



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

**October 27, 2023
ADOPTED MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Shasta Union High School District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Trustee Vericker in the Shasta Union High School District Large Conference Room. Trustee Vericker led the pledge of allegiance and Superintendent Jim Cloney recited the mission and vision statements.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Jamie Vericker, Mike Doran and Andrea Hoheisel were present. Also present: Superintendent Jim Cloney, Chief Business Official David Flores and Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services Leo Perez.

RES. 23-200 That the Board approve the agenda, as presented. (Motion Hoheisel, second Doran, carried 3-0)

RES. 23-201 That the meeting adjourn. (Motion Hoheisel, second Doran, carried 3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing – Trustee Area Boundaries: At 10:00 a.m., Trustee Vericker declared the meeting open to Public Hearing to provide interested parties an opportunity to speak regarding the composition of trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010(a)(1). There were no comments, and the public hearing was declared closed.

Trustee Area Boundaries: National Demographics Corporation (NDC) Demographer Jeff Tilton conducted a presentation regarding the demographic process to draw trustee-area boundaries. He provided background on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and its impact on school Districts. Mr. Tilton reported that CVRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions from an “at large” to a “by-trustee area” election system. He stated that in order for a district to switch from an “at large” to a “by-trustee area” election process, a series of Board meetings must be held. Mr. Tilton stated that today’s meeting is the second public hearing and the purpose of the meeting is to educate the community and solicit input from the public. He reported that he will start drafting maps this afternoon and that they will be posted online by November 7, allowing the public time to review them. The Board will review the maps at the November 14 regular Board meeting and the November 27 special Board meeting. The maps will consist of five trustee areas based on census data.

Attorney Tom Gauthier asked Mr. Tilton to explain the prison adjusted data. Mr. Tilton stated that they use the previous residence of any inmate incarcerated in a California prison for census data. Trustee Hoheisel inquired what year the data is from and how these numbers affect the census. Mr. Tilton stated that the census data is from 2020. Mr. Cloney inquired from Mr. Tilton’s experience if this number has a small or significant effect on census data. Mr. Tilton stated that overall it is rather insignificant. Trustee Doran stated that there is nothing the Board can do regarding how the census data is produced under federal and state law.

Mr. Gauthier stated that the maps will be drawn to reflect the different communities and what makes sense for the District. Trustee Doran stated that he chose to run as a Board member to serve his community and that it is the Board’s responsibility to comply with the law and do what is right for the teachers and the budget. He stated that he probably won’t run again, but there is a chance he will. Trustee Doran stated that going from an “at large” to a “by-trustee area” election system is not in a Board member’s self-interest politically because it shrinks an individual Board member’s demographics.

DISCUSSION (continued):

Trustee Area Boundaries: Jim Cloney stated that it was discussed at the last meeting that a multimember trustee area consisting of three boundaries is considered a form of “at large” voting under CVRA. Mr. Gauthier echoed Mr. Cloney’s statements and noted that it would not prevent a demand letter.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Ron Zufall, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Jim Cloney, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees

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