

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 20, 2016**

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. 16-08, was called to order by Dr. Mark Lisagor, Board President at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2016 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. Lisagor, followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Marty Bates, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1 – *Absent*
Dean Kunicki, Area 4 – *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Present:

Stanley C. Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Dr. Valerie Chrisman, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Emily Mostovoy, Executive Director, Special Education
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction
Ana DeGenna, Director, Curriculum & Instruction
David Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Paula Driscoll, Executive Director, School Business & Advisory Services

Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
Debbie Lopez, Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda.
Dr. Flores moved the agenda be approved. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (3:0), with Mr. Bates, Dr. Flores and Dr. Lisagor voting aye. Ms. Ulrich and Mr. Kunicki were absent.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. PUBLIC HEARING on Appeal of the Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School Petition

On May 23, 2016, the Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School petition was submitted to the Ventura County Board of Education on appeal, per Education Code 47605, following the denial of the petition by the Oxnard School District Board of Trustees on January 19, 2016. Education Code 47605 and Title 5, CCR 11967 stipulate that the County Board must hold a public hearing after receipt of a charter petition and take action to either approve or deny the petition within 60 days of receipt. An accelerated timeline was approved by the Board.

- a. Dr. Lisagor opened the PUBLIC HEARING on Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School Petition at 6:08 p.m. The following members of the public addressed the Board, speaking in support of Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School.

Percy Duran, Attorney; Veronica Gonzalez, Martin Gondola

As not all the speakers had arrived, Dr. Lisagor suspended the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

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- b. Dr. Lisagor reopened the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. The following members of the public addressed the Board, speaking in support of Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School.

Jorge Reyes, Nathalie Azuara, Maria Azuara

Hearing no further comments, Dr. Lisagor closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

2. Presentation by Representatives of Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School and Affected School Districts

Jose Salas, Executive Director and Lead Petitioner for Esperanza Oxnard Academy (EOA) Charter School introduced the Board members, Principal, and founding members in attendance. Mr. Salas then provided a powerpoint presentation on EOA Charter School.

Mr. Salas noted that there is a large population of underserved families that want this charter school in Oxnard. EOA offers a high quality school with a philosophy that is in line with research, based on a proven formula that shows success, and includes an extended school day with individualized programs. The EOA instructional model supports all types of learners – ELL, Gifted, proficient. EOA will offer high quality staff development; is on track with personnel to start the school year; will offer data driven individualized programs for all students; has addressed facility needs; and has established relationship with others who have succeeded in charter schools.

Assessment and Data Collection will be used to develop Individual Learning Plans.

Over 200 hours per year of staff development will be provided, including training for paraprofessionals. Sharing of best practices, grade level meetings, governance will be provided. Teachers will be evaluated. Teacher recruitment has been ongoing and there has been a tremendous response. The EOA Founding team is ready for the challenges of starting a school.

A new facility has been identified. It would be a temporary site, with plans to work in partnership with ACRE Foundation in future years. ACRE will set up the temporary site, develop furniture plans, without this coming from the start up funds.

Finances. Startup budget was not capitalized and included student and teacher furniture and technology expenses. Instructional materials were also included. Staff related start-up costs were also included in the 3000 series. Special Education funding did include \$142,000 which they now know will not be provided in the first year. Even with removing that revenue, EOA will still have a surplus budget.

Benefits of the Blended program include: departmentalized teaching allows for learning at a deep level. The 100 minute sessions along with the different pullouts in the lab creates chunks of quality learning throughout the day. Music, PE will be taught by experts. 21st Century learning created by the lab prepares students for the testing. The leadership team has done this before and would appreciate the opportunity to provide a quality program in Oxnard.

Dr. Cesar Morales, Superintendent, Oxnard School District, stated that he has reviewed the VCOE Staff analysis of the EOA Charter School and it was in line with the findings of the Oxnard School District analysis. He asked that the Board strongly consider the concerns raised by VCOE staff. Charter Schools offer a great option for those programs that are functioning well; however, the concerns regarding the significant growth as well as other areas identified in the analysis are common to the concerns of Oxnard School District.

This item was presented for information only.

3. Staff Analysis of Charter Petition for Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School
Mr. Urias reported that on May 23, 2016, the Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School petition was submitted to the Ventura County Board of Education on appeal, following the denial of the petition by the Oxnard School District Board of Trustees on January 19, 2016. VCOE staff has concluded its review of the Esperanza Oxnard Academy Charter School petition, and a summary of the results and comments are provided in the Review Matrix.

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

Dr. Flores questioned the facility. What is the zoning for the proposed site at 1600 High Avenue. Mr. Salas responded that the location is zoned C-2 which can include a commercial school. There is a preschool operating across the street. The City has indicated that a charter school could occupy that facility. They understand that working with the zoning issue could take up to 6 months. They have identified two temporary sites to start the school year. In addition, EOA has contracted with ACRE Education who provide turn-key real estate solutions for charter schools. ACRE would locate a facility for the first year until EOA can build a facility. Their preferred location is in the Colonia area.

Dr. Flores asked if EOA would be providing transportation. EOA has discussed this issue, and feel the parents are willing to provide transportation and have the funds be spent on the school itself. In their experience in Arvin, the parents were willing to provide transportation. If they find there is a need, they could also provide bus passes.

Meals will be provided for students who qualify for free and reduced. Although the facility will not have its own kitchen, EOA plans to outsource to a company that will provide healthy meals for students.

Dr. Flores stated that Ventura Charter School draws from Ventura Unified which has 18,000 students and is close in size to Oxnard School District which has 17,000 students. The student enrollment at Ventura Charter School has remained steady at 300; is the projected growth to 700 realistic? Mr. Salas noted that without any advertisement, they have already received 200 applications. There are also permits to add 275 units of housing a block and a half away.

Dr. Flores questioned the probability of every student receiving a house visit every year. Are the teachers aware of this expectation? Mr. Salas responded that every student will have an Individualized Learning Plan and receive a house visit. As a new charter school it is important to establish a culture of learning and connection with families. Teachers would be sent in pairs, at certain times of the day. Visits may have to be done in a public location or at the school itself. Teachers are aware of the extended school day, and the required home visits. Stability of teachers is crucial and EOA will support them as they develop relationships with the students and families.

There is a software component to the EOA instructional program. What is the expectation of parents for technology in their home? Mr. Salas stated that the expectation is to have students at school, in uniform. Homework will be less due to the longer school day. Parents will not be required to provide technology.

The Board took a 5 minute break at 7:38 p.m.

4. Public Hearing on Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (VCOE LCAP)

- a. Dr. Lisagor opened the PUBLIC HEARING on the VCOE LCAP at 7:44 p.m. Hearing no Public Comments, Dr. Lisagor closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Mostovoy introduced the LCAP Team members. Stakeholder engagement was critical to this process. A robust system to engage partners was put in place which resulted in a 12% increase in survey cards submitted this year. Input was also received from community agencies – local law enforcement, CDE, probation, CRLA, public defender's office. VCOE LCAP team was integral in supporting these efforts.

Areas of Significant Progress include facilities improvements, expansion of career education opportunities, technology implementation, support for English Learners, Socio-Emotional support for students, professional development for staff, and parental and community involvement - although this is an area where continued efforts are needed.

Areas for Continued Growth have been identified. There was not as much progress as hoped in reducing student referrals. Work will continue with Positive Behavioral Intervention (CHAMPS) and Restorative practices. Academic achievement and skills attainment; attendance; and infusion of project based learning to support California Standards mastery; are all areas identified for additional efforts.

The five goals will continue in 2016-17. This year an Executive Summary was included in the LCAP and new action and services are being identified, including: improving the SARB process, extended year and after school enrichment programs, career education, improved referral and intake process at Gateway, and the development of a transportation plan for foster youth.

This item was presented for information only. The VCOE LCAP will be presented for adoption on June 27, 2016.

5. Public Hearing on the 2016-17 County Schools Service Fund Budget

- a. Dr. Lisagor opened the PUBLIC HEARING on the 2016-17 County Schools Service Fund Budget at 7:59 p.m. Hearing no Public Comments, Dr. Lisagor closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Key noted the new charts which begin on page 3 which shows General fund revenues by sources of funding. Page 4 reflects expenditures by program or major department. Page 5 shows how much is spent on separate areas, i.e. salaries and benefits which make up 58% of expenditures.

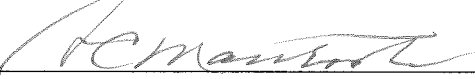
P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Flores requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in remembrance of the Orlando victims. Dr. Lisagor adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

7/25/16
Date


Dr. Mark Lisagor, Board President

6/27/16
Date


Stan Mantooth, Ex-Officio Secretary and
Executive Officer of the Board

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