

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
April 11, 2018**

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 18-05, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President at 8:01 a.m., on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 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 Ms. Ulrich, followed by a moment of reflection.
2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Marty Bates, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3 – *Arrived at 8:23 a.m.*
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Paula Driscoll, Executive Director, School Business Advisory
Lisa Cline, Executive Director, Internal Business Services
John Tarkany, Student Competitions
Poul Hanson, Facilities
Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Lisa Worsley, Senior Accountant, Budget Specialist
Heather Pena, Accountant
Josh Valdivia, Accountant
Leslie Comstock, Director, Hearing Conservation
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
3. Approval of Agenda.
Mr. Mantooth requested that Agenda Item E.1, Approval of Minutes, be cancelled. Mr. Kunicki moved the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018.
CANCELLED.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Ms. Ulrich reviewed the Upcoming Events.
2. Mr. Mantooth noted two upcoming events: Phoenix School Family Science Night to be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; and the 2018 CCBE Annual conference which will be held September 14-16 in Monterey. As hotel rooms are at a premium, Board members were asked to notify the Office as soon as possible if they plan to attend. Dr. Flores and Ms. Ulrich will be attending.
3. Mr. Kunicki reported that he was interviewed on the Andy Caldwell show. The topic of conversation was the funding for school districts and why people should get involved in the conversation about funding for school districts.
4. Ms. Ulrich will be going to Sacramento on the April 20th to finalize speakers for the CCBE Annual Conference.
5. The following Board members indicated that they will be attending the April 30th VCSBA Dinner meeting: Ms. Ulrich, Mr. Kunicki and Dr. Flores.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1. Ms. Ulrich attended Assemblymember Limon's Education Assembly meeting. Bills pertaining to LCFF and Career Education are in process.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

None.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Budget Study Session

Ms. Key noted that this morning's speakers are presenting on the services that our programs provide. The following VCOE staff members presented information on the various services provided and successes and challenges within their respective programs:

STUDENT COMPETITIONS

John Tarkany, Coordinator, Student Competitions

Ms. Ulrich noted that Dr. Lisagor arrived at 8:23 a.m.

FACILITIES

Poul Hanson, Director, Facilities

SCHOOL BUSINESS & ADVISORY SERVICES

Paula Driscoll, Executive Director, School Business Advisory

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer

DISTRICT SUPPORT

Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

As part of the Annual Budget Study session cycle, Ms. Key presented information on designated budgets for the Board's review and discussion. Ms. Key explained that the preliminary budget is based on the state budget presented by the Governor in January. Even though the State is projecting a 2.51% COLA, VCOE's LCFF revenue is hold harmless so funding will remain the same with no additional revenue. Changes to the budget include: Salary step and column increases; a 10% increase in Health insurance premiums; and an indirect cost rate for 2018-19 of 9%. PERS and STRS contributions will increase. PERS contributions were projected to be 17.7% but the actual proposed increase will be 18.3%. STRS contributions will increase to 16.28%. This amount is set in statute. Carryover funds are not shown at this point in the budget cycle.

School Board Budget. The only anticipated change will be the slight increase in health benefit premiums.

Categorical Programs. These budgets have restricted funding. RSDSS and Title III funding have been removed for a reduction of approximately \$1.2 million. Expenditures will be reduced. Changes in revenue include Energy Program funding.

The RSDSS program passes through \$4 million to local school districts. VCOE maintains oversight of the program.

Early Childhood Programs. Only minor adjustments to this budget.

Educator Support Services. Change to the revenue is based on students (teacher candidates) enrolled in the program. Expenditures are in line with projected revenues. This program does have some carryover funds. The reduction in costs of supplies reflects the transition to online submission of documents.

Charter School Support. This program is a wonderful resource for the local charter schools and for other agencies. This program is stable. Charter Schools pay at 2% fee for the oversight work.

Student Competitions. This budget is steady.

SELPA. Restricted dollars are received for all special education programs. Revenues are then distributed to school districts. When there are carryover funds, they are distributed to school districts the following year. This leads to a deficit spending. Expenses for the Triton School relocation are included in the current year budget. SELPA has paid \$1.5 million for these expenses.

Facilities. Funds are used for the ongoing operations and maintenance of VCOE buildings. The State requires that 3% of funds are spent to maintain buildings. State bond funding is now available and VCOE is in the process of completing the requirements to receive the funding for our new Special Education facility.

Technology Services. Funded through the State and also by direct billing to the local school districts. VCOE does not anticipate any change in the services provided.

Ms. Ulrich questioned at what point will VCOE consider amending the health care options. Ms. Key responded that health benefits are part of the bargaining process. The Affordable Care Act will affect this as well. VCOE continues to strive to minimize the cost of health care premiums by encouraging staff towards healthy life styles.

This item was presented for information only.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Dr. Lisagor reported that the Tri County Education Coalition will hold their Legislative Action Days in May.
2. Dr. Flores reported that CSBA is retooling the Masters in Governance program to include information specific to County Offices. He has been asked to participate on a committee that address this task.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. School Site Safety Plans *(April)*
2. Ventura County Office of Education LCAP Preview and Update *(April-May)*
3. Future Joint Meeting with VCCCD (August 20, 2018).
Ms. Ulrich reported that she and Mr. Mantooth met with the Community College District Chancellor and Board President regarding a joint meeting of the two Boards. A preliminary agenda was developed. A meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the new VCCCD Offices, was proposed.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, April 23, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Thursday, May 17, 2018*** *(Budget Study Session)*
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Tuesday, May 29, 2018***
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Approved by Board Action on 4/23/18.

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