

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. 07-18

Date: September 24, 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. 461.
 MULBERRY (Fillmore Unified School District)

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 28, 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. Agenda from Tuesday, August 28, 2007 Vista Real Charter High School Governing Board meeting. Additional backup materials are available for the Board's review upon request.

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
CSBA Annual Conference..... San Diego, Nov. 29 – Dec.1, 2007

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 176 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
2. Travel Expense Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's Travel Expense Claims for August 2007.

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on ROP Marketing Program – (15 minutes)
At the request of the Board, the ROP developed and activated a marketing program during the 2006-07 school year. The purpose of this program is to promote ROP within Ventura County and to broaden the public's knowledge of the educational opportunities available to students. ROP staff has prepared a presentation regarding the marketing program and the results achieved to date.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. PUBLIC HEARING and Approval of Resolution 07-03 Regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials – ACTION (10 minutes)
The adoption of Resolution 07-03 is necessary in order to continue to receive State textbook and instructional materials funding. Resolution 07-03 reflects VCOE's determination to provide its students with sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education in the core subjects of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Science and Science. Education Code Section 60119 requires each school district to take the following steps to meet the requirements of law:
 - a. PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 07-03 regarding the sufficiency/insufficiency of instructional materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422(b).
 - b. Adoption of Resolution 07-03 regarding sufficiency/insufficiency of instructional materials.

Administration recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 07-03 regarding the sufficiency/insufficiency of instructional materials.

2. Discussion of Possible Contract of Board Legal Counsel for General Education Issues – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
On September 14, 2007, the Board discussed the possibility of contracting with new legal counsel to address special issues as required by the Board, as needed, or as directed by the Board or Board Subcommittee as authorized by the Board President. Mr. Hayashida, of Parker & Covert, LLP., will be in attendance to present his written proposal. Board members may also invite other interested attorneys to provide the Board with a written proposal, including fee schedule, for the Board to review. The Board will discuss the possibility of contracting with legal counsel to address general education issues as needed.

3. Report on EMT Program Offered through the Regional Occupational Program – INFORMATION (15 minutes)
The Regional Occupational Program has been studying the feasibility of offering an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program. EMT programs are taught in progressive levels beginning with EMT – Basic, and culminating at EMT - Paramedic. Staff has conducted interviews with other ROPs and private schools that offer the EMT programs; reviewed Title 22 and other legal requirements for EMT programs, and obtained samples of curriculum for the various levels of EMT training. ROP staff has prepared a summary of their findings for the Board review.
4. Resolution No. 07-04 Gann Limit Recalculation for 2006-07 and Estimated Limit for 2007-08 – ACTION (5 minutes)
In November 1979, Proposition 4, commonly called the Gann Amendment, was adopted, establishing maximum appropriation limitations for public agencies, including school districts. Administration recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 07-04, identifying the 2006-07 actual Gann appropriation limit and the 2007-08 estimated appropriation limit calculations, as presented.
5. Upcoming State Board of Education Hearing on Transfer of the Duties and Powers of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the Ventura County Board of Education – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
The SBE has received the request of the County Board to transfer the duties and powers of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization to the County Board. The SBE will hear the County Board’s request at its November 2007 meeting. The Office has received and responded to a request for information regarding this proposed transfer of duties and powers including: more detailed information on historical school district organization in Ventura County; and any information that represents the County Committee’s perspective on the County Board’s request. Staff will provide a copy of the response submitted.
6. Ratification of 2007-08 Organizational Goals & Objectives – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
On August 28, 2007, the Superintendent presented the Goals and Objectives for the Office for 2007-08. Board provided additional input. The Superintendent will present the revised Goals and Objectives for 2007-08 for ratification.
7. Board Legal Counsel, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Board Legal Counsel, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo’s statement for services is attached for the Board’s information and review.

8. Nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large, American Indian and Black – DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)
The California Schools Boards Association is requesting nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large, American Indian and Black. Nominations must be postmarked by September 28, 2007. A signed nomination form and two letters of recommendation must accompany each nomination form. Action to be determined by the Board.
9. Nominations for CCBE County Office of Education Exemplary Program Award – DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)
The California County Boards of Education Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the County Office of Education (COE) Exemplary Program Award. Deadline for submission of applications is November 30, 2007. Action to be determined by the Board.

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. Formal Relationship between NAI Capital, Commercial Real Estate Services, and the County Board of Education (Requested by Mr. Valenzano, TBD).
2. Report from Board Subcommittee on Teacher Housing (Requested by Mr. Kunicki / TBD).
3. Board Policy on Actions of Subcommittee Members (Requested by Mr. Kunicki / TBD).
4. Report from Capitol Venture, LLC (requested by Mrs. Peterson / TBD).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Friday, October 12, 2007
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: **Tuesday, October 23, 2007**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board 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

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