

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes of the Special Meeting March 6, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
Sweetwater Administration Center – Board Room  
1130 Fifth Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91911

**I. OPENING PROVISIONS**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call – 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Neylon, Robinson  
Secretary: Ward  
Recording Secretary: Bowers

- B. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

- C. Approval of Agenda

MSC (Anderson/Robinson) to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

- D. Review of Guidelines for Public Hearing

President Hartley welcomed the audience and read the guidelines and procedures to be followed for the Public Hearings. A Spanish-speaking translator (Gilda Marentez) was introduced to the audience to assist anyone needing English/Spanish interpretation.

- E. Collect Public Speaker And Comment Cards

Public speaker cards and comment cards on both the draft trustee area plans and waiver of election matters were collected at this time and throughout the meeting.

**II. CONVENE THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

- A. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING on Draft Trustee Area Plans to be used for the Election of the Governing Board of the Sweetwater Union High School District

Chairperson Hartley opened the public hearing. San Diego County Office of Education's Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lora Duzyk, provided background and opening remarks, including the extensive community outreach efforts undertaken to advertise this public hearing. As background, on February 12, 2014, the County Committee approved the proposal to change the election system of the Sweetwater District from one in which trustees are elected at large, by numbered seats, to one in which they are elected by residents of a trustee area in which they reside. At the last public hearing on February 27, the County Committee approved legal criteria and other considerations to be used in the creation of trustee areas. At tonight's meeting, Justin Levitt, Vice President of National Demographics Corporation explained the initial draft of three plans and the concepts that were used in the development of each plan. These initial plans may be re-drafted based on the public's comments.

B. Presentation by National Demographics Corporation

Justin Levitt, Vice President of National Demographics Corporation, discussed the legal criteria and considerations for drawing trustee areas that was adopted at the last public hearing on February 27, 2014. Draft Plans 1, 2 and 3 were presented.

Draft Plan 1 keeps the three small elementary school districts in separate trustee areas. National is in District A, San Ysidro in District D and South Bay Union in District E. It links National City with Northwestern Chula Vista, Bonita with the Eastlake Area, and splits the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa area along the line between the San Ysidro and South Bay Union elementary School Districts (keeping the elementary schools apart requires dividing San Ysidro).

Draft Plan 2 offers an option that places an entire trustee area in the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa area covering San Ysidro, Montgomery, and Southwestern High Schools. This allows for north-south division of eastern Chula Vista, following the Bonita Vista/Otay Ranch and Olympian High School attendance boundary. Eastlake is divided between Trustee Areas B and C. National City is linked with the Chula Vista High School attendance area and Mar Vista is linked with Castle Park.

In Draft Plan 3, part of Bonita and the Hilltop High School attendance area are linked with National City. This plan is also the only one to create a district entirely in Chula Vista west of the 805, which includes Castle Park and Chula Vista High. This plan separates the South Bay Union and San Ysidro Elementary School Districts between trustee areas. But, unlike in Plan 1, South Bay Union Elementary is linked with the western part of Otay Mesa. San Ysidro and the eastern part of Otay Mesa are linked to the central Chula Vista areas around Otay Ranch High School.

Interactive draft trustee area plans and demographic information are available on the San Diego County Office of Education's website, Board of Education webpage, at the following address:

<http://www.sdcoe.net/business-services/Pages/Establishment-of-Trustee-Areas.aspx>

C. Public Comment – Speakers Called from Cards

Public speakers on the subject matter of the draft trustee area plans included seven citizens who were evenly split in favor of Plans 1 and 3, and voiced preferred boundary changes that were noted by the demographer. Other comments suggested keeping economically similar people together and ensuring the interest and needs of the students are met. Speakers included Jose Preciado, Michelle Krug; Dr. Adrian Arancibia, Rob Corcilius, Katrine Czajkowski, Paula Hall, and Ramon Leyba. Additionally, three citizens submitted information cards with comments for the County Committee members' review prior to taking action on this matter.

D. Questions from County Committee Members

A report was requested showing which Elementary, High School and Middle School attendance areas are assigned to each trustee area. Chairperson Hartley announced that draft trustee area plans will be presented for further discussion and public input at the next public hearing to be held in the Sweetwater District on Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.

The County Committee will approve final trustee area plans at a regular meeting of the County Board of Education on April 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the San Diego County Office of Education, 6401 Linda Vista Rd., San Diego, CA 92111.

E. Close the Public Hearing

There being no further speakers on the draft trustee area plans, Chairperson Hartley closed the public hearing.

**III. RECONVENE THE MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING on the Request for Waiver of the Election Required for the Establishment of Trustee Areas in the Sweetwater Union High School District and for the Election of One Member of the Governing Board Residing in Each Trustee Area by the Registered Voters in that Trustee Area.

President Hartley opened the public hearing. San Diego County Office of Education's Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lora Duzyk, provided opening remarks. This is the second of two public hearings conducted to receive community input on the waiver request. District bargaining units and advisory committees are being contacted to determine their position on the waiver request. The County Board of Education will make a decision on whether to submit a waiver request at its regular meeting on March 12, 2014. If the Board approves submittal of the request for waiver of election, it is expected that the State Board would act to approve or disapprove the request at its May meeting. Their decision would determine what the next steps would be.

B. Public Comment

Public speakers on the subject matter of the draft trustee area plans included seven citizens who unanimously support the submission of the Waiver of Election to the State Board. Speakers included: Eugene Chavira, Jose Preciado, Rob Corcilius, Aurora Murillo-Clark, Paula Hall, Katrine Czajkowski, and Jon Lamprecht. Additionally, six citizens submitted information cards for the Board's review prior to taking action on this matter.

C. Questions from Board Members

President Hartley announced that the Board of Education will take action on the request for waiver of the election at its regular meeting to be held on March 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the San Diego County Office of Education.

D. Close the Public Hearing

There being no further speakers on the request for waiver of election, President Hartley closed the public hearing.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.