

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
April 25, 2022**

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. 22-08, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, via Zoom webinar. 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
Michael Teasdale, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Arleigh Kidd, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

VCOE Personnel Present:

Dr. César Morales, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Misty Key, Deputy Superintendent, Fiscal & Administrative Services
Lisa Salas Brown, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Emily Mostovoy Luna, Associate Superintendent SELPA
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Support Services
Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Lisa Bork, Senior Executive Assistant
Wanda Runcie, Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda.
Mr. Kidd moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

C. HEARINGS

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-03 - Denied

Dr. Flores in agreement with Board Policy 5117.1 and Administrative Regulation 5117.1 made a motion to deny Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-03. He feels the technology program in the district of residence can provide the education the parents are seeking. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). The decision of the Board is final in this matter.

Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-04 - Upheld

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to uphold the appeal based on the parent working in Ventura. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and it carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). The decision of the Board is final in this matter.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

Mr. Kidd moved the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 8, 2022, be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

(Reports by Board members regarding their individual activities affecting the Office pursuant to Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a)).

1. Upcoming Events

805 Industry Day at Ventura College	April 22
Phoenix School Annual Science Night	April 27
805 Industry Day at Oxnard College	April 29
VCOE Teacher of the Year	April 29
Migrant Family Conference	April 30
Special Populations Forum	April 30
SEL (Social Emotional Learning) discussion	May 11
Impact II Awards	May 24
VCOE Student Art Gallery	5/19-6/5 Santa Paula Agriculture Museum
Leadership Team Meeting	May 16 – Museum of Ventura County
Migrant Speech & Debate Tournament	May 21
Teacher Induction Culmination	May 24
All Staff Gathering	May 25
VCSBA Dinner.....	May 31
Ventura County Teacher of the Year.....	End of May
Graduations/Promotions	June 3-15

Mr. Kidd toured the Career Education Center on Monday, April 18th. He was able to see the various programs, their rooms and equipment. The aviation program is incredible and with more advocacy, additional students can be made aware of this opportunity.

Dr. Flores attended the CCBE Bylaws Committee. They have two items to bring to the Board of Directors. Dr. Flores would like to attend the Santa Paula Design Day in Ventura on April 28th. He attended a graduation at Providence in person today; the student was very composed and expressed much gratitude. This reflects on the good work being done by our staff.

Dr. Lisagor is in Washington DC along with Mr. Teasdale for the CSBA Coast2Coast Advocacy Trip. It has been a great experience. There are approximately 180 trustees from all over the state. From our region, there are five trustees from Ventura County and one from Santa Barbara County. Dr. Lisagor and Mr. Teasdale are attending many briefings, and have visits on the Hill scheduled

with Ted Lieu, Julia Brownley and Salude Carbajal. There are many items to advocate for - the big three are Special Education, high speed internet and nutrition.

Mr. Teasdale said one thing that stands out for him is the emphasis on accountability for funds distributed during the pandemic. A presentation from a pollster indicated the public attitude towards education and school boards is more positive than indicated in the media. There is healthy support by most parents for key initiatives such as social emotional learning and providing kids the education they deserve, no matter their race, income, etc.

Ms. Ulrich thanked Mr. Teasdale and Dr. Lisagor for representing Ventura County. She will be in Sacramento in May for the delegate assembly which is another opportunity to talk with legislators.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales will email the Board members a VCBE scholarship packet prepared by staff. Please let him know if there is any feedback.

The CSBA Leadership Institute in Los Angeles will be held in June and July in Los Angeles. The information and link will be sent to Board members via email.

On April 12, Dr. Morales attended an event at Juan Soria School in Oxnard with State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurman and Senator Monique Limon. This is in support of Senator Limon's bill supporting the expansion of Dual Language Immersion programs throughout California. This visit highlighted one of our strong programs here in Ventura County.

Dr. Morales has been meeting with different legislators supporting local superintendents regarding school initiatives. He has been discussing county offices of education's interest in having trailer bill support and enhanced funding for Differentiated Assistance. This may be in the May Revise and may boost the funding and allow county offices to respond to identified districts and also focus on prevention work.

Included in the Superintendent's Report is a list of schools and districts Dr. Morales has recently visited. He has also been visiting Wellness Centers throughout the county. He was able to participate in Career Day at Will Rogers school in Ventura. These visits have been a great experience. He is looking forward to celebrating our students in person at this year's graduations and promotions.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Kidd commented on the recent article in the newspaper regarding Senate Bill 830 which is a measure to base school district funding on enrollment instead of attendance. He is curious how this is going to play out. There is one pot of money and it will be interesting to see how the funds will be distributed throughout the state.

J. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

(All matters specified as Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda)

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates

3. Quarterly Disposal of Property
4. Williams Quarterly Report to County Board of Education
5. 2022-23 School Year Calendar for Gateway, Providence, Career Education, and VCOE Operated Special Education Programs

Dr. Lisagor moved to approve Consent Items J1 through J5. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Annual Programmatic Audit Presentation by Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (MATES) – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (30 minutes)

On October 27, 2008, the Ventura County Board of Education approved the charter school appeal of the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (MATES). On February 19, 2019, MATES was approved for renewal through June 30, 2024, and extended until June 30, 2026, pursuant to AB 130. In accordance with the VCOE Charter School Progress Report Timeline, representatives from MATES will present information required in the annual programmatic audit detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding which includes provisions for the LCAP.

Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams introduced Marlo Hartsuyker, Charter School Director for VCOE. Ms. Hartsuyker indicated this is the last programmatic audit for this school year. The following staff members presented:

Brenda Olshever, Executive Director.
Kristen Walker, Assistant Director
Rudy Calasin, Chief Business Official

Ms. Olshever noted the enrollment at MATES is approximately 414 students including 19 in homeschool. There continues to be a lengthy waitlist. The ADA last school year was a healthy 98%. She believes this is due to the diligence of staff providing opportunities and ensuring students had technology. MATES implemented a new attendance policy, daily attendance was taken, student illnesses and quarantines were tracked and monitored and there was short-term independent study offered for excused absences. These efforts contributed to a healthy ADA.

MATES continued safety procedures to bring back students last October. They continued with grade level cohorts which made contract tracing easier and resulted in less absences. They continued with a staggered drop off schedule and staggered recess and lunch. MATES also contracted services to do onsite PCR testing for students, staff and families.

MATES administrators worked closely with Ventura County Public Health in following the required COVID guidelines. All MATES staff were trained in COVID protocols, CPR and First Aid. Their Safety Committee is made up of representatives from all educational partner groups and various field experts.

Dr. Walker spoke on the testing data. Testing was optional in 2020-21 however, MATES opted to test students. Testing hadn't taken place since 2019. ELA CAASPP results show 78% of students met or exceeded the standards with only 6.6 % not meeting standards. This is 30% higher on average than the state. In comparing results from 2019 and 2021, overall students did well and are continuing to maintain competency in a lot of areas. Socio-economic students, and students with disabilities show there is room for growth.

Math CAASPP results show 73% of students met or exceeded the standards with only 5% not meeting standards. This is 40% higher on average than the state. In comparing the 2019 and 2021 math scores, there is more of a decline.

Dr. Walker also showed comparison data from Grades 3 and 5 (the groups tested twice). In ELA, students performed consistently across the Pandemic years. There was a decrease in math. This has been on staff's radar and they are working hard to address this. Some interventions being implemented consist of small group differentiated instruction, reduced class sizes in the upper grades, added hours for paraprofessionals and individualized learning plans for English learners.

The Response to Intervention program provides individual or group sessions for students who are not approaching standards and need extra instruction. One hundred percent of the students in this program have made at least a half year's growth.

Due to the Pandemic, social emotional supports have been put in place for students and staff. They continue to utilize the HEART of an Eagle Core Value Program as well as MindUP, SEL books, individual and group sessions with the school psychologist and or behavior specialist, and a parent empowerment night which addressed anxiety. Also, mindfulness professional development for staff is provided.

Rudy Calasin noted MATES excels in terms of programs, staff and outcomes which also translates into budget and finances. The data shows the Board approved the 2021-22 second interim budget and two projected years. There are positive balances across three years. MATES, generally speaking will underspend by 1-3%. A significant COLA adjustment (5.33%) to the LCFF is forthcoming.

A decrease in revenues will materialize next year due to the one-time funds received. MATES has a very healthy amount of donations; they are recognized as they are received.

The effects of one-time funding can be seen on the expenditures side. Next year there will be a drop in teacher salaries. MATES hired two additional teachers last year and retained them this year using ELO grant funds.

When looking at the bottom line, there is an \$88,000 surplus projected for this year. The next two years there will be smaller surpluses of \$22,000 and \$18,000. MATES has a 3.2 million dollar ending balance, almost a 1.7 million undesignated reserve balance.

Ms. Ulrich noted on the financial chart, the last column should be 2023-24, not 2022-23.

MATES was able to return to campus learning this year with less restrictions and were able to bring back small group centers, classroom performances, social emotional lessons, hands-on activities, etc. Volunteers were also brought back on campus and additional support staff was hired using grant funds. Many extra-curricular and community events were also engaged in.

Mr. Kidd mentioned other charter schools are at capacity in upper grades and asked if MATES enrollment was similar. Ms. Olshever said the current enrollment was consistent with former years.

Dr. Flores noted the Hispanic subgroup show half of the students are not meeting standards. Ms. Olshever said this data is from 2020-21 when students were home. Staff has been tracking report card data and they are now seeing significant progress in all groups. Dr. Walker said the students in this population are given priority in the Response to Intervention program. More than half of them have “graduated out” because they are meeting standards at this point.

Mr. Teasdale is concerned with math scores. He applauds MATES staff for applying measures to address learning loss and he is looking forward to seeing higher scores next year.

2. Approval of Revised 2021-22 Gateway Single Plan for Student Achievement
DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)

The Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is a plan of action developed to raise the academic performance of all students and which includes proposed expenditures of funds allocated to the school through the Consolidated Application. The SPSA is updated annually and approved by the School Site Council prior to approval by the governing board of the local educational agency.

Mr. Kidd made a motion to approve the Revised 2021-22 Gateway Single Plan for Student Achievement. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5:0).

3. Approval of Revised 2021-22 Providence Single Plan for Student Achievement –
DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)

The Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is a plan of action developed to raise the academic performance of all students and which includes proposed expenditures of funds allocated to the school through the Consolidated Application. The SPSA is updated annually and approved by the School Site Council prior to approval by the governing board of the local educational agency.

Dr. Flores made a motion to approve the Revised 2021-22 Providence Single Plan for Student Achievement. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5:0).

4. Resolution No. 22-06, Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election. Ordering Consolidation with Other Elections and Constituting “Specification of the Election Order” to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)

Pursuant to Election Code Section 1302(b) and Education Code Section 5340, a consolidated election is required to be held for Governing School Board Members and County Office of Education Trustees whose terms expire on the second Friday in

December on the same day as the statewide General Election is held – November 8, 2022. The purpose of the election is to elect three regular term vacancies to the Ventura County Board of Education – Trustee Areas #1, #2, and #4 – Rachel Ulrich, Michael Teasdale and Arleigh Kidd, respectively.

Dr. Morales noted this resolution authorizes and kick starts the election process. On November 8, 2022, there are three trustee areas up for reelection, trustee areas 1, 2 and 4. Administration recommends the Board adopt the resolution as presented.

Dr. Lisagor made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06, Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (5:0).

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Flores attended a graduation at Providence and mentioned the student population at Providence averages around 75, and the facility was built to house 400. There are a lot of classrooms that aren't being utilized. We might consider other opportunities and reutilization at this facility.

Dr. Lisagor mentioned one data point he learned this week - "In the face of all the discord that is being experienced by school boards and districts around the country, we turn out to have a much higher favorable rating among the public than our members of congress!"

Mr. Kidd will be attending the Moorpark Unified Board meeting on May 10, 2022, and the Simi Valley Unified Board meeting on May 17, 2022.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Solar Energy

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Friday, May 6, 2022 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board/Oxnard Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, May 6, 2022 (*Governance Retreat*)
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, May 23, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board


Ms. Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Date: 05/06/2022


Arleigh Kidd, Board Vice-President

Date: 5-9-22


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