

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2026, in the Santa Cruz Library, Community Room, at 1000 N. Main Street in Eloy, AZ 85131.

CALL TO ORDER

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

THOSE PRESENT

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

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to address the Governing Board during Call to the Public.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Ms. Ibarra presented her monthly report to the Governing Board. She reported that the District's auditors are scheduled to be on campus from Monday, August 17, through Thursday, August 20, 2026, to conduct the annual audit. Mr. Brown inquired about the auditing firm, and Ms. Ibarra confirmed that the District is working with Advisent. She explained that Advisent is the same auditing firm that conducted the District's audit last year and that the company has since changed its name from CDWL to Advisent. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

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

Mr. Cazares presented his monthly report to the Governing Board. Mr. Moran noted that the Food Service Department began the school year with a positive account balance. Mr. Cazares reported that the department had a significant amount of funding remaining compared to previous years.

Mr. Cazares also reported an increase in breakfast participation. He noted that the number of breakfast meals served has increased to more than 100 meals per day, compared to approximately 70 meals per day in previous years. He further reported an increase in the number of lunches being served. Mr. Cazares explained that the department has been preparing more meals from scratch when permitted under applicable federal nutrition guidelines and requirements. Mr. Brown commented that increased awareness among students that meals are being prepared from scratch may encourage greater participation in the school lunch program. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

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

Mr. Lopez submitted his work order report and facility use report for the month of July. He reported that the air conditioning chillers had experienced operational issues but have since been repaired and are fully operational. He also reported that the partitions and necessary hardware for the damaged units in the restrooms have been installed and are fully operational. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

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

Mr. Ibarra presented his monthly report to the Governing Board. Mr. Brown referenced the report and inquired about the addition of Cross Country as a new athletic program. Mr. Ibarra reported that more than 20 students have registered for the program, with additional students expressing interest. He explained that the department is awaiting the remaining students' submission of required physical examinations before they may become eligible to participate in practices. Mr. Olveda inquired whether the Cross-Country program would host any home events. Mr. Ibarra explained that, as this is the program's inaugural year, all scheduled events will be held away. He stated that his initial focus is on establishing a strong program and developing its structure before pursuing opportunities to organize and host competitions. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

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

Mr. Jimenez submitted his monthly report to the Governing Board. Mr. Olveda inquired whether the Transportation Department had experienced a smooth start to the school year. Mrs. Reyes reported that additional routes had been implemented to accommodate student transportation needs and ensure compliance with students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) requirements. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no business items.

SUPERINTENDENTS ITEMS

1. Monthly Report

Mrs. Reyes presented her monthly report to the Governing Board. She reported that current enrollment is 387 students, exceeding the District's budgeted enrollment of 385 students. She stated that the District would like to continue increasing enrollment to provide additional flexibility and a greater financial cushion within the budget. Mr. Brown inquired whether this is the school year in which the District anticipated a smaller incoming class from the Eloy Elementary School District. Mrs. Reyes confirmed that it is. She noted, however, that the District has experienced increased enrollment from students residing in Red Rock, Toltec, and Arizona City. Mr. Moran requested an update regarding the COPS Grant. Mrs. Reyes reported that the District has submitted an application for the second round of grant funding. She explained that the second round of funding would include keyless door access, metal detectors, and other safety and security enhancements. The Governing Board had no further questions or comments.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to hire Certified Teaching Staff listed for FY 26/27.
 - Calvin Eleby

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve hiring the Certified Teaching Staff listed for FY 26/27, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

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

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Classified Staff's letter or letters of resignation for FY 26/27.
 - Lisette Portillo – Facilities Assistant

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve the Classified Staff's letter or letters of resignation for FY 26/27, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

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

3. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of hiring Classified Staff listed for FY 26/27.
 - Football Coaches: Raoul Perales, Curtis James, Andy Lopez, Jesse Salazar, Rogelio Chavez, Reggie Neal, & Sherman Cheek
 - Cheer Coach: Jasmin Olivas
 - Cross Country Coach: Cory Roberts
 - Volleyball Coach: Heriberto Meza
 - Band, NHS, & Culinary Arts Volunteer: Monica White
 - Van Driver: Paul Rodriguez
 - Accounts Payable/Payroll: Mirian Avilez

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve hiring the Classified Staff listed for FY 26/27, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

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

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Payroll:		Expenses:	
# 1	\$ 33,177.45	# 2641	\$ 43,883.39
# 2	\$ 104,719.16	# 2642	\$ 12,424.44
		# 2700	\$ 272,961.71
		# 2701	\$ 163.61
		# 2702	\$ 121,462.44
Total Payroll	\$ 137,896.61	Total Expenses	\$ 454,895.59
GRAND TOTAL: \$ 592,792.20			

4. Approval of the Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2026.
5. Approval of July Donations.
6. Approval of the Proposal for FY 26/27 E-Rate Consulting Services and the Letter of Agency for Funding Year 2027-2028 for Nicely Done Consulting.
7. Approval of overnight travel for 3 staff members and 12 students to go to New York and New Jersey for FCCLA trip from May 30, 2027 to June 4, 2027.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Reyes reminded the Governing Board that the September Regular Governing Board Meeting has been rescheduled from Wednesday, September 9, 2026, to Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

No Board Member Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moran MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Emilio Ysaguirre, President

Jerry Olveda, Vice President

Billy Brown, Member

Jordan Davis, Member

Ralph Moran, Member

Date Approved: _____