

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
June 22, 2015**

**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 No. 15-12, was called to order by Mr. Dean Kunicki, Board President, at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015, 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 Mr. Kunicki, followed by a moment of reflection.
  
2. Roll Call  
Trustees Present:  
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1  
Marty Bates, Area 2  
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3  
Dean Kunicki, Area 4  
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5  
  
VCOE Personnel Present:  
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services  
Dr. Valerie Chrisman, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal & Administrative Services  
Dr. Tiffany Morse, Director, Career Education  
Emily Mostovoy, Director, Special Education  
  
Nancy Akkerman, Executive Assistant
  
3. Approval of Agenda  
Dr. Rice noted that Agenda Item L.1 is an Action item, and Agenda Item L.4 was withdrawn by the petitioner. Dr. Lisagor moved the agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (5:0).

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**C. HEARINGS**

None.

**D. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**E. PRELIMINARY**

None.

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

1. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended a Providence Graduation on June 16, 2015, and an Advocacy Skills workshop in Goleta which was co-sponsored by the Tri-County Education Coalition.
2. Dr. Flores reported that he participated in the CCBE Legislative Committee conference call.
3. Mr. Kunicki noted that he plans to attend that Gateway Recovery Classroom graduation on June 24, 2015.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Rice thanked the Board and staff for supporting the many graduation events.

**I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

None.

**J. CONSENT/ACTION**

1. Travel Expense Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates

Mr. Bates moved the Board approve Consent Items 1 and 2. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously (5:0).

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Career Pathways Trust Grant Update  
Dr. Rice reported that the Office has received an additional \$10 million Career Pathways Trust Grant (Round 2) to continue the work of this grant. Dr. Morse presented an update on progress made on the implementation of the Career Pathways Trust Grants Round 1 and 2. Dr. Morse noted that the work of the grant has expanded. VC Innovates serves 7 school districts (now 8 school districts); 22 schools (now 55 schools), offering 74 pathways (now 221 pathways). Dr. Morse distributed a handout showing the various industry sector pathways that are offered and at which school districts.

Round 1 of the Career Pathways Trust Grant was \$13.2 million. Round 2 added \$10 million to expand and enhance the work of Round 1. The same three goals exist for the grant – to build robust partnerships; to better prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace (a National Career Readiness Certificate has been added as a result of Round 2); and to improve student transition into postsecondary education, training and employment in Ventura County.

Round 2 funds will be used to provide Naviance - a college and career readiness platform which includes get focused, stay focused career curriculum which starts in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and provides a 10 year plan for students; Math Practices for College and Career Bridge which provides students with the math courses that they need for their field and allows the student to take the course in the summer before entering community college. In addition, Round 2 funds will be used to hire a Special Populations Coordinator to assist in making sure all students know the options for special population (special education, foster, migrant, alternative education and homeless) students.

A summary of the first year includes: 31% of the career pathways were implemented. During these efforts, 6,624 career connections (connections between student and business) were made; resulting in 81,942 hours spent with students and business. In year 2, 91% of the 221 pathways will be provided. 79,488 career connections will be made in year 3.

First year successes include partnerships developed among adult education, high school, and community college teachers and businesses; entree to employment events – employers meeting with students over dinner – have been provided; curriculum has been developed and determinations as to how it ties to the industry sectors have been made; and links from high school to community college from the high school are in place. The connections made with teachers outside their schools have been extremely beneficial. Career Technical Education is being brought to the forefront.

Opportunities for growth include building team capacity (hiring another curriculum specialist); marketing for business partnerships (there has been an excellent response); continuing to have teachers build time into their curriculum for discussions of career education; accountability with districts, money has to be tied to doing appropriate work; data collection; and reaching out to special populations. Career Education Trust Grant website is: [www.vcinnovates.org](http://www.vcinnovates.org).

Mr. Kunicki asked if Dr. Morse could attend local school district Board meetings to share information on this grant. Dr. Morse noted that she can and does.

Dr. Lisagor questioned efforts towards middle school and special populations. Dr. Morse explained that if a middle school has time in the students' schedule for an elective class, a career connect course is provided. If the schedule does not allow, work is done with teachers to integrate a project into their curriculum.

VC Innovates facilitates designing the curriculum unit which is often directed towards a career option that the feeder high school provides. For alternative school students, The grant can fund up to six full time equivalency teachers who will travel throughout the County to teach courses. Classes are designed to provide certificates in a shorter timeframe.

Dr. Flores questioned the summer bridge program. He suggested that offering the course at the college would expose the students to the college environment which would be very beneficial.

Dr. Lisagor asked if there were paid internships for students who would normally be working during the summer. Dr. Morse noted that they continue to look into this.

Mr. Bates asked how this information on these programs is shared with the local school districts. Dr. Morse explained that monthly leadership team meetings are held. Each district and college sends a representative. These meetings started with 15 people attending and have now grown to 55 attendees. The website includes a portal for sharing information. Dr. Morse and the Industry Liaisons are always out, meeting with the school districts. VC Innovates is also considering hiring site liaisons at each school site who would receive a small stipend for sharing information on the grant and its opportunities.

Dr. Morse noted that a NASA Space Act Agreement is being prepared which will allow NASA to provide students with directions and the necessary materials to manufacture parts for the International Space Station. The parts are manufactured by the students and then shipped back to NASA and installed on the ISS.

Dr. Rice pointed out that the Community College District was the LEA for Round 1 of the grant. The Ventura County Office of Education is now the LEA for Round 2. Dr. Rice shared that last week Dr. Morse was honored with a Youth Collaboration award by the Workforce Investment Board.

## **L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

### **1. Adoption of Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (VCOE LCAP)**

Dr. Rice reported that in accordance with Education Code 52062, a Public Hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments regarding the proposed VCOE LCAP was held on June 15, 2015. Dr. Rice provided an update on the VCOE LCAP – page 47 was revised to include updated information on the GED. 59 takers passed the test and although this does not equal the 2% goal, there were also fewer people taking the test. Dr. Lisagor moved the Board approve the Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan as presented. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (5:0).

2. Adoption of the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund

Ms. Key reported that there have been no changes to the Budget since it was presented at the Public Hearing held in conjunction with a Public Hearing on the VCOE LCAP on June 15, 2015.

Mr. Bates moved the Board adopt the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund as presented. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (5:0).

3. Review of 2015-16 Courses of Study for Court & Community Schools, Special Education and Career Education Center

Dr. Rice reviewed the Court & Community Schools, Special Education, and Career Education Center Programs 2015-16 Courses of Study. These Courses of Study are being presented for the Board's biennial review and requested adoption on July 27, 2015. A copy of the Career Education Course catalog was distributed.

Ms. Mostovoy reported that staff's review of the Courses of Study included a determination of if the courses were relevant and aligned with Common Core and how instruction is provided to students. Course descriptions were changed to reflect whether courses were offered in a group setting (as many of the Special Education courses are). Courses were also changed to align with career pathways. English and Mathematics courses were changed to align to California State Standards. English 8 was changed to align to college career readiness and Common Core requirements.

Dr. Morse noted that the course catalog for career education describes courses offered on site at the Airport facility. Hybrid courses are offered online for those students who do not have room in their schedule. These courses help students have four years of the career pathway experience. Hybrid classes include a pull-back day once every two weeks on their campus. VCOE and school districts coordinate on when that course is held.

The Courses of Study binder contains a listing of all the career education courses offered throughout the County. Work is being done to standardize course names and codes across the county and community college district which will allow data to be more easily tracked. Capstone pathways courses which include an industry certification are being designed. Prerequisites have been determined and approved.

The number of courses that articulate from career education to the community college have grown exponentially. Every pathway has an aligned course at the community college. A draft course catalog has been distributed to counselors.

The number of A-G approved courses has increased from 0 to 13. All courses have been moved to industry certifications. If a student takes a class that articulates and receives a C or better, the student does not have to take the course in the Community College or CSU system, and the student gets college credits. There are also summer school courses being offered one of which is a four week internship.

Dr. Rice noted that copies of the 2015-16 Court & Community Schools, Special Education, and Career Education Center Programs Courses of Study will be available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, Library / Learning Resource Display Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, through their anticipated adoption on July 27, 2015. The Board and general public are encouraged to view these items.

4. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Charter Petition for Opportunities for Learning and Adoption of Timeline for Review  
Per the adoption of the agenda, this item was withdrawn.

#### **M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Ms. Ulrich asked if the Opportunities for Learning Charter Petition will be presented to the Board in the future. Charter School representatives have indicated that they may look at a timeline that could result in adoption in time to open for the 2016-17 school year.

#### **N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Demonstration of BoardDOCS, Electronic Board Agendas and Explanatory Materials (August).
2. Approval of the Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) for No Child Left Behind (August).
3. Possible Endorsement of CCBE Director-at-Large, County (August).
4. One to Two-day VCBE Tour of VCOE Facilities (TBD).

#### **O. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dr. Rice reported that the Office is aware of a possible interdistrict attendance appeal which, if filed, would need to be heard on July 27, 2015. Board members were asked to hold this date. If the meeting is cancelled, notification will be sent to the Board.

Date: Monday, July 27, 2015  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, August 24, 2015  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

***Approved by Board Action on 8/24/2015***

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