

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 29, 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 18-08, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 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
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5 - *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooth, 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
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Kenny Loo, Principal, Court & Community Schools
Sarah Galloway, Principal, Phoenix Schools
Fran Arner-Costello, Acting Executive Director, Special Education
Karla Curry, Principal,
Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Teri Gern, Executive Director, Human Resources
Dawn Anderson, Director, Comprehensive Health
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant
Roger Ruiz, Facilities
3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Bates moved the agenda be approved. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote of those present (4:0). Dr. Flores was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Kelly Simon, Director, Bridges Charter School
Ms. Simon distributed and reviewed copies of Update on Student Math Achievement, including interventions put in place at Bridges.

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 17, 2018
Dr. Lisagor moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2018 be approved. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a 3:0:1 vote; with Mr. Bates, Dr. Lisagor, and Ms. Ulrich voting aye and Mr. Kunicki abstaining. Dr. Flores was absent.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended the Tri-County Education Coalition (TCEC) Sacramento Days. He also attended the CSBA Board of Directors meeting. It will be a hard sell to get more funding for education. The big push is to make Legislators hear that education is a long way from being fully funded. Dr. Lisagor distributed information from CSBA on student funding and a position paper from TCEC. .

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mr. Mantooth noted that the CDE has issued a positive certification of the VCOE budget.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates
3. 2018-19 School Year Calendars for VCOE operated Court & Community Schools, Career Education Program and Special Education Program
4. Approval of Revised 2017-18 Gateway Single Plan for Student Achievement
5. Approval of Bids for Douglas Penfield School Phase IV; Carl Dwire School Modernization Phase I; Dorothy Boswell School Modernization Phase I, and Carl Dwire School Modernization Phase II

Mr. Kunicki moved the Board approve Consent Items 1-5. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (4:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on Ventura County Office of Education LCAP (15 minutes)
Dr. Rice reviewed progress on developing the 2018-19 VCOE LCAP. Efforts to collect stakeholder feedback continue. The draft plan has been created and work now focuses on the goals, actions and services.

Goal 1 is to increase student achievement in all academic areas. Outlines seven actions that will be put in place to achieve this.

Goal 2 is to increase school safety and school climate. Efforts include focus on increased attendance and pro-social activities.

Goal 3 is to increase collaborative partnerships with parents, community members and county service providers.

Goals 4 and 5 focus on services to Expelled and Foster Youth. The triennial update to the County Plan for Expelled Youth has been updated and is much more robust. In addition, social-emotional counseling services have been increased. Services to foster youth include the implementation of the transportation agreement between all districts and the human services agency.

The draft LCAP will be posted on the website and presented for Public Hearing on June 18, 2018. This item was presented for information only.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. School Safety Plans
Dr. Rice reported that all Ventura County Office of Education operated schools have established Comprehensive School Safety Plans. Dr. Rice introduced Pamela Heron, Risk Manager, and Principals, who were responsible for the review of the School Safety Plans. Ms. Heron noted that plans were created for all schools, including all satellite locations. Information on active shooter protocols has been included and are more detailed. The protocol of “Run, Hide, Fight” has been implemented and training has been offered. The School Safety plans are updated on an as needed basis. All facilities have been reviewed and necessary accommodations have been made.

Complete School Safety Plans will be available for review in the Superintendent’s Conference Room for the next 30 days.

2. Opening of 30-Day Review Period for Adoption of Textbooks/Curriculum for County-Operated Schools
Dr. Rice reported that a committee comprised of VCOE Administrators and County Operated Schools teachers have selected textbooks/curriculum for VCOE operated schools and programs.

Ms. Harding led a presentation by teachers and staff on the suggested medically accurate, comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention curriculum for 5th – 12th graders and Post Secondary students. The recommendation for adoption is for Positive Prevention PLUS Sexual Health Education for America's Youth California version for each level Elementary (5th grade), Middle School (6th -8th), High School (9th-12th) and Special Populations (5th – Post Secondary). The materials are aligned with and support purposes specified in Education Code 51930 and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.1.

Team members who reviewed and tested the curriculum were introduced. Work has been ongoing since October 2016. The work began with training on the California Healthy Youth Act. Existing curriculum was reviewed. The Positive Prevention PLUS program is the only curriculum that has a special populations component. The curriculum was implemented at Phoenix in Spring 2017 and piloted at the remaining sites in February 2018.

The strengths of the program were reviewed. It emphasizes parent/guardian curriculum review. Parent informational nights are provided at least 14 days prior to instruction. Opt Out is provided. Regular communication with parents/guardians is provided and emphasized throughout the lessons. Program encourages communication with trusted adults; emphasizes abstinence; and honors culture and diversity.

Elementary program was reviewed. Health enhancing activities are included and each section ends with a family assignment. Medically accurate vocabulary is stressed. Middle School lessons are developmentally appropriate. Instruction is coordinated with behavioral health counselors. Project Alert lessons are included. It helped create safe communication opportunities. Students were highly engaged. Multiple year curriculum will be important as many of our students are high risk.

A key component of middle school is knowledge based instruction to assist the students in making healthy choices. The activities are relatable and help students know that their thoughts are appropriate and healthy. Personal contract to protect their sexual health. Good accountability tool for the students.

The high school curriculum is taught during health. Teachers related that the students thought they knew everything; were focused during the lessons; completed student activity workbooks. School nurse was part of the lessons. Safe, evidenced based information was provided. Many students have experienced trauma and are at high risk. Instruction provides them with the information they need to prevent disease and make healthy choices. Curriculum has reduced risky behaviors. Risk reduction skills are taught.

Post high school curriculum was also reviewed. Many of the students are now in adult housing. Many are in situations that put them at risk. Between 50-90% of disabled students are abused. The curriculum teaches them self advocacy, sexual safety, and vocabulary. Expands on personal advocacy.

Our team has worked diligently to identify curriculum that will assist our special needs students.

The recommended materials will be available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Learning Resources Display Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, beginning May 25, 2018 and continuing through an anticipated adoption date June 25, 2018. The Board and public are encouraged to review the curriculum prior to adoption.

Ms. Ulrich thanked all the staff for their efforts and noted that sexual diseases are increasing in Ventura County.

Mr. Kunicki thanked staff for their efforts. He appreciates that the curriculum also addresses sexual trafficking. Children as young as 9-10 are at risk.

Mr. Bates asked about the level of parent participation at the meetings. Staff responded that it was not good. Teachers called each parent to explain the curriculum. Plan to provide information during Open Houses next year. Permission slips are required. Getting a response from group homes or foster guardians was harder.

Mr. Kunicki addressed the Opt Out option. He appreciates that this option is provided. It was noted that parents can opt out at any time in the process. Drug abuse and Project Alert instruction is provided at Middle School and High School through the TUPE grant.

Dr. Lisagor expressed his appreciation for the work this group has done for our diverse student population.

3. Approval of Bid for Camarillo Special Education School

Mr. Mantooth noted that State bond funds have been allocated for the construction of the Camarillo Special Education School, home of the new Triton Academy, located adjacent to the VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center. An RFP was issued and bids were received and reviewed. The lowest bidder, Viola, Inc., built the VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center and is a local firm. Our experience with Viola has been excellent and they delivered a high quality project.

Mr. Bates moved the Board award Bid 2018-34, Camarillo Special Education 20 Classroom School New Construction, to Viola, Inc. for a total award amount of \$10,727,000. Mr. Kunicki seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (4:0).

Mr. Mantooth suggested a Ground Breaking Ceremony be held on June 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., to commemorate the beginning of the construction of this facility.

Mr. Mantooth distributed copies of Board Policy 7310, Naming of Facilities, and indicated that at this time it is appropriate to name two Board members to serve on a subcommittee with identified staff to receive propose names. Ms. Ulrich asked if the subcommittee could be identified at a time when Dr. Flores was available. Mr. Kunicki volunteered to serve on the Naming Subcommittee.

4. Resolution No. 18-03, 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 6, 2018
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 first Friday in December on the same day as the statewide General Election is held – November 6, 2018. The purpose of the election is to elect three regular term vacancies to the Ventura County Board of Education – Trustee Area #1, Trustee Area #2 and Trustee Area #4 – Rachel Ulrich, Marty Bates and Dean Kunicki, respectively. Mr. Mantooth explained that this is a necessary procedural item.

Mr. Kunicki moved the Board adopt Resolution No. 18-03 as presented.
Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (4:0).

5. Resolution No. 18-04, Full and Fair Funding of California’s Public Schools
After initial discussion, this item was pulled from the agenda.
6. Special Board Meeting, Monday, August 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Kunicki moved the Board adopt a Special Meeting on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of meeting with the Ventura County Community College District. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (4:0).

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Dr. Lisagor apologized that he will be unable to attend the Special meeting on August 6, 2018.
2. Mr. Kunicki thanked Dr. Lisagor for pulling item L.5.
3. Ms. Ulrich expressed the Board’s best wishes to the Flores family. If the office receives information on a service, it will be shared with Board members.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Budget and LCAP (*Public Hearing, June 18, 2018; Adoption, June 25, 2018*)
2. Courses of Study (*Presentation, June 25, 2018; Adoption, July 23, 2018*)
3. Ventura County Plan for Expelled Pupils, Triennial Update (*June 18, 2018*)
4. Ms. Ulrich reported that she will be unable to attend the June 18, 2018 meeting.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018 (*Public Hearing on LCAP & Budget*)
Time: 8:00 a.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

Date: Monday, July 23, 2018
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 7:27 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 6/18/18.

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