

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
January 30, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Special Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 08-03, was called to order by Mr. Chris Valenzano, Board President, at 8:02 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, in the Board Room of the VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Valenzano, followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Mary Louise Peterson, Area 1
Marty Bates, Area 2
Chris Valenzano, Area 3
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
Open Position, Area 5

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stan Mantooth, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services
Nancy Manley, Executive Assistant to Dr. Weis

Mr. Mantooth reported that Dr. Weis is attending a conference in Monterey and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Bates moved the Agenda be approved. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. *Jim Hensley, Resident of Oxnard, and Deputy District Director, League of United Latin American Citizens, and President, Greater Organization of Democrats*
Mr. Hensley requested copies of the reports given by the Lobbyists.

2. *Mary Kate McDermott, Resident of Camarillo*
Ms. McDermott expressed her concern about the lobbyists and funds donated to the Strickland campaign, and requested that the Board terminate the lobbyists contracts.

C. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Review of Board Policy No. 9250, pertaining to Board Travel
The Board discussed Board Policy No. 9250, Compensation, Benefits and Reimbursements, Workshops and Conferences, specifically pertaining to Mrs. Peterson's upcoming trip to the 35th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference, February 2-5, 2008 in Washington DC. Staff distributed information on the 2006-07 and 2007-08 Board travel and conference budgets, as well as information on the anticipated cost of the FRN conference.

Mr. Valenzano moved the Board approve Mrs. Peterson's travel to Washington D.C.; and that the Board request that the Santa Barbara County Office of Education pay 50% of actual incurred expenses; and that following this expense, a review of Board Policy Section 9000 be undertaken with the Board Legal Counsel. Mr. Bates seconded the motion.

Mrs. Peterson moved that the portion of the motion referring to Santa Barbara County be removed. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and it failed upon a 2:2 vote, with Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Kunicki voting aye, and Mr. Valenzano and Mr. Bates voting nay. For the Board to take action, a vote must receive 3 consenting votes.

The vote was taken on the original motion, and the motion carried upon a 3:1 vote, with Mrs. Peterson voting nay.

It was requested that Board travel expenses will be brought before the Board for review on a quarterly basis.

2. Review of Board Policy No. 9010, Public Statements
Mr. Kunicki moved that this item be moved to future agenda items. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and it carried, 4:0.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 2/13/08.

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