

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
May 17, 2018

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 18-07, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 17, 2018, 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 Ms. Ulrich, followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Marty Bates, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dean Kunicki, Area 4 – *Absent*
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooh, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Lisa Cline, Executive Director, Internal Business Services
Lisa Worsley, Senior Accountant, Budget Specialist
Heather Pena, Accountant
Josh Valdivia, Accountant
Dr. Joe Mendoza, Director, Special Programs
Kenny Loo, Principal, Court & Community Schools
Dr. Tiffany Morse, Executive Director, Career Education
Carrie Murphy, Director, Early Education
Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda.
Dr. Lisagor moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0). Mr. Kunicki was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Claudia Weintraub, River Oaks Academy, invited Board Trustees to attend the ROA Graduation, May 30, 11:00 a.m., Conejo Creek North Park.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 23, 2018.
Dr. Flores moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2018 be approved. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a 3:0:1 vote, with Dr. Flores, Marty Bates, and Ms. Ulrich voting aye and Dr. Lisagor abstaining. Mr. Kunicki was absent.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from MATES, May 2, 2018, "Invite for VCBE."

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended the Teacher Induction Ceremony last night. He will be attending the upcoming CSBA Board of Delegates and the Tri County Education Coalition Legislative Action Days.
2. Dr. Flores reported that he attended the Impact II Awards, a recent Providence graduation, VC Innovates Luncheon and the Teacher Induction Ceremony.
3. Ms. Ulrich reported that she also attended the Teacher Induction Ceremony. This is a wonderful event that motivates and inspires our next generation of teachers.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. WASC Accreditation has been received for Phoenix and Triton Schools.
2. VCOE will be pursuing a State Grant, "Fostering Math Standards Implementation Program (FMIP)." If the Office receives this \$100,000 grant, funds will be used to develop lesson plans for K-6 teachers to teach Math to special education students.
3. Ribbon Cutting Event for Gateway Farms will be held on June 1, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

None.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. Budget Study Session

Ms. Key noted that this morning's speakers are presenting on the services that our programs provide. The following VCOE staff members presented information on the various services provided and successes and challenges within their respective programs:

CAREER EDUCATION CENTER

Dr. Tiffany Morse, Executive Director

Video showcasing our three major events of the year – Hackathon; Sustainable VC; and VC Entrée to Employment. The Career Education program works with every high school and most middle schools in the County. Next year's LCAP Goal is to have 80% of Court and Community School students participate in a career education course.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Carrie Murphy, Director

The Early Childhood branch oversees the QRIS (Quality Rating Improvement System) which currently serves 145 sites, 700 teachers and 5000 students; professional development for PreK teachers (Transitional Kindergarten); California State Preschool Program which funds 168 preschool spaces; and the Local Planning Council which consists of 25 planning members focused on improving access to quality learning opportunities.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Dr. Joe Mendoza, Director

Special Population serves Foster Youth, Homeless Youth, CalSAFE, and Migrant Education. Foster youth have the right to attend their neighborhood school (school of origin). It is best for the foster youth to have that sense of security. All the districts formed a consortium to address transportation. The transportation of foster youth was a huge achievement.

Migrant Education serves approximately 2000 students and is experiencing decline enrollment across the state, primarily due to the lack of affordable housing

SELPA

Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Samples announced that Emily Mostovoy has been chosen as the new Assistant Superintendent of SELPA, effective September 30, 2018. SELPA's primary responsibility is to ensure that every student receives appropriate services. SELPA has approximately 40 employees that provide services to the local school districts. Currently 18,000 students with disabilities in Ventura County. 2/3rds have mild to moderate disabilities; efforts continue to assist these students in returning to the regular education classroom.

SELPA provides a tremendous amount of professional development. 6,000 teachers attended opportunities this year. Teachers see the most progress with Preschool special education students; when served early, many can enter general education with little or no support. The cost of Special Education in Ventura County is \$268 million and districts are paying 38% from their general fund budgets.

COURT & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Kenny Loo, Principal

Significant improvements continue at both Gateway and Providence: a CEC course which helps student identify a career plan was added; education for ELL students continues to be enhanced; online courses are available; and timely transition of students from their district to Gateway has been implemented.

Gateway continues to focus building relationships. Socio-emotional safety is important. Physical safety has been reviewed and very few upgrades were needed. A senior seminar has been developed. Employment specialists work with seniors; improvement has been shown in academic achievement, and CTE course participation.

BUDGET STUDY

Ms. Key reported that the Governor's May Revise was released. The Governor continues to support full funding of LCFF; the COLA was increased 2.71% but this will have no impact on the COE LCFF due to hold harmless. Restricted programs and SELPA will see that increase in funding.

The presented budgets include staff step and column increases, projected increase in health benefits and increases in CalSTRS and PERS contributions.

The three Career Education grants are now ending and the loss of this funding is reflected in the budget. The Governor has proposed a dedicated stream of funding for Career Education. The budgets for Gateway and Providence reflect similar enrollments to last year. The increase in benefits is impacting revenues available.

Comprehensive Health and Prevention. This budget include a small restricted grant to support TUPE.

Curriculum and Instruction does not receive an increase in funding. This program provides extensive professional development opportunities. Local funds include fees received from districts. There has been a 22% drop most likely due to the district's ability to pay for professional development; also, many of the larger districts are beginning to offer their own professional development opportunities. The budget also reflects the reduction of two positions.

Hearing Conservation. The Office provides the only hearing testing services in Ventura County. There is no dedicated stream of funding. It is challenging to maintain staff in this branch; there has been an audiologist position open all year. The Office contracts out to meet the service requirements.

Library and Learning Resources Display Center. Teachers take advantage of the resources located there. The Library Administrative Clerk was transferred to another program and hours of operation will likely be reduced for this program.

Special Education Instruction. This fund is projecting approximately \$39 million in expenditures, with a projected revenue of \$27 million. Attendance (ADA) is currently down, mostly due to the Thomas Fire. Insurance covered the Thomas Fire claim. The largest claim was \$9-12 million. Ventura Unified is seeking a claim with FEMA for those expenses not covered by insurance.

Special Education Transportation. The contract with Durham is ending. An RFP was issued and the new provider, First Student, will begin on July 1, 2018. The expenses beyond the revenue received are billed back to the school districts.

This item was presented for information only.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Bates expressed his appreciation for the Board Budget Study Sessions. Ms. Ulrich added that the information provided is very helpful as Board members talk to legislators and the public.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. School Site Safety Plans (*May 29, 2018*)
2. Ventura County Office of Education LCAP Update (*May 29, 2018*)
3. Joint meeting with VCCCD (*August 6, 2018*)

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: ***Tuesday, May 29, 2018***
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 (*Public Hearing on LCAP & Budget*)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 (*Adoption of LCAP & Budget*)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Approved by Board Action on 05/29/18.

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