

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
May 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 17-05, was called to order by Dr. Ramon Flores, Board President at 8:02 a.m. on Friday, May 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
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Support Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Giselle Bice, Principal, Career Education Center
Kenny Loo, Principal, Gateway and Providence School
Wendy Trafton, Director, Career Pathway Grant
Emily Mostovoy, Executive Director, Special Education
Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction
Dawn Anderson, Director, Comprehensive Health and Prevention Programs
Tom Etchart, Director, Internal Business Services
Rudy Calasin, Budget Manager
Lisa Worsley, Accountant
Peggy White, Special Projects Accountant
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
3. Approval of Agenda.
Mr. Kunicki moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Lisagor 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 April 12, 2017.
Mr. Kunicki moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017 be approved. Mr. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Mr. Kunicki attended the Gateway Student Art Show at the ASC Lobby. He was very impressed with the students.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. State of the Region Reports provided by the VC Civic Alliance were distributed. This report is packed with information on Ventura County including education. Highlights include the need to create more jobs, how hard it is to afford a home, graduation rates have increased at a time when the number of ELL is growing. For our economy, an interesting fact is that the manufacturing sector salaries are the highest at an average of \$170,000 per year.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Travel Expense Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates
3. Disposal of Property
4. Williams Quarterly Report to County Board of Education
5. Notice of Completion for Summer Construction of the Camarillo SE School Phase One Mass Excavation

Mr. Kunicki moved Consent Items 1-3 and 5 be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

Mr. Kunicki requested that item 4, Williams Quarterly Report, be pulled for discussion. Mr. Kunicki questioned if the Williams Lawsuit Settlement information is still posted in each classroom. He is surprised that no reports have been filed. Mr. Mantooth noted that they may not be posted in every school. VCOE still provides visitation each year for those students previously identified as Decile 1-3. The Board receives a yearly report on those activities. Mr. Kunicki moved the Consent Item J.4 be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Acknowledgement of Receipt and Adoption of Timeline for Review of Appeal of the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School Petition

Mr. Mantooth noted that the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School petition has been submitted to the Ventura County Board of Education on appeal, per Education Code 47605, following the denial of the petition by the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees on March 15, 2017. The proposed process and required timeline for reviewing this charter school petition on appeal is as follows:

*Regular Board Meeting, May 12, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Ventura County Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School petition on appeal.*

*Regular Board Meeting, June 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Ventura County Board of Education holds a Public Hearing and hears the staff analysis of the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School petition on appeal.*

*Regular Board Meeting, June 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Ventura County Board of Education takes action to approve or deny the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School petition on appeal.*

Mr. Kunicki moved the Ventura County Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School petition documents and adopt the proposed timeline for the processing of the appeal. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

2. Budget Study Session

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Emily Mostovoy, Executive Director, Special Education

COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Kenny Loo, Principal, Gateway and Providence Schools

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services

CAREER EDUCATION

Wendy Trafton, Career and Technical Education

Dr. Giselle Bice, Career and Technical Education

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH & HEARING

Dawn Anderson, Director, Comprehensive Health and Prevention Programs

Mr. Kunicki moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 a.m., Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

Mr. Mantooth noted that the word impressive is too small for the work that is being done. By statute, the only required work is the education of incarcerated youth. All of the other services provided are based on need.

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

Special Education, Providence, Gateway, Career Education Center, Curriculum and Instruction, Library, CalSAFE, Comprehensive Health and Hearing.

Ms. Key presented information on the employee rate for STRS and PERS. PERS employees hired prior to 2013 contribute 7% of their gross salary; those hired after 2013 contribute 6%. STRS employees hired prior to 2013 contribute 10.25%, after 2013 contribute 9.25%. The trigger date of January 1, 2013 is based on Pension Reform Act. Those hired after 2013 will receive less benefits. Ms. Key distributed a chart illustrating why the rates are going up. There are now less active workers supporting the system. By 2050, there will be one active worker for one retiree. In addition, the interest income rate has dropped.

Governor's May Revise was presented this week. LCFF funding was increased by \$661 million. COLA increased from 1.48 to 1.56%. The concept of a cash deferral has been removed. An additional one time funding allocation of \$750 million for facilities, professional development and teacher induction (COEs are now included) was provided. There is no proposal to change the funding for special education – the Governor wants further studies on this issue.

The assumptions pertaining to the VCOE budgets are included on page 1. The budget includes a 1.48% COLA. The Special Education budget includes the reduction of 2 teaching positions which were accomplished through attrition. The expense for supplies was reduced to reflect the reduction of these two classrooms.

Funding reductions continue for the Medi-Cal Billing program and the restricted portion of the Career Education programs. The fund balances are being spent down.

Providence Court School. Increased attendance has resulted in increased revenue. The addition of an Induction/Transition Specialist (1.0 classified position) is reflected in the expenses.

Gateway. Flat attendance rate proposed. Minor adjustments to staffing have been made.

CEC Restricted. This fund includes the California Career Pathways Trust, Career Incentive Grant and Adult Education Block Grant funds which are starting to diminish - \$5 million and \$1.7 million respectively. Expenses have been reduced to reflect these reductions. Mr. Kunicki asked how these programs will be sustained when the grants run out. Ms. Key noted that districts now receive an allocation in their LCFF formula to provide Career Education services. It is anticipated that districts will contract for the services. We anticipate this will begin in 2020. .

Curriculum & Instruction. Includes revenue based on the workshops provided. This will likely increase as dollars are received.

Library and Learning Resources Display Center. Increased Library Clerk position by 0.5 fte – was originally shared by two departments.

CalSAFE. 100% locally funded

Comprehensive Health and Prevention. This program is transitioning to fee for service.

Mr. Kunicki expressed a concern that VCOE is a statewide leader with many of the programs it offers. Sacramento knows about the programs offered. What is the Office doing to stay in the forefront based on our successes. What can we do to maximize funding. Mr. Mantooth noted that COE are often an afterthought in the budget. CCSESA continues to lobby at the State level. Legislative hearings have been very supportive of the LCAP and Dashboard work that was done by COEs and yet there is no funding for it. The Governor seems to prefer to give the money to school districts. If districts value the work COEs do enough, they will pay COEs to do the work and provide the service. We would prefer to receive base funding to provide the work.

This item was presented for information only.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mantooth noted that the name of the Charter School is actually Options for Youth, not Opportunities for Youth as noted in the agenda. The Board accepted this change.

1. ~~Opportunities~~ **Options** for Youth Charter School
Public Hearing & Staff Analysis (June 19, 2017)
Decision (June 26, 2017)
2. Adoption of Textbooks (*June 19, 2017*)
3. Budget and LCAP
Public Hearing (June 19, 2017)
Adoption (June 26, 2017)
4. Joint meeting with VCCCD (*TBD – September or later*)

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date:	Monday, May 22, 2017
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose:	Regular Meeting of the Board
Date:	Monday, June 19, 2017 (<i>Public Hearing on LCAP and Budget</i>)
Time:	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location:	5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose:	Regular Meeting of the Board
Date:	Monday, June 26, 2017 (<i>Adoption of LCAP and Budget</i>)
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 in honor of Hank Lacayo at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes Approved by Board Action on 5/22/17

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