

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board Meeting will be held
at the Administrative Services Center, Conejo Room
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo
(805) 383-1900

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA NO. 06-01

Date: January 13, 2006

OPEN SESSION 8:00 a.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 10:00 a.m.

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

(Speaker request forms will only be accepted up to 15 minutes after opening call to order.)

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

None.

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. Letter from Dick Jaquez, Vice-President, Oxnard Union High School District Board, dated January 3, 2006, regarding action taken by the Ventura County Board of Education on December 28, 2005.
2. Letter from Thomas M. Griffin, Attorney, Oxnard Union High School District, dated December 23, 2005, regarding Proposed Waiver of Education Code Section 35803.
3. Letter from Vista Real Charter High School, dated December 19, 2005, regarding new information brochure and written complaints expressed by students and parents regarding information received from OUHSD.
4. Minutes of December 1, 2005 meeting of Governing Board of Vista Real Charter High School, Inc.
5. Letter from SAGE, dated December 6, 2005, regarding charter school petition.
6. Ventura County School Boards Association Newsletter and Dinner Meeting Announcement for January 30, 2006.
7. CCBE Announcement of *Effective Governance* Workshop, March 17, 2006.

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
 January 19, 2006 Ventura County and the National Economy, Spanish Hills
 January 30, 2006 VCSBA Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 February 4 Masters in Governance, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 February 27 – March 1 Mock Trial, VC Govt Center
 March 18-21 CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Spring Conference, Sacramento
 March 25 Masters in Governance, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 April 27 STAR Scholar Awards (Save the Date)
 May 3 Impact II Teacher Recognition (Save the Date)

H. PRESENTATIONS

None.

I. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Petition to State Board of Education to enable the Ventura County Board of Education to take over the duties of the County Committee on School District Organization – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Per the Board's direction, a petition was submitted to the State Board of Education to transfer the duties of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the Ventura County Board of Education, in accordance with Education Code Sections 4020 and 4021. Further information on the process for moving forward is included for informational purposes.
2. Reaffirm Action Taken by Ventura County Board of Education to Transfer the Duties of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the Ventura County Board of Education – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
On May 23, 2005, the Ventura County Board of Education moved to petition the State Board of Education requesting the duties and powers of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization be transferred to Ventura County Board of Education, and that a date be stipulated following a decision by the County committee under the current AB780 review process. It was also determined that the County Board would not petition the State Board of Education until the current analysis of the Camarillo Unification, based on the City Council petition, was complete. This did not include the election, but as soon as the County Committee determined whether the unification issue goes to election or not. In light of the recent petition to the State Board of Education, the Board will discuss this action.
3. Reaffirm Action Taken by Ventura County Board of Education regarding Funding for the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
On December 12, 2005, the Ventura County Board of Education approved Budget Revision #1 for the 2005-06 school year. This revision included the creation of a new program, 0966, County Committee on School District Organization. The Board approved a \$100,000 budget for this program. The County Committee had issued contracts to attorneys and consultants in the following "not to exceed" amounts: Attorney, Mr. Fekete, \$10,000; CEQA Attorney, Mr. Kahn, \$5,000; and Dr. Winters, Consultant, \$20,000. Staff indicated that these amounts could increase based on CEQA or litigation. In light of the recent petition to the State Board of Education, the Board will discuss this action.

4. Selection of an Attorney to Represent the Ventura County Board of Education in Matters Relating to School District Organization– *INFORMATION / ACTION* (10 minutes)
Per the request of the Board President, the selection of an attorney to represent the Ventura County Board of Education in matters relating to School District Organization, including the petition to the State Board of Education, will be discussed. Action to be determined by the Board.

5. Adoption of Language Arts Curriculum for Court & Community Schools and the Phoenix Program Character-Based Literacy, Grades 7-12 – *ACTION* (5 minutes)
Character-Based Literacy, a standards based language arts curriculum, is designed to help court and community school educators integrate ethics into the language arts curricula. The program provides detailed lessons plans, literature recommendations, and activities that address ethical questions. Varied literature including plays, novels, short stories and poems are used to teach reading, integrity, self-control, responsibility and respect. Reading lists for all grade levels are provided for the Board's review. The Board's adoption of this curriculum will allow the use of state textbook funds to purchase these materials. The recommended materials have been available for review, at the Administrative Services Center, since December 12, 2005. Administration recommends the Board adopt the Language Arts Curriculum for Court & Community Schools and the Phoenix Program Character-Based Literacy for Grades 7-12.

6. Williams Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education – *INFORMATION* (5 minutes)
Education Code 35186 stipulates that the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. These reports shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Williams Coordinator for the Ventura County Office of Education presents the Quarterly Report for July 1-September 30, 2005 and October 1-December 31, 2005 with zero complaints

7. 2004-05 Audit Report – *INFORMATION / ACTION* (10 minutes)
Administration recommends the Board accept the 2004-05 Audit Report for the Ventura County Office of Education as presented by the auditor.

8. Approval of Board Budget Consultant Agreement for 2005-06 – *INFORMATION / ACTION* (5 minutes)
Staff has prepared an agreement for Board Budget Consultant services, to be provided by Dr. Tom Kimberling, for the 2005-06 fiscal year. The agreement incorporates a maximum amount of \$4,000, per the Board's adopted budget. The Board may approve the contract for ongoing budget consultant services and/or

seek further proposals.

9. Change Order Number One to Viola Constructors for Construction of the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)

Change Order Number One, dated December 12, 2005, is submitted for Ventura County Board of Education review and approval. This change order includes deductive changes, but no additions to the contract with Viola Constructors. This change order includes no request to change contract time. Staff will be available to answer any questions. Administration recommends approval of Change Order Number One to Viola Constructors.

J. 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.")

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(All agenda item requests should be submitted on the form: "Request for Matter to be Placed on Agenda for Ventura County Board of Education Meeting.")

1. Report or Suggested Action from Subcommittee to Research Establishing Task Force to Address County-Wide Gang Prevention and Rehabilitation/Recovery of Gang Members (TBD).
2. VCBE Visioning and Goal Setting, requested by Mrs. Peterson (TBD).

L. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, January 23, 2006
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, February 10, 2006 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, February 27, 2006
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

M. 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

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