

**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #840
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 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, January 14, 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 6:01 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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

1. Election of President and Vice President of the Governing Board

Mrs. Reyes opened the nominations for the office of President. Mr. Olveda nominated Mr. Ysaguirre. Mr. Ysaguirre accepted his nomination.

Mr. Olveda MOVED to elect Mr. Ysaguirre as President of the SCVUHS Governing Board, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

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

Mr. Ysaguirre opened the nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Olveda. Mr. Olveda accepted his nomination.

Mr. Brown MOVED to elect Mr. Olveda as Vice President of the SCVUHS Governing Board, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

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

2. Adopt all existing Governing Board Policies

Mr. Brown MOVED to adopt all existing Governing Board Policies, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

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

3. Approve Governing Board Meeting dates and times for 2026.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve the Governing Board Meeting dates and times for 2026, with a SECOND by Mr. Brown.

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

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Call to The Public.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Ms. Ibarra submitted her monthly report to the board. She reported there is an open facilities assistant position. She also reported working alongside the Principal’s staff on end of year incentives for students. Ms. Ibarra also reported the audit should be finalized by the end of January and should be available to be presented by February’s board meeting. Ms. Ibarra also let the board know minimum wage has increased from \$14.70 an hour to \$15.15 an hour. Mr. Olveda asked if this increase affected any employees. Ms. Ibarra responded only 4 employees wages needed to be changed to meet the threshold. Mr. Brown then asked if all employees would be receiving a raise to which Ms. Ibarra responded unfortunately no. Mrs. Reyes explained that in past years they have gave raises to all staff but looking at the budget and the projected number of incoming students the district did not feel they could maintain the budget in the future. Mr. Ysaguirre asked if the district could look into the possibility of an increase for all staff. Mrs. Reyes and Ms. Ibarra both stated they would speak with the districts consultant and see what options the district’s budget would allow. 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 asked Mr. Cazares how many employees was he short staffed to which Mr. Cazares responded he was short 2 employees but was looking to fill 1 position. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Cazares how his staff was handling the shortage. Mr. Cazares responded saying they were managing the workload but would like to fill the position to ease the workload on his staff. Mr. Ysaguirre asked what the pay for this position would be to which Ms. Ibarra responded it would be the new minimum wage of \$15.15 an hour. 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 December. Mr. Olveda asked if Mr. Lopez closed the facilities every time they were being used to which Mrs. Reyes responded no, his staff took care of opening and closing the facilities for Mr. Lopez. 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. He stated the buses passed their inspection with ADE. He clarified that a few busses did have minor issues but were fixed and passed on the spot. 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. She provided the board with a graduation update. Mrs. Reyes stated there currently 77 seniors enrolled and only 13 are at risk or in credit recovery. She also reported Center for Success currently has 3 students on track to graduate, 10 students currently enrolled, and 6 students who are at risk or not on track to graduate. Mrs. Reyes stated she will hold a college and career fair called "Commitment Day" on February 12th. The theme will be "Future Ready-Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed." There will be several colleges, military and employers for the students to visit and make connections. Mr. Brown asked if only Seniors would attend Commitment Day to which Mrs. Reyes responded the event will be available for the Seniors and Juniors. The board had no further questions or comments.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

1. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Jesus Armida Peinado's letter of resignation as a Facilities Assistant for FY 25/26.

Mr. Moran MOVED to approve Jesus Armida Peinado's letter of resignation as a Facilities Assistant 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

2. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the FY 25/26 Revised Classified Salary Schedule.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve the FY 25/26 Revised Classified Salary Schedule, with a SECOND by Mr. Moran.

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

3. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Maria Fuentes’ verbal resignation as a Food Service Worker for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Maria Fuentes’ verbal resignation as a Food Service Worker 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

4. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Elvira Reyes-Encinas as a Food Service Worker for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Elvira Reyes-Encinas as a Food Service Worker 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

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval for ratification of the expenditures identified in the Auxiliary Operations Fund Report for December 2025.
2. Approval for ratification of the expenditures identified in the Student Activities Account Report for December 2025.
3. Approval for ratification of payroll and expense vouchers for December 2025.

Payroll:		Expenses:	
# 13	\$ 134,046.14	# 2616	\$ 63,365.91
# 14	\$ 154,035.08	# 2617	\$ 24,005.08
# 15	\$ 136,831.72		
# 16	\$ 4,221.54		
Total Payroll	\$ 429,134.48	Total Expenses	\$ 87,370.99
GRAND TOTAL: \$ 516,505.47			

4. Approval of the Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025.
5. Approval of the regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025.

6. Approval of JAG overnight travel for the 2026 Career Development Conference for March 4-5, 2026.
7. Approval of overnight travel for the Senior Trip May 14-16, 2026 to Anaheim, CA.
8. Approval of FCCLA overnight travel for the 2026 State Leadership Conference for March 2-5, 2026.
9. Approval of Softball overnight travel for the following dates:
March 19th – 20th in Payson, AZ
April 17th – 18th in Cottonwood, AZ
10. Approval of Amended Sole Source Resolution for FY 25/26.

Mr. Brown MOVED to approve Consent Items I.1 – I.10, with a SECOND by Mr. Olveda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Reyes announced Wrestling will have overnight travel trips for sectionals and state. She explained she wanted to give the board a notice since they were not added to the agenda but will be added to next month's board meeting. Mrs. Reyes explained she likes to bring them to the board a month in advance but will be added before the travel dates.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

No Board Member Items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brown MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM, with a SECOND by Mr. Davis.

MOTION CARRIED: Mr. Ysaguirre – aye; Mr. Olveda – aye; Mr. Brown – 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: _____