

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
September 23, 2019**

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 19-11, was called to order by Dr. Mark Lisagor, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2019, 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 Dr. Lisagor and followed by a moment of reflection.
2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Mike Teasdale, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Rob Collins, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5

VCOE Personnel Present:
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Cesar Morales, Associate Superintendent, Student Services
Emily Mostovoy-Luna, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Regina Reed, Executive Director, Special Education
Mabel Munoz, Director, Early Childhood Programs
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
Bryan Meza, Facilities Technician
3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Collins moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the Public addressed the Board:

1. Lea Ann Holland, Chair of SELPA Advisory Committee, encouraged the Board to support National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day, October 23, 2019. She requested that it be promoted to school districts throughout the County.
2. Justine Fischer spoke to Agenda Item L.5, Census. She thanked the Board for considering the Resolution in support of the 2020 Census.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019
Ms. Ulrich moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019 be approved. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a (4:0:1) vote with Dr. Flores, Mr. Collins, Mr. Teasdale and Ms. Ulrich voting aye and Dr. Lisagor abstaining

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ventura Charter School Request for Mystery Readers.
2. River Oaks Academy Invitation to VIP Breakfast
3. Tri County Education Coalition Upcoming Events.
4. VCSBA Dinner Meeting Announcement and Newsletter.
Dr. Lisagor, Dr. Flores, Mr. Teasdale and Ms. Ulrich indicated they would be attending.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Lisagor noted the Upcoming Events.
2. Dr. Flores reported that he attended the CCBE Conference in Monterey. It continues to be a quality conference. He attended many quality workshops including a CCSESA workshop on Charter Authorizations.
3. Mr. Collins noted his support of bullying prevention and the 2020 Census.
4. Mr. Teasdale reported that he attended the CCBE Conference. The conference was excellent. He attended an interesting workshop on the Charter School legislation and on the appellant role of the Board.
5. Ms. Ulrich noted that she plans to attend the River Oaks VIP Breakfast.
6. Dr. Lisagor noted that he recently returned from India.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Key reported on the following activities of the Office:

1. CDE Notification of Approval of VCOE LCAP for 2019-20 school year.
Ms. Key thanked Consuelo Williams and her team for their efforts.
2. Dr. Cesar Morales honored with UCEA Excellence in Educational Leadership Award. Dr. Morales noted that Loyola Marymont University is focused on vocation minded leaders who put service above self. He was honored to receive this award.
3. CCSESA 2019 Classification of Counties. Ms. Key noted the ADA numbers that determine the classification of counties.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

1. Mr. Collins reported on the compromise in Sacramento on the vaccine bill SB76 which includes additional requirements on medical exemptions. Schools that have immunizations below 95% will be investigated. Doctors who provide more than 5 exemptions per year will be investigated, and an appeal process was included.

Also, a bill was passed that effects charter schools. Charter schools can no longer be authorized at the State level and charter school teachers must all be fully credentialed. Charter schools will not face as many renewals. Districts can determine whether a charter school will undermine their programs or provide a similar program.

He was pleased to see that the Sacramento legislature could find compromise on these were two hotly contested issues.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates
3. Resolution No. 19-05, Gann Limit Calculation for 2018-19 and Estimated Limit for 2019-20
4. Change Order No. 10 to Viola, Inc. for Camarillo Special Education New Construction: 20 Classroom School Bid 2018-34

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board approve Consent Items 1-3. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

Mr. Teasdale requested information on the change order for the playground equipment. It had a cost of \$200,000. Ms. Key noted that the school was designed in 2007. At the time, the plans did not include specifics for the playground. The change order includes a playground that is appropriate for the population of students who will be attending.

Mr. Teasdale moved the Board approve Consent Item 4. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Resolution 19-06 Regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

The adoption of Resolution 19-06 and the accompanying certification is necessary in order to continue to receive State textbook and instructional materials funding. Resolution 19-06 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. Dr. Lisagor opened the PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 19-06 regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422(b) at 6:25 p.m. Hearing no Public Comments, Dr. Lisagor closed the hearing at 6:26 p.m.
- b. Mr. Teasdale asked how sufficiency is measured. Ms. Key noted that the Board adopts the textbooks and instructional materials and there must be enough instructional materials on hand to meet the current enrollment of students. Mr. Teasdale asked if there is a judgement of the condition of the materials? Yes, there is.

Mr. Collins moved the Board adopt Resolution 19-06 regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and the accompanying Positive Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

2. California State Preschool Programs, Prekindergarten Family Literacy Program Agency Annual Report

Dr. Castro introduced Mabel Munoz, Director, Early Childhood Programs. Ms. Munoz stated that the VCOE Early Childhood Program supports early childhood education and increases access to it. There are currently 168 preschool aged children attending annually in five classrooms in the Hueneme, Rio, and Ocean View School Districts. PKFLP programs are required to use three assessment tools to identify key findings and action steps necessary to improve curriculum and, ultimately, child and family outcomes. Assessments include determining individual children's developmental levels, assessing how parents feel about the programs, and the classroom environment both indoor and outdoor. Instructional support is provided by VCOE. CDE recently performed a review and reported no findings. These programs have consistently rated as 4 and 5. The annual California State Preschool Prekindergarten Family Literacy Project report was submitted to the California Department of Education on June 3, 2019; and was approved.

Dr. Flores expressed his thanks for the work of the Early Childhood program especially with socio-economically challenged children.

Mr. Collins echoed the importance of preschool for all children and asked how districts are chosen to receive or to host these preschool programs. Ms. Munoz noted that LEAs apply directly to the CDE for spaces. VCOE only receives funding to support 168 spaces and then contracts with local districts to provide space.

Dr. Lisagor noted that CSUCI is developing a program for preschool teachers and care providers. Will VCOE be involved in the development of this program? Ms. Munoz has been asked to serve on the planning committee.

Ms. Ulrich asked how children were selected for these spaces? There is a Preschool application which does have an income eligibility component. These are 3 hour programs and many parents need a full day program which VCOE hopes to advocate for.

Mr. Teasdale asked if the County provides services at the request of the district? The VCOE has programs in preschool as a partnership with PDI and local school districts.

Mr. Teasdale asked what is the response rate to the parent survey? Mr. Teasdale asked about the monthly family and child time. These programs are culturally appropriate – are there languages that are most challenging to find teachers for? Ms. Munoz will provide this information at a later date.

Dr. Lisagor asked if the VCOE Early Childhood program provides training for preschool teachers? VCOE has offered 56 countywide trainings for teachers and child care providers. At the state level, VCOE is part of a team that is working on developing a pipeline to build the workforce to work with children.

Mr. Teasdale asked about the role in the QRIS which rate the preschools in the county. VCOE is the QRIS rater for the county. VCOE also trains other raters.

Dr. Castro thanked Ms. Munoz for her work on facilities and programs that are being presented as part of the reorganization of the First 5.

3. Approval of Submission of Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A) for VCOE Operated Programs

Ms. Key explained that during the Hill and Woolsey fires that began on November 8, 2018, school sites experienced a loss of ADA. The State allows LEAs to recoup lost funding due to loss of ADA due to emergency conditions. Dates and school sites that were affected in Ventura County are listed on pages 6 and 7 of the report. Ms. Ulrich moved the Board approve the claim of a Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A) for VCOE Operated programs to be submitted to the California Department of Education. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

4. Adoption of Resolution 19-07, Approving Name Change of “Coastal Schools Employee Benefits Organization” to “California Schools Employee Benefits Organization”

Ms. Key explained that the Coastal Schools Employee Benefits Organization (“CSEBO”) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that administers health benefits for VCOE and other LEAs. The JPA has determined that they want to change their name from Coastal Schools Employee Benefits Organization to California Schools Employee Benefits Organization. The JPA is hoping to expand their services to other LEAs throughout the State and the current name is not reflective of this Statewide effort. In order to change their name, each LEA must adopt a resolution approving this name change.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board adopt Resolution 19-07 approving the suggested name change to California Schools Employee Benefits Organization as of July 1, 2019. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

5. Adoption of Resolution 19-08, 2020 Census Partnership

Ms. Key noted that the Ventura County Office of Education recognizes the importance of a complete count in the upcoming 2020 United States Census. Resolution 19-08 details the census activities that are occurring statewide and locally.

Mr. Teasdale stated his agreement that the Census is very important and asked what this Board can do to help in this effort and what is the role of the County Office of Education in supporting the Census. Can the Board use its position in the community to encourage people to take part? Would it be possible to present this issue at the upcoming VCSBA dinner meeting? He would like the Board to become as active as possible.

Ms. Ulrich asked how the County Office is implementing this resolution and supporting this effort. Dr. Lisagor noted that the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) is taking the lead on these efforts.

Dr. Morales explained that the Ventura County Office of Education is taking active part in the Ventura County 2020 Complete Count Committee with Mr. Mantooth and Mr. Schermer both attending meetings. This Resolution is memorializing the long standing support of the 2020 Census.

At every meeting with the local school district superintendents that has occurred since the Ventura County 2020 Complete County Committee was formed, Mr. Mantooth has been discussing this issue. District Superintendents are working with their IT departments to develop kiosks that people can walk up to and complete their census. Mr. Mantooth has encouraged and supported local school districts in their efforts to reach out to our migrant, Mixteco and Spanish speaking populations. Our Special Populations department has been asked to develop an event for our migrant populations prior to the Census count.

Mr. Teasdale noted that it was important to talk to all populations again and again and again to make sure this comes to everyone's attention. He asked for a future agenda item to include the presentation of a plan for how these efforts will be rolled out. The key is to flesh out actions that can be taken.

Mr. Collins asked why people were hesitant to fill out the census in 2010 and how do we reach people who may be afraid to complete the Census. He noted that local Rotaries and PTAs and stakeholders need to be aware of the Census and support these efforts.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board adopt Resolution 19-08, 2020 Census Partnership. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

Dr. Flores noted that VCCF is focusing on the hard to count populations of homeless and migrant.

Mr. Teasdale suggested that a speaker be invited to come to the upcoming VCSBA Dinner Meeting and discuss the issue and answer questions. Ms. Key will take this request to the VCSBA Executive Board.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Collins expressed his best wishes to Mr. Mantooth.
2. Ms. Ulrich expressed that staff is doing excellent in Mr. Mantooth's absence.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Report on Census 2020 activities – Mr. Teasdale.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, October 28, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, November 25, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Lisagor adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 10/28/19.

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