:

By-Trustee Area Elections Map:

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:02p.m., Trustee Zufall declared the meeting open to Public Hearing to provide interested parties an opportunity to speak regarding the proposed composition of trustee area maps and adoption of resolution initiating a proposal to the Shasta County Committee on School District Organization for the adoption of by-trustee area elections. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Jim Cloney stated that the Board, on October 19, 2023, expressed its intent to shift to by-trustee area elections through Resolution No. 23-195. Following public hearings on October 24 and 27, 2023, to gather community input on trustee area boundaries, on November 7, 2023, the District published draft maps on its website. After additional public hearings on November 14, November 27, December 12, 2023, as well as today, the Board must now decide whether to take action to adopt Resolution No. 23-250, to adopt a map and election sequencing schedule.

Trustee Zufall explained that he and Trustee Pepple were in favor of the Ponderosa map and Trustee Doran was in favor of the Sugar map which left the Board locked at a two to one vote at the December 12 Board meeting.

Trustee Doran stated that he was not in favor of the shape of the Ponderosa map and that he doesn't feel the opinion of the union makes a difference. He stated that he is willing to compromise for the Jeffrey map but feels the Sugar map is the best representation of the District.

Trustee Pepple stated that she does not have a preference and will defer to the staff's choice being the Ponderosa map.

By-Trustee Area Elections Map (continued): Trustee Zufall stated that he leans towards the Ponderosa map because of staff preference and how the west side is put together. He noted that he agrees with Trustee Doran in that district three is shaped a bit odd but stated that the rest of the districts are solid in shape.

Trustee Vericker stated that he leans towards the Ponderosa map because it will allow for more representation of Enterprise High School, and the staff supports it.

Trustee Zufall stated that the map is not forever. Mr. Cloney stated that the map will be reconfigured after the 2030 census. Lozano Smith Attorney Jaspreet Lochab-Dogra noted that the Board could reconfigure the map sooner if they choose to do so. Discussion continued on enrollment at each site and what representation each map offers to Enterprise High School.

Supplemental Book: Jim Cloney stated that the first reading of the book *The Anthropocene Reviewed* was conducted at the October 10, 2023 Board meeting. He reported that Trustee Hoheisel had to leave during the meeting on December 12 and was unable to provide her report on the book. The book is being brought back tonight for approval. Trustee Hoheisel's review of the book was provided to the Board since she was unable to attend the meeting. Her review noted that the book is filled with the author's opinions and that it contains one F word. Overall, Trustee Hoheisel does not see much value in the book but also doesn't see anything strongly terrible in the book.

Trustee Zufall asked Enterprise High School English Chair Robbin Jack if the Board would have any backlash for approving the book. Ms. Jack stated that the book will be used as a model for student writing and critical thinking. Students will be asked to look at everyday items that we normally take for granted. Ms. Jack provided the Board with the District process on how the books are vetted before going to the Board for approval. She recommended the Board approve the book.

English District Department Chair Andrea Cota stated that the intent is to expose students to a wide range of perspectives and expository writing. She explained that as a teacher, her job is to teach students how to think, not what to think. Ms. Cota recommended the Board approve the book.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Andrea Hoheisel, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Jim Cloney, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees