

# 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. 09-13

**Date: Friday, July 10, 2009**

**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**

#### **C. HEARINGS**

None.

#### **D. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**E. PRELIMINARY**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 8, 2009.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 22, 2009.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of June 27, 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. E-mail from Stan Mantooth to Ventura County Board of Education forwarding Ventura County Office of Education correspondence with Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to Board members.
- 2. E-mail from Ken Prosser to Ventura County Committee on School District Organization forwarding information on Draft Response to Grand Jury.

**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  
 CCBE Fall Conference ..... Sept 25-26, Monterey  
 CSBA Annual Conference ..... December 3-5, San Diego

**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. 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 April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009, which shows no complaints filed during this period.

2. Certification of Signatures  
In accordance with Education Code Sections 42632 and 42633, the Board will take action to certify the signatures of those persons authorized to sign orders drawn on the funds of the Ventura County Office of Education, notices of employment, contracts, etc.

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. Opening of 30-Day Review Period for Adoption of Textbooks for County-Operated Schools – INFORMATION-ACTION (10 minutes)

A committee comprised of VCOE administrators and County Operated program teachers has selected their textbooks for Grades 6-8 Social Studies and Language Arts. These materials integrate with the adopted English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculums currently being used. The Middle School textbooks recommended for adoption for the Gateway, Providence, Phoenix and Triton Academy schools are:

**Pearson Prentice Hall:** *Grade Six, Grade Seven, and Grade Eight Social Studies Series*

**McDougal Littell/ Holt:** *California Literature Grades 6-8*

**National Geographic/Hampton Brown:** *Inside Language, Literacy, and Content -Levels A-E (English Learners)*

The recommended materials will be available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Learning Resources Display Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, beginning July 6, 2009, and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of August 14, 2009. The Board and general public are encourage to view these textbooks. Board members will receive copies of student textbooks for their review.

2. Approval of Response to Ventura County 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report – DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)

Per the Board's direction on June 22, 2009, a response to the Ventura County 2008-09 Grand Jury Report titled "School District Administration: Is the Cost Too High?" was drafted and forwarded to all Board members. Penal Code 933(c) requires that the Board respond to the report's recommendations within 60 days of submittal of this report. It is recommended that the Board approve the response to be sent to the Ventura County Grand Jury by July 13, 2009.

3. Resolution No. 09-03 in Support of AB8, Brownley – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)  
This item was tabled from June 22, 2009. The Board will discuss Resolution No. 09-03, in support of Assembly Bill 8 (Brownley). This bill would add Section 41054 to the Education Code, relating to education finance. This bill would require the Director of Finance and the Legislative Analyst to convene a working group to make findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1, 2010, regarding restructuring California's school finance system. The bill would require those findings and recommendations to include, among other things, alternative structures for funding public schools, the policy and fiscal implications of the alternative funding structure or structures, and an evaluation mechanism to facilitate continuous improvement, maximum transparency, and accountability of the funding structures. Action of the Board to be determined.
4. Debriefing on June 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Local School District Board representatives – DISCUSSION / ACTION (15 minutes)  
Per the request of the Board President, the Board will discuss input given at the June 27, 2009 meeting with local school district board representatives.

**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.)*

1. Development of Board Mission Statement (TBD).

**O. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Date: Monday, July 27, 2009  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, August 14, 2009  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, August 24, 2009  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, September 11, 2009  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, September 28, 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.