

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 22, 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 17-06, was called to order by Dr. Ramon Flores, Board President at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 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. Ramon Flores, Area 5
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
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 Programs and Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Kenny Loo, Principal, Court & Community Schools
Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction
Dawn Anderson, Director, Comprehensive Health & Prevention Programs
Richard Urias, Director, Charter School Support & Oversight
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Mantooth reported that Agenda Item C.1, Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 1701, is being tabled to June 19, 2017, in hopes that the full Board will be in attendance. Mr. Kunicki moved the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0). Mr. Bates was absent

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mr. Urias introduced Ms. Kelly Simon, Incoming Director of Bridges Charter School. Ms. Simon began her career as a classroom teacher, and was recently a trainer of teachers at UCSB. She is very experienced in designing curriculum and supports the Whole-Child philosophy of Bridges. Ms. Simon addressed the Board.

C. HEARINGS

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 1701
GOCHUICO (Simi Valley Unified School District)
Tabled until June 19, 2017 when the full Board will be in attendance.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017
Ms. Ulrich moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017 be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a 3:0:1 vote, with Ms. Ulrich, Dr. Lisagor and Dr. Flores voting aye; Mr. Kunicki abstaining; Mr. Bates was absent).
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 12, 2017
Mr. Kunicki moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2017 be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Gray Duffy, LLP, sent to Dr. Rice and cc'd to Board Members, regarding VCOE Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement. Response from Jackson Parham, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo, included.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Flores reported that he attended the Teacher Induction Ceremony for 244 teachers. It was an excellent event. He also attended the CSUCI culmination where Mr. Mendoza, Director of Migrant Education for VCOE, was given an honorary degree.

He plans to attend the ACE Charter School, Phoenix, Gateway, CEC and Boswell end of year events.
2. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended the Teacher Induction Culmination event. He also attended the CSBA and CCBE Board and Delegate meetings. In both meetings, there was extensive discussion about how to reach out to the public regarding the needs for COEs. CSBA is heavily involved in the conversation about CalSTRS and PERS. There is a big push to do a lot of work educating the public regarding these issues. CCBE is collaborating with CCSESA in advocacy efforts.
3. Ms. Ulrich reported that CCBE has chosen the keynote speaker for the Fall Conference. Ms. Ulrich plans to attend the CEC and Providence Graduations on June 6th and the Phoenix graduations on June 7th.
4. Mr. Kunicki noted that he is doing a presentation on flat funding for COEs. There is an ongoing effort on many fronts to correct this.
5. Mr. Kunicki requested a congratulatory letter to Mr. Mendoza be drafted.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. School Accountability Report Cards
2. 2017-18 School Year Calendars for VCOE operated Court & Community Schools and Special Education Program
3. 2017-18 Consolidated Application Reporting System, Winter 2016 Data Collection.
4. Allocation of Federal Forest Reserve Funds
5. Renewal of Retainer Agreement for 2017-19 with Parker & Covert, LLP.

Ms. Ulrich requested that Agenda Item J.5 be pulled for discussion. Ms. Ulrich asked how many hours the office is utilizing for Parker & Covert on a yearly basis.

Mr. Mantooth explained that this firm is used primarily for Expulsion Hearings and their fees are in line with other law offices. Ms. Ulrich moved that Consent Item 5 be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4:0.

Ms. Ulrich moved that Consent Items 1-4 be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on Ventura County Office of Education LCAP
Dr. Rice reviewed a powerpoint presentation on the 2017-18 LCAP. This presentation focuses on the goals, actions and services.

Goal 1: Improved Student Achievement in all academic areas

Increase access to standards, increase career readiness and CEC coursework completion; credit recovery options so students are better able to graduate; high school equivalency test preparation; targeted support for EL students. Provide Foster Youth with access to AB216 state minimum graduation accommodations; continued access to fully credentialed teachers. The programs are at 100% in some of these areas.

Goal 2: Increase and improve school safety climate

Increase school attendance by providing social activities including service learning, intramural sports and others; increased school safety; maintain counselor ratios of no more than 150:1; facilities are in great shape. Gateway has had the welcome room updated and the food service area has been overhauled to look like a French Bistro.

Goal 3: Increase collaborative partnerships and parental involvement

Increasing parent involvement is extremely hard. Parents are now attending school events, but getting them to participate on parental committees is very hard. Changes include providing transportation to many of the parental committee meetings and an update of the all-call system so parents could be reached easier.

Goal 4: Coordinate Services for Expelled Youth

Excellent teamwork with behavioral health services, ensuring that Gateway and the rehabilitative services are advised immediately that the student is coming to Gateway; an audit is being developed so targeted assistance can be provided.

Goal 5: Support for Foster Youth

VCOE now has two Foster Youth liaisons. An MOU between all school districts, behavioral health, probation, and other health services agencies to provide transportation to the child's school of origin has been developed. The Office has also worked with the human services agency to facilitate the development of a youth data portal that allows new foster parents to access a foster student's school records.

Mr. Kunicki asked for clarification regarding payment for transportation of foster students. The costs are shared 50/50 between the school of origin and the human services agency or probation. Mr. Mantooth recognized Dr. Rice for his huge effort in developing this MOU between all these agencies.

Dr. Lisagor mentioned that VCOE's program of adding CEC access to the Community School program is a leader in the State. Currently 61% of Gateway students attend CEC courses.

Dr. Flores thanked Mr. Loo and Dr. Rice for their efforts to bring intramural sports to Gateway.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Approval of Material Revision to BRIDGES Charter

Mr. Urias reported that Bridges Charter School is requesting a change to their governance structure to allow board members to serve three year terms. Currently, Bridges has 7-9 board members serving two year terms. This causes a large turnover and a need for additional training every two years. Having Board members serve three year terms would add a degree of stability to the Board. Not only would the Board members serve longer, but only 2-3 Board members would be up for re-election at a time. Board members would be limited to serving three consecutive terms. MATES Board members serve two year terms but they have not historically had a problem with stability. River Oaks Board members serve 3 year terms.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board approve the material revision to the BRIDGES Charter and allow for Bridges' Board Members to serve three year terms.

Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

2. Review of 2017-18 Courses of Study for Court & Community Schools and Special Education

The Court & Community Schools and Special Education Programs 2017-18 Courses of Study are presented for biennial review and requested adoption. The courses of study have remained very consistent. One environmental science course has been added and four courses were deleted due to lack of participation. Copies of the 2017-18 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 the anticipated adoption date of June 26, 2017. The Board and general public are encouraged to view these items. This item was presented for information only.

3. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Facilities

Dr. Castro noted that Board Policy 3153.3, Tobacco-Free Facilities, has been revised based on CSBA suggested policies. The primary change has been in the wording used to define tobacco products.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Facilities. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

Administrative Regulation 3513.3 was included in the explanatory materials for the Board's information.

4. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5131.62, Tobacco

Dr. Castro noted that Board Policy 5131.62, Tobacco, has been revised based on CSBA suggested policies. This policy also addresses student use of tobacco, program evaluation and adopting the program to meet the needs of our students.

Mr. Kunicki moved the Board waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy 5131.62, Tobacco. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0).

5. First Reading and Possible Adoption of Board Policy 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

Board Policy 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction, and its accompanying Administrative Regulation are being proposed in order to comply with recent changes in Education Codes 51930-51939. Upon adoption of Board Policy 6142.1, existing Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.2 will be deleted because the changes were so significant.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board waive the second reading and adopt Board Policy 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction, and delete existing Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.2. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0). Administrative Regulation 6142.1 was included in the explanatory materials for the Board's information.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Kunicki commented that although AIDS is not as much of a problem as it was, he appreciates that schools are staying on top of this issue.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, June 19, 2017 *(Public Hearing on LCAP and Budget)*
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 *(Adoption of LCAP and Budget)*
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, July 24, 2017
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 at 6:55 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 6/19/17.

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