

GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2015-02

RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM OPPOSITION FOR THE UNIFICATION OF THE ALPINE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ON MOTION of Shield, seconded by Kelly, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Grossmont Union High School District have serious concerns about the implications that unification of the Alpine School District would have on the students, staff and communities within the Grossmont Union High School District, and;

WHEREAS, the Consultant hired by the SDCOE presented clear evidence that the Alpine USD did not meet two of the nine criteria prescribed in the Education Code, necessary for approval of the petition;

WHEREAS, despite an abundance of information presented by the Grossmont Union High School District in opposition to unification of the Alpine School District, the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization, at a Regular Meeting thereof, on August 13, 2014, approved by a majority vote the following:

1. To approve the petition for the unification of the Alpine School District;
2. To deviate from Education Code Section 35560 regarding division of property and assets by mandating that the parties meet and arbitrate a division other than that prescribed in said Education Code potentially requiring the Grossmont Union High School district to distribute up to \$70 million in cash and \$23 million in property, to a newly created Alpine Unified School District;
3. To recommend that the Area of Election be limited to Alpine only.

WHEREAS, the current annual operating budget for the Grossmont Union High School District is \$183 million;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Grossmont Union High School District hereby reaffirms their opposition to the unification of the Alpine Union School District;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Grossmont Union High School District:

1. Takes strong opposition to the recommendation by the San Diego County Committee on School District Organization for approval of the unification petition;
2. Is appalled that said Committee would recommend an alternative funding model that would require that the Grossmont Union High School District distribute up to \$70 million in cash and \$23 million in property, thereby creating a 38% deficit in our operating budget, effectively bankrupting the district;
3. Is further appalled that said Committee would forward a recommendation that included limiting the area of voting to Alpine only, thereby ignoring, and in effect silencing, 96% of the population of the GUHSD responsible to endure the above 38% deficit by their action.

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the unification proposal be recommended for approval by the State and ultimately put before the voters, the Board of Trustees of the Grossmont Union High School District believes that the following actions must also take place:

1. All voters encompassing the Grossmont Union High School District shall be entitled to participate in said vote given the impact the unification of the Alpine Union School District would have on the entire Grossmont Union High School District community;
2. Property shall be divided in accordance with Ed. Code Section 35560, on a pro rata basis, based upon current enrollment at the time the petition is approved, and no deviation thereof be approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District at El Cajon, California, on this 11th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Shield, Hoy, Kelly, Stieringer

NOES: Schreiber

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Jim Kelly, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District of El Cajon, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting thereof at the time and place of vote stated, which resolution is on file and of record in the office of said Board.

September 11, 2014
Date



Clerk of the Board