Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Sections 54956, 54957, 54957.1, and Ed Code 72129, a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District was scheduled, noticed and held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the following locations:

- Life Science Building, Room #1, College of the Siskiyous, Weed Campus
- 846 Indian Creek Road, Happy Camp, CA

Item 1. **Call to Order and Attendance**

At 4:12 p.m., President Barry Ohlund called to order a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District.

The following members were present:
Barry Ohlund, President
Robert Rice
Alan Dyar (by phone)
Carol Cupp
Penny Heilman

Absent:
Greg Hanna, Vice President/Clerk
James Hardy

Also Present:
Scotty Thomason, Superintendent/President
Nancy Miller, Director, Human Resources
Donald Selke, CTA Attorney
Eileen O’Hare Anderson, Attorney, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Frank Zotter, Attorney, School & Legal Services
Sophie Beck, Student Trustee
Gail Blankenship, Recorder
Kathy Gassaway, Executive Assistant

Item 2. **Announcement of Closed Session Items and Opportunity for Public Comment on Announced Closed Session Items**

The following public comments were received:

Donald Selke:
Don addressed Item #3 on the agenda, noting that his client is Roberto Mazariegos. He personally served to Eileen O’Hare Anderson a Special Appearance on Behalf of Respondent to Object to Subject Matter Jurisdiction.
Jade Dewey
Jade noted the importance of having the Spanish program available to the community. She has learned diversity from Roberto, and the Spanish program can make a world of difference. It is very necessary for the students for many reasons.

Eileen O’Hare Anderson
Eileen will talk to the Board during closed session.

Bryan Cases
Bryan asked the Board why this action was being taken. He noted that this will put us being other schools, and we will not be following the trend. He further expressed his feelings of not feeling welcomed here, as well as the lack of diversity.

The Board convened into closed session at 4:26 p.m.

Item 3. Closed Session
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9)
  Name of case: Academic Layoff 1.0 FTE, OAH Case No. 2015040059

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m.

Item 4. Decision Regarding Academic Reduction in Force (1.0 F.T.E. – Layoff)
Board Report No. 4845A – Enclosed
The Board was asked to consider a recommendation from an Administrative Law Judge regarding an academic reduction of 1.0 (175 day) FTE Faculty Spanish Instructor position and take action as provide under Government Code section 11517 (c)(2)(A-E).

Item 5. Continuation of Closed Session
A second closed session was not needed.

Item 6. Return to Open Session and Take Action on Board Report 4845A
Trustee Penny Heilman made the following motion:
I move that the Board reject the proposed decision in part and accept in part, based on the record of the April 13, 2015 hearing and additional evidence presented at tonight’s special Board meeting.

The Board rejects paragraph 5 on page 2 of the proposed decision by eliminating a 1.0 FTEF Spanish Instructor position.

The Board rejects paragraph 4 on page 7 of the proposed decision by eliminating a 1.0 FTEF (175-day) Spanish Instructor position.

The Board rejects the recommendation on page 10 of the proposed decision by eliminating 1.0 FTEF Spanish Instructor for the 2015-16 academic year.
The Board otherwise accepts the findings of the proposed decision. The Board asks Mr. Zotter to prepare a final decision on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Carol Cupp seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote: 5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.

Trustee Heilman noted that the Board has a strong fiduciary responsibility to the District. Although they would like for the Spanish program to become vibrant, it cannot be assumed that this will happen.

Trustee Cupp noted the importance of the Spanish program and hopes it can grow. At this point, however, it is prudent to downsize.

Trustee Ohlund noted that there are not enough students taking the classes, and it would be irresponsible to spend financial resources unwisely.

Item 7. **Adjournment**
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barry Ohlund declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scotty Thomason
Superintendent/President and the Secretary to the Governing Board of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District

Approved:

_________________________________________ President

_________________________________________ Clerk