

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
September 26, 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. 22-16, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022, 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 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
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Services
Emily Mostovoy-Luna, Associate Superintendent, SELPA
Lisa Bork, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda
Dr. Lisagor made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martin Erickson, Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission
Regarding "Youth Ride Free" program.

C. HEARINGS

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-15
Dr. Flores moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-15. Ms. Ulrich 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.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

Mr. Teasdale moved the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 22, 2022, be approved. Mr. Kidd 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)).

Upcoming Events

Back to School - CEC	September 28, 2022
School Board Candidate Academy	Saturday, October 1, 2022
VCSBA Virtual Meeting	October 17, 2022
Leadership Team Meeting, Moorpark College	October 18, 2022
Halloween Celebration, CESC	October 31, 2022
Vex Robotics	November 5, 2022
Principal for a Day	November 15, 2022
CSBA Annual Conference	December 1-3, San Diego Convention Center
Hackathon	January 6 & 7, 2023
School Board Trustee Training	Saturday, January 7, 2023

BOARD COMMENTS:

Dr. Flores reflected on a meeting with the CCBE Board of Directors. He was impressed with the growth, the capacity and the conversations. He attended the Santa Paula Design Day 2 today, his take aways were 1) sometimes the systems we have in place are not what a student needs, 2) everyone needs to take responsibility and 3) the power of storytelling and the impact one teacher can have on one child. He wished to thank Mr. Weinstein for this program.

Mr. Kidd commented on the Youth Ride Free program and encouraged VCOE to get the word out. He is also happy to have Ventura County schools in session in person.

Dr. Lisagor commented on the recent CCBE Conference, it was full of presentations that stimulated thinking. Dr. Lisagor was the winner of the raffle for free registration next year. He also attended a recent a Providence graduation which was unique in that it was held at the Probation offices in Oxnard because the student had already graduated. There was a large outpouring of support for this young man.

Mr. Teasdale attended a CSBA meeting preparing for the Annual Education Conference in December, he is confident it will be a great experience. He wished to thank Dr. Morales and Lisa Brown for being a member of the upcoming panel. The subject is mental health for specific populations and marginal populations. The CSBA Board of Directors wants to put more emphasis on data on consequences of policy implementation. He is looking forward to the launch of the new CCBE handbook.

Ms. Ulrich enjoyed attending the recent CCBE Conference. She said the California Environmental Literacy Initiative is an exciting and worthwhile initiative. She also wrote the Governor a letter urging him to veto the bill to do with mandating that all schools purchase from the cheapest food source. We live in an area where we can use local vendors. She also voiced her opinion about federal funding to increase more teachers and less students in a classroom. She would love to see 20-25 to 1 ratio if we want to close learning gaps.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales said the Wellness Center movement continues with recent ribbon cuttings at Frontier High School, Rio Mesa High School, Fillmore Middle School and Fillmore High School.

He is excited to announce a new threat prevention series sponsored by VCOE and VSSFA (Ventura County Schools Self-Funding Authority). This series is called "School Safety, Security and Targeted Threat Prevention Seminars." There is an upcoming meeting with local law enforcement leaders, including police departments and California Highway Patrol before integrating law into Session 2 and beyond. This is informed by the Secret Service, and we are leading the state and possibly the nation in this endeavor. A school safety bill proposed by Assemblymember Irwin which was parked is being brought back. We would be establishing what the essence of this bill is, which is requirements for all schools and charter schools. We will be covering important topics and refining our policies and practices. This is an ongoing collaborative.

Ms. Ulrich asked who will be attending. Dr. Morales said each district and charter has identified leadership representatives, along with a VCOE team. Elizabeth Atilano, Executive Director of our JPA, and Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams are leading this effort along with the U.S. Secret Service. We may be asked to present as models of this program.

Dr. Morales attended the CCSESA Quarterly meeting last week and CCSESA's new name is "California County Superintendents." Dr. Morales was named the new Chair of the CCS FCMAT committee.

On Friday, September 23rd, Dr. Morales, along with Dr. Lisagor attended the Investiture for CSUCI President, Dr. Richard Yao. It was a great and symbolic event.

Dr. Morales mentioned Assembly Bill 2449 which gives more teleconference flexibility for board meetings effective January 1, 2023.

Dr. Morales said we no longer have one person earmarked for the California Environmental Learning Initiative. Lisa Brown and Ashley Nishiya are the contacts, Nathan Inouye is still in the county and a partner. Ms. Brown said that Kate Bilse is an AmeriCorps volunteer. She is a thought partner to create the VCOE environmental website. The first Ventura County Science Network meeting will be in October with the Executive Director of the California Science Project along with Michelle Roy from Kern County. We are holding the meeting at the Rio School District. Another partner is Dr. Amy Frame from Ten Strands.

VCOE is working with external partners to create the network and internally with our VCOE schools. The intention is to build capacity at the district level working with administrators,

teachers, teachers on special assignment, and our external partners. We are also making all professional development open at no-charge, rather than focusing on contracts for individual initiatives.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Teasdale said there is legislation for easing zoning so districts can create housing for teachers (AB2295). This will be decided by the governor. While in Washington D.C., Mr. Teasdale spoke with Congressman Carbajal regarding teacher shortages, he responded energetically. He might be one to follow up with.

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. Temporary County Certificates
2. Resolution No. 22-12, Gann Limit Calculation for 2022-23 and Estimated Limit for 2022-23.

Dr. Lisagor made a motion to approve Consent Items J1 and J2. Dr. Flores seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Resolution 22-11 Regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)

The adoption of Resolution 22-11 and the accompanying certification is necessary in order to continue to receive State textbook and instructional materials funding. Resolution 22-11 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 22-11 regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422(b).
- b. Administration recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 22-11 regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and the accompanying Positive Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials.

Ms. Ulrich opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Hearing no public comments, she closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Kidd made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11 and the Certification of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

2. Board Policies - DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (10 minutes).

Administration is currently reviewing and updating the VCOE policies. There are several Board of Education policies that are out of date, duplicative, or no longer part of the CSBA policy examples to maintain. Administration is bringing forward Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3550 to be discussed as ones that are no longer up to date or matching current needs. This policy and the associated regulation were adopted in 1997 and the language is about meeting food or beverages. VCOE has a facilities use policy and regulation that provides details about meetings. The current CSBA policy example language for 3550 is about the National School Lunch Program of which, VCOE does not participate. The VCOE schools provide meals to students through school district lunch programs and therefore, follow the local school districts policies and procedures regarding their lunch programs. Administration recommends review and discussion at this meeting and suggests consideration for action of possibly deleting the existing Board Policy and Regulation 3550 at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Key is working on policies and Dr. Hernandez Williams is preparing for a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) for auditors in the spring and working to bring policies up to date. We would like to bring policies to the Board a little at a time. Some Board Policies are in conflict with other policies that are in place and have been updated. We follow CSBA Gamut examples as the structure to update; Gamut has accurate information and is in accordance with the law. As an example, the current Board Policy 3550 is connected to child nutrition. We don't participate in this as our students are served through their district. Currently there isn't a need for such a policy. Our meeting and service of food details are found in our facilities use and regulation policy.

Mr. Teasdale understands that in anticipating a federal audit, staff is looking at policies. Is that the reason to update the policies to prepare for that audit? And what is the process?

Ms. Key, said mostly yes, however our eyes are broader than just the audit. Updating our policies has been on our to do list for a long time. There are numerous policies that have not been updated since 1997 and are most likely out of date. Some topics might be easier to address than others. Staff is proposing looking at one policy a meeting. The example today is straightforward, however, not all of them are.

Dr. Morales suggested having the conversations and moving forward.

Mr. Teasdale indicated there may be some complexity in certain policies, some might need more discussion. He suggests that staff come up with a process.

Dr. Flores said we are different than a local board. If we have policies, we get a say.

Dr. Morales said if something is brought about by legislation and Education Code, we

would have an opportunity to lead and adjust.

Ms. Ulrich said she had a discussion with Dr. Morales and Ms. Key regarding board policies and knew the entire board would need to be involved. It is complicated and time consuming. Her comfort level would be to have the policy presented in the board packet and have a briefer discussion at a meeting and vote. She would like to see the new policy, the duplicate policy and what Gamut reflects.

Mr. Kidd would like to see the duplicate policy as well.

3. 2023 Board Meeting Calendar - DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Discussion on consideration of future calendaring of Board meetings to allow staff more time to prepare agenda items and make the process more efficient.

Dr. Morales noted that on the proposed calendar of meetings, the June 2023 meeting would be June 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. The Board calendar presented has the traditional roll over dates. These proposed dates would give staff more preparation time. Ms. Key also noted that Monday, June 19th is a holiday. These dates will be voted upon at the December organizational meeting.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Lisagor commented on the exciting week for CSUCI's 20th anniversary. The university is focused on early childhood, research and training. President Yao is making great things happen.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Annual Programmatic Audit for River Oaks Academy

October 24, 2022

Mr. Kidd is glad to hear we are making some movement towards climate ready schools. He would like to see regular updates; what we are doing and how we are contributing to the solution.

Mr. Teasdale inquired about developing mutually agreed upon goals with the superintendent as it states in Board Policy 2126.

Dr. Morales asked if he is referring to new goals?

Mr. Teasdale said he is looking for annual updates, have a discussion so we understand what would be a measurable way to follow those goals.

Ms. Ulrich asked if this would be folded into a regular meeting or on its own. The consensus was to have a separate meeting for determining 2022-23 goals. Ms. Key said we can put this on the agenda for our next meeting and discuss how to go about devising shared goals.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

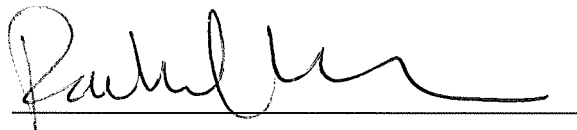
Date: Monday, November 28, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, December 12, 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 7:36 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Date: 10/24/22



Rachel Ulrich, Board President

Date: 10/27/22



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