

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE/TIME/PLACE**

The Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District Governing Board of Education held a Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in the Santa Cruz Library, Community Room, at 1000 N. Main Street in Eloy, AZ 85131.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ysaguirre called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Emilio Ysaguirre, President; Jerry Olveda, Vice President; Billy Brown, Member; Jordan Davis, Member; Ralph Moran, Member; Chrystal Reyes, Superintendent; Elizabeth Ibarra, Business Manager, and Mirian Avilez, Administrative Assistant.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Student of the Month: Alyssa Flores, Elijah Belloc, Ally Spillsbury, Derrick Jones, Jhamil Estrella, Kane Jimenez, Sierica Mejia, Isaiah Garnica, Destiny Diaz Verduzco, Alexia Arenas, Samuel Orozco, Alexander Chaput, Daysha Zulay Valdivia Davalos, Mathilde Gastelum Garcia, Madicella Alcantar, Omarion Forbins, Anita Cardenas, Jenna Ward, Richard Reyes, Michael Hahn, Yahlin Guadalupe Davalos Valdivia, Yaretzi Fernandez, Frances Martinez, Yeji Yu, Maleah Montijo, Esmeralda Herrera Arredondo.

**MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA**

Mr. Brown MOVED to adopt the agenda, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Paul Hudson addressed the board regarding his time as a teacher at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District. He started by explaining he has thirty-three years of experience as an educator and has worked for multiple facilities and school districts. Mr. Hudson continued by stating Santa Cruz has some of the most well-behaved students and amazing staff. He ended by stating the past seven years at Santa Cruz have been the best of years of his professional career.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

1. Business Manager’s Report – *Ms. Elizabeth Ibarra*

Ms. Ibarra submitted her monthly report to the board. She reported working on budget revision with consultant and cleaning up the general ledger for FY27. She also stated working on Certified contracts, Exempt contracts, and Support Staff at wills. Ms. Ibarra also stated attending meetings

with the Verkada security system. Mr. Ysaguirre asked if the security system will need upgrades in the future. Mrs. Reyes responded she is sure there will need to be software up-dates with time. She stated Mr. Bates has experience with other districts using the same system and assures he will be on top of all the updates and work needed. The board had no further questions or comments.

2. Food Service Director's Report – *Mr. Ricardo Cazares*

Mr. Cazares submitted his monthly report to the board. Mr. Brown referenced the report and asked if the difference in the number of breakfasts served per day was normal compared to the number of lunches served per day. Mr. Cazares responded he has tried initiatives but students seem to not want breakfast. When students were asked, most claim they are not hungry or have ate breakfast before arriving on campus. He added that since he has taken over the department, the numbers for breakfast served have always been low. Mr. Brown then asked if the new lunch initiative in provided an alternative line has reduced the amount of food wasted to which Mr. Cazares responded it has helped tremendously. The board had no further questions or comments.

3. Facilities Director's Report – *Mr. Johnny Lopez*

Mr. Lopez submitted his work orders and facility use agreements for the month of March. Mr. Lopez stated they have started working on getting the football field ready for Graduation. He stated is also working with security system in identifying the areas that need improvement. Mr. Olveda asked if there were any major issues with the new system. Mr. Lopez stated there were just minor issues that needed to be taken care of. The board had no further questions or comments.

4. Athletic Director's Report – *Mr. Michael Ibarra*

Mr. Ibarra submitted his monthly report to the board. The board had no further questions or comments.

5. Transportation Director's Report – *Mr. Michael Jimenez*

Mr. Jimenez submitted his monthly report to the board. The board had no further questions or comments.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

No Business Items.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS ITEMS**

1. Monthly Report

Mrs. Reyes submitted her monthly report to the board. Mr. Brown asked if the number of seniors at risk of graduating was still 15 students. Mrs. Reyes clarified the 15 students have failed a class before but have been placed in credit recovery. She stated if they pass the current classes they are taking they will be on track to graduate. Out of the 15 there are only 2 students who are currently failing and not on track to graduate. Mr. Brown asked how student attendance did on State Testing week. Mrs. Reyes responded students who were not testing were on an asynchronous schedule and

had a great outcome with attendance both asynchronous and in person. Mrs. Moreno added that there were very few absences and most had legitimate excuses. Mr. Ysaguirre asked what was done differently this time to have resulted in great attendance. Mrs. Reyes stated there were calls, emails, and reminders sent out to parents as well as the students. She added an assembly was held to effectively communicate the importance of attendance and protocol for testing to students. She stated overall the clear communication to students and parents attributed to the high numbers of attendance. The board had no further questions or comments.

## **PERSONNEL ITEMS**

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Paul Hudson's letter of retirement as of June 22, 2026.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve Paul Hudson's letter of retirement as of June 22, 2026, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Eduviges Rodriguez as a Bus Driver for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Eduviges Rodriguez as a Bus Driver for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

3. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Yesenia Arvizu as a Food Service Worker III for FY 25/26.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve Yesenia Arvizu as a Food Service Worker III for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Olveda.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

4. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Tonya Ogle as a Substitute Teacher for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Tonya Ogle as a Substitute Teacher for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

5. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Michael Guerrero's letter of resignation as an Assistant Wrestling Coach for FY 25/26.

Mr. Olveda MOVED to approve Michael Guerrero's letter of resignation as an Assistant Wrestling Coach for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

6. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Reggie Neal as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Reggie Neal as a Volunteer Baseball Coach for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

7. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Retention Stipend Policy for FY 25/26.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Retention Stipend Policy for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

8. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of payment of Classroom Site Funds (CSF) for FY 25/26 which will include the 2nd half payment from Units 0.11 & 0.13 for employees who qualify.

Mr. Olveda MOVED to approve the payment of Classroom Site Funds (CSF) for FY 25/26 which will include the 2nd half payment from Units 0.11 & 0.13 for employees who qualify, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

9. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of payment of the Retention Stipend to highly qualified teachers in the hard to fill positions in Special Education, Science, Math, & Foreign Language.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve payment of the Retention Stipend to highly qualified teachers in the hard to fill positions in Special Education, Science, Math, & Foreign Language, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

10. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Jason Lewis as a Substitute Bus Driver for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Jason Lewis as a Substitute Bus Driver for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

11. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Head Coaches for FY 26/27.

Mr. Davis MOVED to approve the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School Head Coaches for FY 26/27, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

12. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of payment of the New Hire Stipend to highly qualified teachers in the hard to fill positions in Special Education, Science, Math, & Foreign Language for FY 25/26.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve the payment of the New Hire Stipend to highly qualified teachers in the hard to fill positions in Special Education, Science, Math, & Foreign Language for FY 25/26, with a SECOND by Mr. Olveda.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

13. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Lilean Camarena’s letter of resignation as of March 31, 2026.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve Lilean Camarena’s letter of resignation as of March 31, 2026, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval for ratification of the expenditures identified in the Auxiliary Operations Fund Report for March 2026.
2. Approval for ratification of the expenditures identified in the Student Activities Account Report for March 2026.
3. Approval for ratification of payroll and expense vouchers for February 2026.

<b>Payroll:</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
# 24	\$ 137,469.29	# 2626	\$ 84,567.62
# 25	\$ 127,115.23	# 2627	\$ 58,519.95
# 26	\$ 7,204.21		
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 271,788.73</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 143,087.57</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL: \$ 414,876.30</b>			

4. Approval of the Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026.
5. Approval of March- Donations.

- 6. Approval of the “Amended” Sole Source Resolution for FY 25/26.
- 7. Approval of overnight travel for 6 staff members to attend PowerSchool Training on June 27th – July 3rd, 2026 in Anaheim, CA.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Consent Items I.1 – I.7, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Announcements.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

Mr. Brown stated he noticed some damage in the ceiling of the Auditorium. He stated it looked like water damage and was peeling. Mr. Lopez said he would look into the issue and make the reparations needed. The board had no further questions or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Brown MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – aye; Mr. Davis – aye; Mr. Moran – aye

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

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**Emilio Ysaguirre, President**

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**Jerry Olveda, Vice President**

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**Billy Brown, Member**

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**Jordan Davis, Member**

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**Ralph Moran, Member**

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