



SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Highlights

July, 2018

Governing Board Members in Attendance

Menifee Union School District:
Ron Ulibarri, President, MUSD
Reg Bennett, Vice President, MUSD
Randy Freeman, Clerk, MUSD
Jerry Bowman, Deputy Clerk, MUSD
Robert O'Donnell, Member, MUSD

Perris Union High School District:
Jose Luis Araux, President, PUHSD
Edward Garcia, Jr., Vice President, PUHSD
David Nelissen, Clerk, PUHSD
Carolyn Twyman, Member, PUHSD
Anthony T. Stafford, Sr., Member, PUHSD

Presentations

There was a special joint meeting of the Menifee Union School District, and Perris Union High School District Governing Boards held on July 17, 2018.

Presenting to both Governing Boards was Mr. Paul Jessup, Riverside County Office of Education, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, who led the Special Study Session on Unification. Mr. Rollin Edmunds joined him to talk about the unification process, and different paths to unification.

After comments and discussion from members of both boards were made, the next steps toward unification were discussed, and a commitment to follow up on the next steps was made by both boards.



PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFICATION PROCESS

Presented July 17, 2018 by:

Paul C. Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Rollin Edmunds, Management Specialist, Riverside County Office of Education

THE NINE CONDITIONS – “THE REORGANIZATION WILL...”

- Be adequate in terms of number of pupils
- Be organized on the basis of substantial community identity
- Result in an equitable division of property and facilities
- Preserve ability to educate; not promote racial/ethnic discrimination/segregation
- Not increase costs to the state
- Promote sound educational performance; not significantly disrupt programs
- Increase in school facility costs will be insignificant and incidental
- Be primarily designed for purposes other than increasing property values
- Promote sound fiscal management or cause a substantial negative fiscal effect

OVERVIEW

- In the fall of 2007, the governing boards of the Menifee Union School District and the Perris Union High School District passed resolutions supporting the petition for the unification of the Menifee Union School District.
- In the spring of 2008, the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization held a public hearing on the petition and subsequently reviewed said petition to determine if the nine conditions detailed in California Education Code 35753(a) had been substantially met.
- In May, 2008, the County Committee determined that five of the nine conditions had not been met. The petition and the Committee's recommendation was then forwarded to the California State Board of Education for its consideration.
- In the fall of 2009, the respective governing boards requested the State Board of Education hold in abeyance the petition for unification.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- The next steps are at the complete discretion of the governing boards of the school districts involved.
 - Reactivate current petition with the State Board;
 - Start the process anew by requesting the County Superintendent give the County Committee the authority to review and approve/deny the petition.
 - Continue current petition in abeyance with the State Board.
- Preliminary actions that may assist in decision-making process:
 - Review the pre-unification agreement with legal counsel
 - Update data and conduct an unofficial analysis of the nine conditions - your data and the law have changed!!!
 - Decide which approval route to pursue through the state/seek local process
 - Create a realistic time line which includes all tasks for the reorganization of both school districts.