Brawley Union High School superintendent steps down, Layaye steps in as interim

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BRAWLEY — Former Imperial Unified School District superintendent and San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus educator Barbara Layaye has assumed the role of interim superintendent for the Brawley Union High School District.

This comes after a BUHSD Board of Trustees meeting in mid-June where former Superintendent Antonio Munguia was granted his request to step down as superintendent.

Munguia has become the principal of alternative education, effective July 1.

“I asked the board and stepped down myself for health and family reasons,” Munguia said Thursday, who added that his new position affords him less stress.

“I didn’t want to leave the district because I’ve been here for 18 years so when the opportunity arose I asked for it and they agreed,” he said of the board. “I’ll still be here and still be involved.”

Munguia is now filling the spot left vacant by Dan Stauff, who retired June 30. Yet Bill DiAngelo, Brawley Union High School Teachers Association president, said Layaye only wants to stay with the district until early November, if possible.

“I have to say we’re very happy with Barbara Layaye,” BUHSD board member Helen Noriega said Thursday.

“She’s come from Imperial High School where they’re probably top of every high school in the Valley in every aspect,” she said. “She put them over the top really in different programs.

“It’ll take a good six months, maybe more, to find our next superintendent,” Noriega said.

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