

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. 07-21

Date: November 26, 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. 465.
Mulberry (Fillmore Unified School District)
2. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 466.
Knapp (Hueneme School District)

D. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (a)
Case No. 56-2007-00303071-CU-WM-VTA
Petition for Writ of Administrative Mandamus and Complaint for Declaratory Relief, filed by Fillmore Unified School District.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 2007.
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 24, 2007.
3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 12, 2007.
4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 23, 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. October 24, 2007 letter from Conejo Unified School District inviting Board members to participate as a judge for the “Seventh Annual We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution simulated congressional Hearings” scheduled for December 10 and December 11, 2007.
2. October 24, 2007, E-mail from Diana Narvaez, CSBA, titled, “California County Boards of Education’s New Web site is Live!”
3. October 30, 2007, E-mail from Scott Wilk, Anchor Consulting, LLC., titled, “Today’s L.A. times story on NCLB.”
4. On October 15, 2007, per the request of Mr. Valenzano, the Board sent a letter to the County Committee requesting to receive copies of all future meeting agendas, explanatory materials and correspondence of the County Committee. The resulting correspondence that has been received to date is included in the Board packet.

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

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education (25 minutes)
Mary Galvin, Director of Operations, Ventura Charter School, will present an overview of Ventura Charter's accomplishments during its inaugural school year of 2006-2007, as well as its goals and objectives for the current school year. Cindy Hansen, Business Services Authority, will present the school budget report.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. 2006-07 Audit Report – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Administration recommends the Board accept the 2006-07 Audit Report for the Ventura County Office of Education as presented by the auditor.
2. Annual Review of Williams Lawsuit Settlement Countywide Visitations Report INFORMATION (10 minutes)
Education Code 1240, as modified by the Williams Lawsuit Settlement, requires that the County Superintendent visit schools in Ventura County that were ranked in Deciles 1-3 on the 2003 API, and report to the County Board the results of these visits. The purpose of the visits are to determine if students have sufficient standards-aligned instructional materials, if there are any facility conditions that pose an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff, if all schools have provided accurate data on the annual school accountability report card and to annually monitor and review teacher misassignments and teacher vacancies. A summary report that reflects the findings of the Office from school visits conducted is included in the explanatory materials. Our visits showed that the students of Ventura County did have access to sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials and that school facilities were safe, clean and functional.

3. Approval of Gateway Community School as a Title 1 Schoolwide Program - INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
Gateway Community School is presently a Title 1 Targeted Assistance School. As a Targeted Assistance School, only identified students who meet specific criteria can receive services funded through Title 1, Part A. Gateway Community School student enrollment data now indicates that the program meets and exceeds the 40 percent threshold of students from families at the poverty level and is eligible to become a Title 1 Schoolwide Program. Administration recommends the Board approve Gateway Community School as a Title 1 Schoolwide Program.
4. Approval of Revised Gateway Community School Single Plan for Student Achievement – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 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 School Site Council has approved the plan, which must be done prior to approval by the governing board of the local educational agency. Administration recommends approval of the Gateway Single Plan for Student Achievement.
5. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy No. 1312.3, Implementing the Uniform Complaint Procedures – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Board Policy 1312.3, Implementing the Uniform Complaint Procedures, has been revised to reflect mandated language required by the California Department of Education. Board Policy 1312.3 defines the process used to address all complaints which allege that the Ventura County Office of Education has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. During the Coordinated Compliance Monitoring audit, it was determined that no policy items were non-compliant. However, the CDE has further reviewed this policy and notified VCOE that additional language needed to be reflected in the policy. Corresponding Administrative Regulations and Exhibits are included for the Board's information. Administration recommends the Board waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy No. 1312.3 Implementing the Uniform Complaint Procedures.
6. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
The August and September statements for services, provided by Board Legal Counsel, Don Hurley, pertaining to Interdistrict Attendance Appeals and the Fillmore Lawsuit, are attached for the Board's information and review.

7. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
The September and October statements for services, provided by Board Legal Counsel, John Hayashida, pertaining to the Writ of Mandamus and other education issues, are 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

(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. Re-evaluation of Anchor Consulting Contract (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 1/11/08).
2. Termination of Contract with Capital Venture (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 1/11/08).
3. Form for Board Input on Goal 5, Objective B (requested by Mr. Bates, TBD).
4. New Certificate of Appreciation (requested by Mr. Kunicki, TBD).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, December 10, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Board meetings are recorded by audio tape pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.5(b). Auxiliary aids and services include a wide range of services and devices that promote effective communication for individuals with disabilities. If you require such assistance, please notify this office at (805) 383-1900 as soon as possible or ***at least 48 hours prior to any meeting.*** We will make every effort to give primary consideration to expressed preferences or provide equally effective means of communication to ensure equal access to Ventura County Office of Education programs and events.

The agenda is posted for minimum of 72 contiguous hours prior to Board meeting dates at the entrance to the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Way, Camarillo. A full agenda packet, with explanatory materials, is available for public review at this location. The agenda is also posted at the following locations, and on the Internet at <http://www.vcoe.org>.

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.