

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. 07-02

Date: January 22, 2007

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

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

C. HEARINGS

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 430. (6:00 p.m. – Time approximate).
 RUBIN (Ventura Unified School District)

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.)

None.

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 27 Brown Act Training, 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- January 30 VCSBA Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- February 3-4..... Academic Decathlon, Pacifica High School
- February 26, 27, March 1..... Mock Trial, VC Govt Center
- March 22-25..... CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Annual Conference, Palm Springs
- March 29 VCSBA Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

(The Superintendent will report on the activities of the Office since the previous Board meeting.)

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. Temporary Certificates

Administration recommends the Board approve 289 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Vista Real Charter High School (10 minutes)

Nancy Spencer, Principal, Vista Real Charter High School, will provide information on Vista Real Charter High School’s academic achievement, school statistics, and other pertinent data.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Annual Review of Existing Memorandums of Understanding with the Vista Real Charter High School, Inc. and the School of Arts & Global Education (Ventura Charter) – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (10 minutes)
On July 8, 2005, and July 26, 2006, respectively, the Ventura County Board of Education entered into agreements with Vista Real Charter High School, Inc., and the School of Arts & Global Education (Ventura Charter). These Memorandums of Understanding state that they are to be reviewed annually. At this time, staff has no recommended changes. Copies of the Memorandums of Understanding are included in the explanatory materials for the Board's review.
2. 2006-07 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part 2 – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
The 2006-07 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part 1, was approved by the Board on June 28, 2006. As with Part 1, Part 2 lists the sources of categorical funding that VCSSO schools will use to provide programs and services, specified in the No Child Left Behind Act, to its students in 2006-07. The Consolidated Application will be submitted electronically to the California State Department of Education upon approval. Administration recommends that the Board approve the 2006-07 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part 2.
3. Approval of Gateway and Providence Single Plan for Student Achievement – INFORMATION / ACTION (15 minutes)
The Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is a plan of action developed to raise the academic performance of all students to the level of performance goals established under the California Academic Performance Index (API). The content of the SPSA must be aligned with school goals for improving achievement by implementing strategies that provide all students opportunities to reach proficient and advanced levels of academic achievement, using methods that are based upon scientific research or proven practice. The SPSA must be reviewed annually, data analyzed and the plan updated to include proposed expenditures of funds allocated to the school through the Consolidated Application. The plan must be approved by the School Site Council (SSC) prior to approval by the governing board of the local educational agency. The School Site Council has approved the plan. Administration recommends approval of the Gateway and Providence Single Plan for Student Achievement.

4. Adoption of Science Textbook for Court & Community Schools, Grade 7 – INFORMATION (10 minutes)
The Science textbook for Court & Community Schools, Grade 7, is presented to the Board for review. The textbook recommended is: Focus on California Life Science, Pearson Prentice Hall, copyright 2008. The Board's adoption of this curriculum will allow the use of state textbook funds to purchase these materials. The recommended materials will be available for review in the Administrative Services Center, Upstairs Lobby, 5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, beginning January 17, 2007 and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of February 26, 2007. The Board and general public are encouraged to view these items.

5. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy No. 6020, Parent Involvement – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Board Policy No. 6020, Parent Involvement, has been revised to reflect new law that mandates each district receiving federal Title I, Part A, funds have a written parent involvement policy. Education Code Section 11504 mandates districts to adopt a policy on parent involvement that is applicable to all school programs even if they do not receive Title I funds. Board Policy No. 6020 and its accompanying Administrative Regulation contain language satisfying this mandate. Administration recommends the Board approve revisions to Board Policy No. 6020, Parent Involvement.

6. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy No. 6171, Title I Programs – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6171, Title I Programs, have been revised to reflect new law which supports basic programs designed to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 establishes school eligibility criteria and priorities for funding. Title I funds received by the district must be allocated to eligible schools on the basis of the number of students from low-income families. Title I funds must be used only to supplement, not supplant, funds that would be available from non-federal sources for the education of students participating in Title I. Additionally, the old language on parent involvement has been updated and moved to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation No. 6020. Administration recommends the Board approve revisions to Board Policy No. 6171, Title I Programs.

7. Approval of Educational Broadband Service (EBS) Excess Capacity Lease – INFORMATION / ACTION – (10 minutes)
At its November 27, 2006 meeting, the Ventura County Board of Education took action to move forward in soliciting “best and final” offers from qualified firms for the lease of VCOE’s Excess Broadband Service Capacity. Subsequently, at its December 11, 2006 meeting, the Board approved an award for the lease with Clearwire Spectrum Holdings. Since that time, VCOE staff, with the assistance of Legal Counsel, has negotiated a final contract agreement for lease of the EBS Excess Capacity acceptable to all parties. Staff recommends Board approval to execute and implement the agreement with Clearwire Spectrum Holdings for the EBS Excess Capacity Lease, a copy of which is included in the packet for Board review.
8. Superintendent’s Salary – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
On October 23, 2006, a Subcommittee was established to review the Superintendent’s salary. Per Board Policy No. 2126, the evaluation of the Superintendent’s salary is based upon a review of mutually agreed upon goals set by the Board and Superintendent as well as accomplishments of the Office in meeting those goals. Comparison data from local school districts and Class Three County Superintendents, and information on State-funded and/or negotiated Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) is also reviewed. The Subcommittee will report their recommendation regarding the Superintendent’s Salary.
9. Nominations for CCBE 2006 Legislator of the Year Award – DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)
The California County Boards of Education Legislative Committee is requesting nominations for CCBE 2006 Legislator of the Year Award. A Board resolution or letter of the recommendation (limit one page) must accompany each nomination form. Nominations must be postmarked by February 16, 2007. Action to be determined by the Board.
10. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Board Legal Counsel’s statement for representation of the Ventura County Board of Education in matters relating to School District Organization is attached for the Board’s information and review.

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

(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. Board's Intent to Hire a Lobbyist
(Requested by Mr. Bates / TBD).
2. Discussion of Report on Purchase Orders and Requisitions
(Requested by Mr. Bates / TBD).
3. Collaboration Efforts with Probation and Mental Health Agencies
(Requested by Mrs. Peterson / TBD).
4. Approval of Consortium Application for AB172, PreKindergarten and Family Literacy Program (February 26, 2007).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: **Friday, February 2, 2007**
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, February 26, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

BOLD denotes modified schedule

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.