

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
September 25, 2023**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection  
The Regular Board Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 23-13, was called to order by Arleigh Kidd, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023, in the Board Room of the VCOE Conference and Educational Services Center at 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Kidd, followed by a moment of reflection.
2. Roll Call  
Trustees Present  
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1  
Michael Teasdale, Area 2  
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3  
Arleigh Kidd, Area 4  
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5  
  
VCOE Personnel Present:  
Dr. César Morales, County Superintendent of Schools  
Misty Key, Deputy Superintendent, Fiscal & Administrative Services  
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Services  
Dr. Juan Santos, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Michele Harding, Program Specialist  
Lisa Bork, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Aurelia Roman, Executive Assistant  
John and Brian Meza, Facilities
3. Approval of Agenda  
Dr. Flores made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5:0.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**C. HEARINGS**

None

**D. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**E. PRELIMINARY**

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 2023

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 28, 2023. Dr. Flores seconded the motion and it passed (5:0).

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS.**

1. Upcoming Events

Penfield Back to School Night .....	Sept. 26, 2023
Dwire Back to School Night .....	Sept. 27, 2023
Triton Back to School Night.....	Sept. 28, 2023
Phoenix Airport Back to School Night.....	Sept. 28, 2023
Phoenix Los Nogales Back to School Night.....	Sept. 28, 2023
Boswell Back to School Night.....	Oct. 3, 2023
ACCESS Back to School Night.....	Oct. 4, 2023
Principal for a Day .....	Oct. 17, 2023
Vex Robotics .....	Nov. 4, 2023
CSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco .....	Nov. 30-Dec 2, 2023
Academic Decathlon Awards .....	Jan. 30, 2024
High School Mock Trial Awards .....	Feb. 26, 2024
Middle School Mock Trial Championship Rounds & Awards .....	Feb. 27, 2024
VCOE Equity Conference .....	Mar. 12, 2024
Science Fair Awards .....	Mar. 25, 2024
Battle of the Books .....	Apr. 24, 2024
Impact II Awards .....	May 22, 2024

2. Board Members' Reports

Dr. Flores attended the September CCBE fall conference in Monterey. He said there were a large number of new trustees in attendance. The sessions were very informative, especially the charter school and expulsion appeals sessions. After reviewing VCOE's board policy on expulsion, he said it was a great affirmation that we are on track in Ventura County.

Mr. Teasdale attended the CCBE conference and said it is one of the better ones he has attended. His learnings on expulsion appeals will be very helpful in his role as a Board member. He thanked Dr. Morales for helping to create a workshop on court and community schools at the Annual Education Conference in December.

The CSBA Board of Directors meet next weekend. There will be a presentation by the Bylaws Committee defining what a sector is in CSBA. CCBE is a sector of CSBA. There will be an extensive discussion on what a sector is and what a sector can and cannot do in terms of rendering services. He is hopeful of a positive outcome.

Ms. Ulrich commented on the shortage of teachers at the college level.

Mr. Kidd also attended the CCBE Conference in Monterey. He was able to go to the grand opening of Del Sol High School in the Oxnard Union High School District. He said it is an incredible facility. The principal, Dr. Terri Leon was one of his students when he taught school in Simi Valley.

## **H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Morales highlighted Trustee Flores being an industry liaison for the K-16 Collaborative along with Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Dr. Morales thanked him for representing VCOE, along with Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams and Anthony Marenco, Director of Career Education Center. He is looking forward to what evolves.

Dr. Morales took a tour of Del Sol High School with Dr. Tom McCoy. The industry labs are very impressive and it is exciting for the students to have access to them in their home environment.

The school safety efforts are continuing. The recent kick-off meeting included our own representatives from Conejo Valley Unified and Santa Paula Unified school districts who were able to share real life experiences from last year.

Dr. Morales met with Supervisor Gorell and leaders from Ventura County Behavioral Health, the Ventura County CEO's office, and Health and Human Services. Director Chris Ridge and Coordinator Suzanne Weist from VCOE's Comprehensive Health and Prevention Programs were also in attendance. VCOE provided an overview of the wellness centers in our county as Supervisor Gorell wanted to learn more about them. The conversation shifted to topics related to gender dysphoria and practices in wellness centers. The wellness centers provide many positive benefits. This is a major topic all over the state. In our county, we can all work together and stay focused on serving all students. If trustees hear any concerns regarding issues with parental notification, let Dr. Morales know. Our JPA is doing research and we have done our homework with an attorney.

Dr. Morales has been invited to be a keynote speaker in October for a SISC (Self-Insured Schools of California) conference with school district attorneys to speak about some of these issues related to student rights.

Tomorrow, Dr. Morales is flying to Washington D.C. along with representatives from Lake, Lassen, Santa Clara, Mariposa, El Dorado and Trinity counties representing the California County Superintendents. There are five topics they will be advocating for with congress and the senate.

## **I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Kidd discussed SB 765, the bill that would allow educators to return to work before the 180-day waiting period after retirement. This might impact the need to bring resolutions before the County Board.

## **J. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Temporary County Certificates**

Dr. Lisagor moved to approve Consent Item J1. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and the motion passed (5:0).

## **K. PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Resolution 23-13 Regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and Certification of Provision of**

Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials.

The adoption of Resolution 23-13 and the accompanying certification is necessary in order to continue to receive State textbook and instructional materials funding. Resolution 23-13 reflects VCOE's determination that it has provided its students with sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education in the core subjects of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Science and Science. Education Code Section 60119 requires each school district to take the following steps to meet the requirements of law:

- a. PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 23-13 regarding the Sufficiency/ Insufficiency of Instructional Materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422(b).

Mr. Kidd opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams said there are zero findings.

Hearing no public comments, the Hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

Ms. Ulrich moved to adopt Resolution 23-13 and the Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5:0).

2. Approval of Revisions and Additions to Board Policies.

To ensure compliance of all programs and policies within VCOE Schools and Programs, the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations have been revised or added.

- a. Revised – BP 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan  
New – AR 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
- b. Revised – BP 9000 Role of the Board
- c. Revised – BP 9005 Governance Standards
- d. Revised – BP 9010 Public Statements
- e. Revised – BP 9100 Organization
- f. Revised – BP 9121 President
- g. Deleted – BP 9121.5 Duties Vice President
- h. Revised – BP 9130 Board Committees
- i. Revised – BP 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority
- j. Revised – BP 9250 Compensation

Ms. Key reviewed several board policies with the Board, mostly the 9000 series. VCOE uses the CSBA sample policy examples to align our policies with current policy.

Board Policy 0450 includes a tactical response plan and safety plan reporting guidance. Ms. Ulrich inquired about the adopted date of 9/11/23 on the policy. Ms. Key pointed out that administrative regulations have the date of approval by the County Superintendent.

Mr. Teasdale inquired about the words "carry on" in BP 9000 on page two. Ms. Key will look at the CSBA policy.

Mr. Teasdale pointed out item #4 in Board Policy 9100 which states that the Board calendar is developed with important matters being addressed. He would like to see

statutory items that are needed on a timely basis. Perhaps this could be part of the December discussion when the Board calendar is approved.

Ms. Key suggested looking at this in the November meeting, and a draft can be produced for the December meeting.

Board Policy 9121 has changed from “Official Duties, President” to “President.” This policy doesn’t change anything in practice or culture. The vice-president duties have been included in this policy, thus BP 9121.5 (Duties of Vice-President) can be deleted.

Mr. Teasdale asked how often Gamut policies are updated. Ms. Key said it is ongoing; sometime changes in law triggers updates.

Board Policy 9200 – the language in this policy hasn’t been updated since 1997. It refers to the Board governing as a body, not as individuals.

Mr. Teasdale would like more time to look over the revisions. This will be the first reading, and the policies will be brought back for a second reading at the October Board meeting.

3. Approval of Revisions and Additions to Board Policies (Student Services).  
To ensure compliance of all programs and policies within VCOE Schools and Programs, the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations have been revised or added.
  - a. Revised - BP 5131 Conduct  
Deleted – AR 5131 Conduct
  - b. New – AR 5131.41 Use of Seclusion and Restraint
  - c. Revised - BP 5144.1 Suspension/Due Process  
Revised – AR 5144.1 Suspension/Due Process
  - d. Revised - BP 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior  
Deleted – AR 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior
  - e. Revised - BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements
  - f. Revised - BP 6146.4 Differential Graduation and Competency Standards  
for Students with Disabilities
  - g. New – BP/AR 6164.6 Identification and Education Under Section 504

Dr. Williams acknowledged Michele Harding, Christina Mahone, Holly Minear and Stephanie Rodriguez for their work on these policies. In addition to the policies reflecting legislative updates, the Student Services team looked at these policies in terms of what they look like in VCOE schools.

Administrative Regulation 5131.41 was added to ensure appropriate use of restraint and reporting requirements. Although this is a new regulation, VCOE facilitates NCPI (Nonviolent Crisis Prevention and Intervention) trainings that align with this requirement. This training happens annually for administrators, teachers, paraeducators, and classified personnel.

Board Policy 5144.1 reflects a minor difference with the CSBA policy, as county offices don't expel students. The administrative regulation is similar, this has not been revised since 1997.

Board Policy 5145.9 was last updated 11 years ago. Updates include the requirement to post on our website (which VCOE has been doing since 2008). The administrative regulation includes components to the Board Policy. VCOE's investigative process is the Uniform Complaint Procedure.

Board Policy 6146.1 reflects updates relating to exemptions to VCOE established course requirements for high school graduation. The coursework is explained rather than just listed. Language has been added to reflect the rights of students in Juvenile Court Schools.

Board Policy 6146.4 reflects legislative updates relating to exemptions to VCOE-established course requirements for high school graduation

Dr. Williams would like to waive the second reading and ask the Board to approve the new board policies.

Dr. Lisagor moved to waive the second reading and approve the changes and additions to the above noted policies. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and it passed (5:0).

#### **M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Teasdale thanked staff for their work on board policies and administrative regulations. This is very detailed, meticulous work.

Dr. Lisagor is looking forward to participating in "Principal for a Day" in October.

#### **N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Student Board member discussion (Mr. Kidd noted there is changes in law)
2. Continued conversation on livestreaming Board meetings

#### **O. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Date: Monday, October 23, 2023  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, November 27, 2023  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, December 11, 2023  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

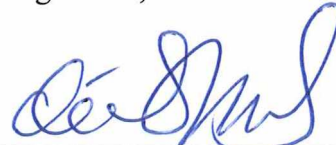
**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kidd adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Date: 10/23/23

  
Arleigh Kidd, Board President

Date: 10/24/23

  
Dr. César Morales, Ex Officio Secretary and  
Executive Officer of the Board