

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
July 10, 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. 09-13, was called to order by Mrs. Mary Louise Peterson, Board President, at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 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
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

Dean Kunicki, Area 4 - *Absent*

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

Nancy Manley, Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent

3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Mantooh noted that Agenda Item L.1 was incorrectly noted as an Information/Action item. This is an Information item only. Also, Items E.1 and E.2 need to be tabled due to the lack of quorum of board members who were in attendance at these meetings. Dr. Flores moved the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Lisagor 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 May 8, 2009.

This item was tabled.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009.

This item was tabled.

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 22, 2009.

Dr. Flores requested the following change to Agenda Item G.3: Please add that he attended the Boswell Graduation; Item H.2 fix “oflabor” to “of labor”; and Item H.6: “His office currently develops multiple trades curriculums for seven schools ~~in the area~~”

Dr. Flores moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2009 be approved as amended. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

4. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of June 27, 2009.

Mr. Bates moved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2009 be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and it carried 3:0:1. Dr. Lisagor abstained.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. E-mail from Stan Mantooh 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.

Mr. Mantooh provided copies of the VCCSDO response to the Grand Jury which was sent to all Board members via US Mail.

3. Mr. Mantooh distributed copies of e-mail correspondence generated by Mr. Bates regarding Agenda Item L.3.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Mrs. Peterson reviewed the upcoming events. Mrs. Peterson, Dr. Lisagor, and Dr. Flores plan to attend the CCBE Fall Conference in Monterey.

Dr. Lisagor and Dr. Flores and Mr. Bates will attend the CSBA Conference in December. Mrs. Peterson will not be attending.

2. Mr. Mantooth stated that he intends to attend both the CCBE and CSBA conferences.
3. Dr. Flores reported that a Rio School District Board member contacted him, asking what information local school district board members receive on budget updates. Mr. Mantooth noted that this could be discussed under Item L.3.
4. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended the recent meeting of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization.
5. Mr. Mantooth announced an upcoming Providence graduation on July 22, 2009. All Board members were invited to attend.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Williams and Valenzuela CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education
2. Certification of Signatures

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board approve Consent Items 1 and 2. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Opening of 30-Day Review Period for Adoption of Textbooks for County-Operated Schools

Dr. Rice reported that a committee comprised of VCOE administrators and County Operated program teachers has selected 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 County-operated 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 are 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.

Dr. Rice noted that these textbooks are being proposed largely due to the increase in Middle School enrollment at Gateway Community School which has increased to 70 students.

2. Approval of Response to Ventura County 2008-2009 Grand Jury

Mr. Mantooth noted that per the Board's request 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. Input and/or approval were received from four of the Board members. Mr. Bates moved the Board approve the response to be sent to the Ventura County Grand Jury by July 13, 2009. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

3. Resolution No. 09-03 in Support of AB8, Brownley

Mrs. Peterson noted that this item was tabled from June 22, 2009. The Board discussed Resolution No. 09-03, in support of Assembly Bill 8 (Brownley). Per the Board's request, the current version on the Bill, along with notice of its history and status were included in the explanatory material.

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 09-03 in Support of AB8, Brownley. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and it carried 4:0.

The resolution will be forwarded to local State legislators.

4. Debriefing on June 27th Meeting with Local School District Board representatives
The Board discussed the input given at the June 27, 2009 meeting with local school district board representatives.

Dr. Lisagor reported that since he was unable to attend the meeting, he personally contacted the delegates from his area. Their responses regarding the meeting were very favorable. One stated that it was a great opportunity to vent, but there was very little input from our Board. It was further suggested that this type of conversation be held at the VCSBA dinner meetings.

Mr. Bates stated that the County Board needs to have more communication with the local school boards. Our Office needs to share more information with local boards as an opportunity to improve communication. Dr. Flores agreed that communication is critical as it builds relationships and is a way to share information. The use of the Focus on Education publication as a communication tool was also discussed.

Mrs. Peterson suggested that Board members report when they have met or talked with school district board members, to allow the public to see the efforts towards communication. She suggested greater utilization of the website. The website would then need to be promoted, possibly in the Focus on Education, in the hopes of increasing the number of people accessing the information. Mrs. Peterson suggested that a Communications Subcommittee be established to address a plan for disbursing information to the public.

Dr. Lisagor will suggest at the next VCSBA Executive Committee meeting that the structure of the dinner meetings be changed, possibly having assigned seating that integrates board members from various districts. In addition, Mr. Mantooth and Dr. Lisagor will present the charted input to the VCSBA Executive Committee to see if there are items that VCSBA can follow up on such as development of joint resolutions and communiqués to legislators on matters of student advocacy.

Mr. Mantooth noted that there seemed to be consensus on the objective of improving inter and intra-communication between local boards. He suggested that a thank you letter be sent to all Boards and that an acronym glossary is included. The acronym list will also be posted to the website. Mr. Mantooth also suggested that the Ventura County Board of Education include an article in each of the VCSBA newsletters and Focus on Education. The website address is prominently displayed in each Focus on Education.

Mrs. Peterson questioned whether the County Office could begin providing services for GATE students, as it does for Special Education and Gateway students. Mr. Mantooth noted that there is no GATE funding, and suggested that the Office could talk to other districts to see what resources had been accessed in support of the GATE program, and then discuss options for the Board.

Dr. Lisagor asked if information on what services the County Office does provide should be distributed to all school district Board members.

Mr. Bates suggested providing professional development training for local school district board members.

Next Steps were determined. The charted input will be reviewed to see if there are common themes or areas of focus. Mr. Jack Parham will attend the Board meeting on August 14th and assist the Board in developing a Mission Statement that includes some of the input given. The Board will also discuss communication options, possibly establishing a communication subcommittee. Mr. Bates noted that along with the Mission Statement, the Board needs to develop 2-3 objectives that could be accomplished in the next year.

Board members were asked to review the charted input and determine their priority areas. Board members were asked to contact Mr. Mantooth or staff if they have questions as to whether an area is within the purview of the Board.

Mr. Mantooth and Mr. Parham will review the comments and see if they can be divided into specific areas. Dr. Flores suggested that a Mission Statement be developed in advance of the August 14th meeting.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Development of Board Mission Statement (August 14, 2009).

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Approved by Board Action on 8/14/09.

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