

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
August 24, 2020**

**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 20-10, was called to order by Dr. Ramon Flores, Board President, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020, via ZOOM teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dr. Flores and followed by a moment of reflection.

Mr. Mantooth introduced the honored dignitary, Mary Samples; as well as Robert Viola, Viola Construction, Construction Contractor; and Alan Camerano, D.C. Architects whose firm designed the building. Mr. Mantooth noted that an official Grand Opening will be held when the pandemic restrictions are lifted but this evening, the Office wanted to honor Mary Samples and the Board that was involved in the construction approval process.

**B. TOUR OF THE MARY E. SAMPLES EDUCATION CENTER/TRITON ACADEMY**

1. Tour of the Mary E. Samples Education Center / Triton Academy  
Dr. Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Board Trustees and Ms. Samples participated in a tour of the Mary E. Samples Education Center / Triton Academy.
2. Board Meeting Reconvenes  
Dr. Flores reconvened the meeting at 5:47 p.m. and proceeded with Agenda Item A.2, Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Guests.

**A. CALL TO ORDER (Continued)**

2. Roll Call  
Trustees Participating via Teleconference:  
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5  
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1  
Mike Teasdale, Area 2  
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3  
Rob Collins, Area 4 - *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Participating via Teleconference:  
Stanley C. Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board  
Dr. Cesar Morales, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services  
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services  
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer

Consuelo Williams, County Programs Support and Accountability  
Nancy Akkerman, Senior Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda  
Ms. Ulrich moved that agenda be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (4:0). Mr. Collins was absent.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**D. HEARINGS**

None.

**E. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**F. PRELIMINARY**

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of July 21, 2020.  
Ms. Ulrich moved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 21, 2020 be approved. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (4:0).

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

1. Ms. Ulrich reported that she attended the CCBE Board of Directors retreat which focused on planning for the upcoming CCBE Fall Conference. One of the guest speakers will be Eric Yuan, creator of ZOOM.
2. Dr. Lisagor reported that he attended the VCOE Leadership Retreat which focused on Social Injustice in Education. It was excellent. He appreciated being included. He has been busy spending time learning about Prop 15.
3. Dr. Flores reported that he too attended the VCOE Leadership Retreat. He appreciated the opportunity to have open and honest conversations about this important topic. He hopes that districts can create a safe space for all staff and students to have these conversations.
4. Mr. Mantooth confirmed that all Board Trustees except Mr. Collins have indicated they wish to attend the CCBE and CSBA Annual Conferences.

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Mr. Mantooth congratulated Dr. Flores and Dr. Lisagor on their decision to serve for another term on the Board. Both are running unopposed.
2. Mr. Mantooth noted that he will be running for VCCCD, Trustee Area #3.

## **J. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

1. Dr. Lisagor reported that CSBA and other education agencies are strongly in support of Prop 15, Full and Fair Funding for Schools. It is appropriate for the Board to advocate for the public to get behind this effort.
2. Mr. Teasdale noted that there is information and training available online pertaining to advocacy efforts in support of Proposition 15.

***Ms. Ulrich moved the Board proceed to time certain Agenda Item M.1. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion passed upon a unanimous roll call vote (4:0).***

## **M. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. PUBLIC HEARING on the VCOE Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan  
***(TIME CERTAIN 6:00 p.m.)***  
*Angie Mendoza acted as Interpreter*

Pursuant to California Education Code, Dr. Flores opened the PUBLIC HEARING on the VCOE Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan at 6:00 p.m.

Hearing no additional public comments, Dr. Flores closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. This item was presented for information only.

Dr. Consuelo Williams reported that SB 98 established the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan) requirements for the 2020–21 school year in lieu of the Local Control Accountability Plan.

The Learning Continuity Plan seeks to address funding stability for schools while providing information on how student learning continuity will be addressed during the COVID-19 crisis in the 2020–21 school year

Prior to adopting the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, LEAs must consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, bargaining units, parents, and pupils and solicit recommendations and comments from the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed. Members of the public were notified of their right to provide written and public comments. The Learning Continuity Plan was presented to the Parent Advisory Committee and English Learner Advisory Committee, in separate meetings.

The Learning Continuity Plan must also be presented at a public hearing of the Board and be adopted at a separate meeting. Feedback must be solicited from all stakeholders, including those who do not speak English. Information on numerous stakeholder engagements meetings that have been ongoing was provided.

Ms. Williams noted that the VCOE plan opens on pages 1-5 with general information of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic has had on VCOE.

The plan includes five areas of focus, the first being:

Continuity of Learning on pages 6-22 which discusses future plans for in-person instruction and the current distance learning program. continuity of instruction, access to devices and connectivity, pupil participation and progress, distance learning professional development and resources to support staff, new/modified staff roles and responsibilities, additional supports for pupils with unique needs (ELs, Foster and Homeless youth). This section also addresses pupil learning loss.

Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-being on pages 22-23 includes a description of resources for pupils and staff to address trauma and other impacts of COVID-19.

Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach on pages 23-24 details reengagement strategies for pupils who are absent and how outreach will be provided to the students and families in their primary language.

School Nutrition on page 25 outlines how students are provided adequate meals

The plan concludes on page 26 with a description of Increased or Improved Services for Pupils in Foster Care, English Learners, and Low-income Students.

The final draft of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan will be brought to the Board for adoption on September 28, 2020.

Mr. Teasdale asked what is happening with Career Education? Dr. Morales noted that the CEC is not currently having students attend classes in person. Courses that were offered, will continue to be offered in a virtual manner. CEC administrators have been working to address certification courses. CEC teachers have been participating in professional development opportunities to learn how to provide the curriculum virtually.

Learning Loss Measurement. Ms. Ulrich asked how often will the STAR and other assessments take place so learning loss can be determined. STAR ELA and MATH tests are administered when the student enrolls and again, when the student exits. Gateway students are attending virtually in a cohort model with two teachers and two paras. This allows the teacher of record to provide instruction while the other adults can identify which students are not participating. They do this on the same day in the hopes of mitigating the learning loss for students.

What challenges are teachers experiencing? Teachers have indicated that the extension of the school day into the evening hours with students and parents calling and emailing can be challenging. The loss of connectivity at odd times can also be problematic, however, even though this is an incredibly stressful time, the amount of teamwork being displayed is amazing.

Ms. Ulrich questioned how the State wants daily attendance accounted for? What are the measurements? Dr. Williams noted that teachers are required to take daily attendance and ensure student engagement. The various types of student engagement are contained within a drop down menu. Dr. Williams will provide information on the actual minutes required by grade level in the plan presented on September 28, 2020. Her recollection is that grades 3-12 are required to have 240 minutes; and T-K is 180 minutes. Mr. Mantooth noted that 180 school days are still required.

The Board expressed their appreciation of this report and acknowledged the amount of effort that obviously went into it.

Dr. Williams recognized the Special Populations team, Technology Department and Special Education teams and their efforts on this report.

Mr. Teasdale asked what the impact on the budget will be in this new process? Mr. Mantooth noted that we have a dedicated funding stream for loss mitigation specifically. The office has been granted additional dollars for this work.

***Dr. Flores noted that the Board would return to Agenda Item K, Consent/Action.***

**K. CONSENT/ACTION**

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim
2. Temporary County Certificates
3. Disposal of Property
4. Williams Quarterly Report to the County Board of Education
5. Annual Parent Notification for Students Served by the Ventura County Office of Education
6. Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs
7. Change Order No. 19 to Viola, Inc. for Camarillo Special Education New Construction: 20 Classroom School Bid 2018-34

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board approve Consent Items 1-7. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion, and the motion passed upon a unanimous roll call vote (4:0).

**L. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

***Dr. Flores noted that the Board would continue with Agenda Item M.2.***

## **M. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

2. Development and Approval of Resolution in Support of Ethnic Studies  
Dr. Flores reported that he believed this would be a very fitting agenda item given the current occurrences. Dr. Flores appointed himself and Mr. Teasdale to a subcommittee to work with Dr. Castro and Dr. Morales to draft a resolution on how to incorporate Ethnic Studies at the High School and California State University level. The resolution will be presented for adoption at the September 28, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Ulrich asked if the subcommittee is envisioning a proposal that would be grade specific, or is it a resolution. Dr. Flores expressed that he wants to look at American History as what actually happened – learning actual history.

Dr. Lisagor noted that the State has proposed legislation that is being coordinated with CDE on mandated ethnic studies courses. Every district in our county has already embraced this issue. OUHSD has already put in place requirements around ethnic studies for graduation. Dr. Lisagor asked that the resolution be more supportive then prescriptive.

Mr. Teasdale noted that he has talked to Assemblymember Medina who has provided sample resolutions. He hopes that the Board will support this effort.

## **N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Ms. Ulrich indicated that she will attend the CSBA Annual Conference. There will also be a VCSBA Dinner held on November 30, 2020; after the election. The Executive Board is working on relevant topics. The meeting will be virtual and will have an emphasis on virtual learning.
2. Dr. Lisagor reported that he will attend the CSBA Annual Conference. He also thanked Dr. Judd for her work on tonight's virtual meeting. Dr. Lisagor expressed his pride in being part of the Mary Samples Education Center. He congratulated the amazing teachers for their obvious efforts.
3. Mr. Teasdale reported that he too plans to attend the CSBA Annual Conference and was impressed with the building and appreciated the tour.
4. Dr. Flores stated that the tour was wonderful. He reported that he has been asked to take part in an educational panel this Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. He congratulated Dr. Lisagor on his decision to run for County Board Trustee again.
5. Dr. Lisagor expressed his congratulations to Dr. Flores as well.

## **O. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Review and Adoption of 2020-21 Courses of Study – *September / October, 2020*

2. Adoption of VCOE Learning Continuity / Attendance Plan – *September 28, 2020*
3. Adoption of Resolution in Support of Ethnic Studies Curriculum – *Sept. 28, 2020*

**P. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Date: Monday, September 28, 2020  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

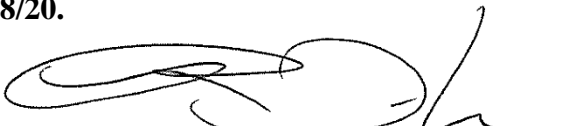
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

**P. ADJOURNMENT**


Dr. Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board Action on 09/28/20.**

September 28, 2020  
Date

  
Dr. Ramon Flores, Board President

September 28, 2020  
Date

  
Stan Mantooth, Ex-Officio Secretary and  
Executive Officer of the Board

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