

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Special Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda 18-02, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 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
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
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Joe Mendoza, Director, Special Populations (*Acting as Interpreter*)
Steven Montanez, Attorney, Parker & Covert
3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Bates moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the Board meeting into Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

1. Expulsion Appeal Case No. 1801E

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION / PRELIMINARY

Ms. Ulrich reconvened the Board meeting into Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

1. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
Mr. Bates moved the Board deny Expulsion Appeal Case No. 1801E and uphold the expulsion. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

Ms. Ulrich stated that the Board has reviewed the arguments of both parties and reviewed all documents submitted for the appeal. This has been a very difficult decision to make; however, after careful deliberations, the Board has decided to uphold the expulsion and deny the appeal in accordance with the jurisdictional requirements of the Education Code, and specifically, Education Code 48922.

Despite this determination, the Board is troubled by the manner and method used by the District to manage this expulsion process. Especially as the appellant is a special education student, and the mother has limited English language skills.

Mr. Mantooth noted that the decision of the Board is final. A letter notifying the appellant and respondent of this vote will be distributed to all parties.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Board Action on 02/26/18.

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