

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
April 12, 2017**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Regular Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda 17-03, was called to order by Dr. Ramon Flores, Board President at 8:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Board Room of the VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dr. Flores, followed by a moment of reflection.
2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5
Marty Bates, Area 2 - *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Steve Carr, Chief Technology Officer
David Simmons, Chief Credentials Programs Officer
Kim Uebelhardt, Executive Director, Teacher Support Services
Amy Cranston, Director, Expanded Learning Services
Rudy Calasin, Budget Manager
Lisa Worsley, Accountant
Peggy White, Special Projects Accountant
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
3. Approval of Agenda.
Dr. Lisagor moved the agenda be approved. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0). Mr. Bates was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 27, 2017.
Ms. Ulrich moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2017 be approved. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email dated March 2, 2017, from Mr. Kunicki to staff and Board, *Hart District Officials Deny Einstein Academy Charter School Petition - Hometown Station / KHTS AM 1220*.
2. Email to all Board Members regarding VCSBA Dinner Meeting April 27, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
3. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Results.
4. Mr. Mantooth distributed copies of an email from Mr. Kunicki to staff (and cc'd to Board) titled, "Wednesday Budget Hearing".

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Flores reviewed the Upcoming Events.
2. Mr. Mantooth mentioned an additional Providence Graduation on April 13, 2017.
3. Dr. Lisagor attended the River Oaks Center Oxnard opening and the NASA Hunch KickOff. He attended three Providence graduations, the Science Fair Awards, the WASC Visitation Team meeting at Gateway, and the CSBA Legislative Action Day where Prop 58 monies and pension expenses were discussed.
4. Dr. Flores reported that he attended the NASA Hunch KickOff event and the WASC Visitation team meeting at Gateway.
5. Ms. Ulrich reported that she attended the Science Fair. She plans to attend the upcoming VCSBA Dinner Meeting.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mantooth reported on the following activities of the Office:

1. Meet the Artist event, Friday, April 21, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at VCOE, Upstairs Lobby. Student artwork is now displayed in the Upstairs lobby at the ASC each month. Currently self portraits and biographies created by Gateway students are on display. Students will be at the ASC to introduce themselves and answer questions. Board members were invited to attend to event.
2. CSBA Article, "Storm relief needed for pension increase crisis".

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

None.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Budget Study Session

The following VCOE staff members presented information on the various services provided and successes and challenges within their respective programs:

SELPA

Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Steve Carr, Chief Technology Officer

TEACHER SUPPORT AND EXPANDED LEARNING

David Simmons, Chief Credential Programs Officer

Kim Uebelhardt, Executive Director, Teacher Support Services

Dr. Amy Cranston, Director, Expanded Learning Systems

LCAP SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO DISTRICTS

Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board meeting be extended to 10:30 a.m. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously (4:0).

As part of the Annual Budget Study session cycle, Ms. Key presented information on the following designated budgets:

Board of Education, SELPA, Teacher Support, Child Development, Technology Services, Facilities, Restricted Programs, Charter School Support, Student Competitions, and Leadership Support.

Ms. Key explained that the preliminary budget is based on the state budget presented by the Governor in January. The budget will be re-evaluated if there are changes in the May Revise. VCOE continues to implement fee for service and anticipates tight fiscal times ahead. Employee benefits are projected to increase 10% for health and welfare benefits. PERS and STRS rates are increasing by approximately 2%. The indirect cost rate of 9% is set in accordance to a formula created by a State/Federal government based on actual expenditures. Each program is responsible for aligning their expenditures and revenues.

Ms. Key distributed a rate sheet for STRS and PERS – the state pension system for educators. Each system operates separately. Participation in this pension system is mandatory and there is an employee and employer cost. The rates are increasing very quickly. All school districts pay the same rate. Mr. Kunicki requested a chart showing the contributions of employees.

CalSTRS Employer contribution rates are scheduled to increase until 2020-21 to a rate of 19.10%. CalPERS Employer contribution rates are scheduled to increase until 2023-24 to an estimated 28.2% (the rate is currently 13.88%).

Dr. Lisagor stated that he was told that the cost of employee benefits is increasing from \$500 per ADA to \$1500 per ADA in 2020-21. Ms. Key explained that this is due to the fact that STRS and PERS covers both active employees and those who have already retired. The ratio of active workers to retired workers has been decreasing.

In addition to STRS/PERS benefits, VCOE pays health benefits for 41 eligible VCOE retirees. The current actuarial report estimates the cost of these benefits to be \$5.8 million. VCOE has set aside \$5.2 million for this expense (90% funded).

This item was presented for information only.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Future Joint Meeting with VCCCD (June 19, 2017).
Mr. Mantooth noted that he and Dr. Flores have met with the Community College District regarding a joint meeting of the two Boards. The tentative meeting is now scheduled for June 19, 2017 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., with a
2. Charter School Appeal Submission (April 24, 2017).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, May 22, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Flores adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes Approved by Board Action on 5/12/17

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