

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. 07-07

Date: April 13, 2007

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. *(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

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 19, 2007.

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 Carl Olson, dated March 11, 2007, pertaining to the proposed Science textbook
2. Letter from Christine Johnston, dated March 11, 2007, pertaining to the Fillmore Unified School District Inter-District Transfer Policy.
3. Letter from Christine Johnston, dated March 25, 2007, pertaining to the Fillmore Unified School District transfer policies for Performance Improvement Schools. Attachments are available for review in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Individual packets were mailed to each Board member.

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
May 4-6..... Migrant Ed Speech & Debate Tournament, Marriott, Ventura
May 6 ROP Car Show, Airport
May 30 ROP BBQ, Airport
May 30 BTSA Gala, Reagan Library
June 6 ROP Graduation, Camarillo High School, 6:00 p.m.
June 11 Boswell Graduation, 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 351 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
2. Travel Expense Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's Travel Expense Claims for February 2007.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Approval of HIV / AIDS Education Curriculum – INFORMATION / ACTION (15 minutes)
Education Code Section 51934 requires students in grades 7 to 12 to receive AIDS prevention instruction once during middle school and once during high school. This instruction must accurately reflect the latest information and recommendations from the United States Surgeon General, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Academy of Science. Providence, Gateway and Phoenix Schools have selected *Positive Prevention: HIV/STD Prevention Education for California Youth*, produced by the American Red Cross, as the curriculum to fulfill these requirements. The California Department of Education (CDE) recommends *Positive Prevention: HIV/STD Prevention Education for California Youth* which has been field tested throughout the State and complies with all California Education Code related to HIV/AIDS and STD instruction. Administration recommends the Board approve *Positive Prevention: HIV/STD Prevention Education for California Youth* as the HIV/AIDS Education Curriculum for Providence, Gateway and Phoenix Schools.
2. School Safety Plans – INFORMATION (10 minutes)
All Ventura County Office of Education operated schools have established Comprehensive School Safety Plans. In accordance with Board Policy No. 0450, safety plans are reviewed on an annual basis by the school safety planning committee, modified as needed, and changes are approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Changes will be reviewed at the Board meeting. Complete school safety plans will be available for review in the Superintendent's Conference Room for the next 30 days.

3. 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 2005-06 School Accountability Report Cards are presented for information.
4. 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 resolved and unresolved complaints. The report shall be conveyed publicly, 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 January 1, 2007 – March 31, 2007, which shows no complaints filed during this period.
5. Report on Negotiation of Contracts with Lobbyist Firms Capitol Venture, LLC., and Anchor Consulting, LLC. – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
On January 22, 2007, Mr. Valenzano appointed Mr. Kunicki and Mr. Bates to a Subcommittee to research potential lobbyists. On March 9, 2007, the Board authorized the Subcommittee and Dr. Weis to pursue contracts with Capitol Venture, LLC., and Anchor Consulting, LLC., and that following negotiations, the fees be incorporated within the 2006-07 budget. The Subcommittee will report on negotiations to date.
6. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Board Legal Counsel's statement for representation by Terry Filliman, Attorney, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, in matters relating to School District Organization, is attached for the Board's information and review.
7. Discussion of Board Policy No. 6161.1, Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials and Board Policy No. 6144, Reevaluation of Recommended or Adopted Instructional Material – DISCUSSION (5 minutes)
Mr. Bates, Board President, has requested that the Board provide further direction to staff as to possible changes to Board Policy No. 6161.1, Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials and Board Policy No. 6144, Reevaluation of Recommended or Adopted Instructional Material; as requested by Mr. Kunicki.

8. Budget Study Session – INFORMATION (90 minutes)
As provided in the budget calendar, designated budgets for Fund 014 (Juvenile Court Schools), Fund 015 (County Community Schools) and Fund 016 (Regional Occupational Program) are provided for review and discussion.

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. Resolution to Transfer the Duties and Powers from the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the Ventura County Board of Education (April).
2. Report on VCOE Preparedness Plan for Pandemic Avian Flu (Requested by Mr. Kunicki / TBD).
3. EMT Program Offered through ROP (Requested by Mr. Valenzano / TBD).
4. Framework for Developing a Superintendent's Performance Review (TBD).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, April 23, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: **Monday, May 14, 2007** (*All Day Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: **Monday, May 21, 2007**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5189 Verdugo Way, Conejo Room, Camarillo
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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

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