

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board Meeting will be held at the
VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center
Board Room
5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo
(805) 383-1900

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA NO. 09-08

Date: Monday, April 27, 2009

OPEN SESSION: 6:00 p.m. ±

Times are approximate and are provided for convenience only.
Open Session items may be re-ordered.

**Speaker requests will be accepted 5 minutes prior to the item coming up on the agenda.
Adjournment will be no later than 9:00 p.m. (Unless extended by Board Action)**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
Moment of Reflection.
2. Roll Call and Acknowledgment of Guests.
3. Approval of Agenda.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 9, 2009.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence addressed specifically to the Ventura County Board of Education. Correspondence addressed to individual Board members will be delivered/mailed to them directly.)

1. Federal Update from California County Superintendents' Lobbyist

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

(Reports by Board members regarding their individual activities affecting the Office pursuant to Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a)).

1. Upcoming Events
June 3, 6:00-8:00 pm.....ROP Graduation, Camarillo High School

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(The Superintendent will report on the activities of the Office and/or other pertinent issues in education.)

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff, may discuss current legislation of particular interest to the Ventura County schools.)

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Travel Expense Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's Travel Expense Claims for March 2009.
2. Temporary County Certificates
Administration recommends the Board approve 64 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
3. Disposal of Property
The 4th Quarter 2008 and the 1st Quarter 2009 Disposal of Property Reports are presented for Board review in accordance with Education Code Section 1279(b).
4. Williams and Valenzuela CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education
The Williams Coordinator for the Ventura County Office of Education presents the quarterly report for January 1, 2009 – March 31, 2009, which shows no complaints filed during this period.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. School Accountability Report Cards – INFORMATION (20 minutes)
Beginning with the 1989-90 school year, Proposition 98 required the governing board of California school districts to annually issue a School Accountability Report Card for elementary and secondary schools under their jurisdiction. These Report Cards are presented in a State directed format, and are designed to inform the public on specific items defined by legislation as well as any other data about the schools that the principal feels is important for their community to know. The 2007-08 School Accountability Report Cards are presented for information.

2. 2009-10 School Year Calendars for VCOE operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
The Ventura County Office of Education operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program are housed in a variety of locations throughout the county. Due to testing, graduation, professional development, and numerous vacation schedules throughout the county, staff has made every effort to align start and stop dates as closely to that of their home districts as possible. Administration recommends the Board approve the 2009-10 School Year Calendars for the Ventura County Office of Education operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program.

3. Continued Ventura County Board of Education Study Session: Setting of Board Goals & Objectives – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (2 hours)
On February 23, 2009, the Board participated in a study session for setting of Board Goals and objectives. Mr. Jackson Parham, local attorney, acted as facilitator. During the discussion it was determined that further data was needed. It is anticipated that the County Superintendent will review the 15 areas of focus for the Office, and identify how the Board can help in reaching these goals. In addition, Mr. Parham will distill the comments provided by the Board, and provide information to Board members. Board members are to identify specific areas they would like to address further or that would have a detailed / specific cause and effect at the local level. Based on the responses, the Board may then develop of list of objectives for the future.

4. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Statements provided by Mr. Henry Kraft, Board Legal Counsel, for services rendered during March 2009, including Fillmore Unified School District litigation, and Expulsion Appeal Case No. 09-01, are presented for the Board's information

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2(a) states: "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.")

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Per Board Policy 9320, the Superintendent [as Ex-Officio Secretary of the Board], in conjunction with the Board President, shall prepare the Agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Board. Board members may request items be placed on the agenda by notifying the Superintendent of the request at least 12 days prior to the date of the next scheduled meeting. The Superintendent and the Board President shall review the requested agenda items and determine the items to be placed on the agenda. Any requested agenda item not placed on the agenda by the Superintendent and Board President may be brought to the next Board meeting. The majority vote of the Board shall determine if the item will be placed on a future agenda.)

None.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Friday, May 8, 2009 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Tuesday, May 26, 2009***
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, June 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 22, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

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1. Conejo Valley Unified School District, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks
2. Ojai Unified School District, 414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai
3. Oxnard School District, 1051 S. A Street, Oxnard
4. Santa Paula School District, 201 S. Steckel Drive, Santa Paula
5. Simi Valley Unified School District, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley
6. Ventura Unified School District, 255 West Stanley Avenue, Ventura

Copies of specific explanatory materials can be requested by contacting the office at (805) 383-1900.