

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 27, 2009**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Regular Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 09-08, was called to order by Mrs. Mary Louise Peterson, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2009, 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 Mrs. Peterson, followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Mary Louise Peterson, Area 1
Marty Bates, Area 2
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3 - *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooh, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Ken Prosser, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal & Administrative Services
Dr. Roger Rice, Associate Superintendent, Student Services

Nancy Manley, Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 9, 2009.
Dr. Flores moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2009 be approved. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried 3:0:1, with Mr. Bates abstaining.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Federal Update from California County Superintendents' Lobbyist.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Flores reported that he attended a Providence graduation. He is impressed with the students who achieve a diploma in this setting.
2. Mr. Kunicki announced that the Moorpark Academic Decathlon team won the National competition. Mr. Mantooth reported that a homecoming event is being held for the team tonight. Mr. Mantooth sent his congratulations. Staff will prepare a resolution for each team member.
3. Mr. Mantooth noted that an expanded list of school end-of-year celebrations will be included in the next Board agenda. Mr. Bates encouraged Board members to attend the ROP Graduation. Please contact the Office for a parking pass.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mantooth gave the following report on the activities of the Office:

1. Mr. Mantooth reported that he recently attended the commissioning of the USS Stockdale and found it to be a most powerful and moving ceremony.
2. Mr. Mantooth distributed information from an EdSource forum he attended. The information illustrates the State budget shortfall for the ensuing five years through 2013-14, and the implications should the ballot measures not pass on May 19th. Proposition C, lottery stabilization, is the critical measure in the short term. Propositions A & B will have a longer term effect. The long term prognosis continues to be bleak.

3. Mr. Mantooth reported that the Office provides retirement counseling services for certificated employees countywide. STRS recently published an annual report which included a rating for these counseling services. Ventura County Office of Education was one of three County regions to receive a 100% customer satisfaction rating; and one of two counties to receive a 100% rating for meeting member expectations.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1. Mr. Mantooth reported on AB8, which Assemblymember Julia Brownley is carrying. This legislation would create a task force to study alternative ways of funding education which would lead to future action. Mr. Mantooth has written a letter in support for this legislation and requesting that should it pass, that he be considered as a member of the taskforce. Mrs. Peterson requested a future agenda item on a resolution in support of this legislation.
2. Mr. Mantooth and Dr. Rice provided an update on AB2648 which is a Career Technical Education Multiple Pathways bill. This bill would infuse the High School curriculum with concrete technical curriculum targeting California's 15 most important business sectors. The idea would be to inject more relevance into the curriculum and provide more options for students, allowing students to be both lifelong learners and earners..

Dr. Rice noted that AB2648 also provides for the publishing of a report in early Fall on the feasibility of this curriculum. Public input will be solicited. This legislation could have a significant positive impact on the dropout rate.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Travel Expense Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates
3. Disposal of Property
4. Williams and Valenzuela CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education

Mr. Mantooth noted that Consent Item J.4 lists an incorrect Board meeting date of April 9, 2009. This date will be corrected prior to the signing of the form. Mr. Bates moved the Board approve Consent Items 1-4. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. School Accountability Report Cards
Dr. Rice noted that the governing boards of California school districts are required 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. The 2007-08 School Accountability Report Cards for VCOE operated schools were presented for information only.

2. 2009-10 School Year Calendars for VCOE operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program
Mr. Mantooth reported that the Ventura County Office of Education operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program are housed in a variety of locations throughout the county. Staff has made every effort to align start and stop dates as closely to that of their respective home districts as possible. Mr. Kunicki moved the Board approve the 2009-10 School Year Calendars for the Ventura County Office of Education operated Court & Community Schools, Regional Occupational Program, and Special Education Program. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

3. Continued Ventura County Board of Education Study Session: Setting of Board Goals & Objectives
Mr. Mantooth reported that on February 23, 2009, the Board participated in a study session for setting of Board Goals and Objectives. Mr. Jackson Parham, local attorney, acted as facilitator. The Board packet includes the powerpoint presented by Mr. Parham and the charted input from the February 23, 2009 meeting, along with Mr. Mantooth's response as to how the Board can support education in Ventura County.

Mr. Parham suggested cooperative goal setting with the County Superintendent. Towards that end, Mr. Mantooth submitted his perspective in a document titled, "Mutual Aid – The County Superintendent and County Board of Education Working Together for the Benefit of Education." Areas addressed included: Career Technical Education, Facilities Enhancement, Fiscal Management, Early Childhood Education, Technology Infrastructure, Interdistrict Transfer and Expulsion Appeals, Professional and Constituent Relationships, and Interpersonal Relations.

Mrs. Peterson requested additional information pertaining to Professional and Constituent Relationships. She would like to receive information on which countywide organizations staff already has relationships with, and how the Office is fitting in with the efforts of the entire county. An example is the P-16 Council. Mr. Mantooth suggested that staff could give regular reports to the Board about the various committees / partnerships that the staff is working on. This would be an ongoing effort. Mrs. Peterson noted that having this information would allow Board members to be better informed when they talk to their constituents.

Mr. Parham noted that one important community relationship is with Probation and the Courts. Their decisions have a direct impact on VCOE operated programs. Periodic reports to the Board could remind our partners that our programs are cooperative. It is also helpful to have Board members at the Providence graduations. This allows Probation to see that the Office is supportive of the program. Mr. Mantooth noted that the Office is trying to do this on all fronts - develop good working relationships with various agencies. The Board can support these efforts by engaging the various agencies in positive discussions whenever appropriate.

Mr. Bates suggested that a meeting be held with a representative from each local school district board and that the representatives be asked what they would like the County Office of Education to do to support them. In addition, he proposed that training be held to educate local Board members on the process and legal rights pertaining to interdistrict and expulsion appeals. The purpose of this training would be to provide information to the local Board members, and help them eliminate issues that create problems for them and for the County Board. These two events could go a long way in improving relationships between this Board and the local school district boards. The meeting with the local school board representatives would be facilitated by Mr. Parham.

It was determined that Mr. Mantooth would draft an invitation letter to local school district boards, asking that the district Board name a representative board member who will attend a meeting with the County Board, possibly on a Saturday morning in late June. District Superintendents may also attend, but it is anticipated that the Board representative will provide input. Mr. Mantooth will indicate that this meeting is being held as part of the County Board's process to develop their goals and objectives, and that the County Board is a service agency, with responsibility to the local school districts. The draft invitation will be shared with Mr. Parham and all Board members for their input.

4. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services
This item was presented for information only.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resolution in Support of AB8, Brownley (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 5/26/09).
The proposed legislation and LAO's input will be e-mailed to Board members.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Mrs. Peterson indicated that neither she nor Dr. Lisagor will be able to attend the May 8th Board Meeting. Mr. Bates, Dr. Flores and Mr. Kunicki were asked to notify the office if they are unable to attend, as there would no longer be a quorum. Mr. Mantooth noted that the June 12, 2009 Board meeting may be cancelled.

Date: Friday, May 8, 2009 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Tuesday, May 26, 2009***
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 12, 2009
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 22, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 5/8/09.

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