



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING  
VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and  
VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

Reception: 5:30 p.m. / Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
761 East Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

**1. RECEPTION (5:30 – 6:00 p.m.)**

The Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees and the Ventura County Board of Education Trustees participated in a brief reception immediately preceding the meeting.

**2. OPEN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)**

**2.01 Call to Order**

The Special Joint Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education and the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees, was called to order by Arturo Hernandez, VCCCD Board Chair and Rachel Ulrich, VCBE, Board President at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, in the Board Room of the Ventura County Community College District, 761 East Daily Drive, Suite 200, Camarillo.

**2.02 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by VCCCD Trustee Kennedy.

**2.03 Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**2.04 Approval of Agenda / Chancellor's Recommendation of the Agenda**

Ms. Ulrich moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote of those in attendance: Ms. Ulrich; Dr. Lisagor and Dr. Flores (3:0).

**2.05 Roll Call, Acknowledgement of Guests and Special Recognitions**

VCOE Trustees Present:

Rachel Ulrich, Trustee Area 1, President

Dr. Mark Lisagor, Trustee Area 3

Dr. Ramon Flores, Trustee Area 5

VCCCD Trustees Present:

Arturo Hernandez, Area 5, Chair

Larry Kennedy, Area 3, Trustee

Steve P. Blum, Esq., Area 4, Vice Chair

Dianne McKay, Area 2, Trustee

Bernardo Perez, Trustee Area 1

Connor Kubeisy, Student Trustee

VCOE Personnel Present:

Stan Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio  
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services  
Dr. Antonio Castro, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Dr. Tiffany Morse, Executive Director, Career Education Center  
Emily Mostovoy-Luna, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA  
Nancy Akkerman, Executive Assistant

VCCCD Personnel Present

Dr. Greg Gillespie, Chancellor  
Dr. Damon Bell, President, Oxnard College  
Dr. Cynthia Azari, President, Ventura College  
Luis Sanchez, JD, LLM, President, Moorpark College  
Mr. Mike Shanahan, Vice-Chancellor, Human Resources  
Ms. Patty Blair, Administrative Assistant  
Laura Brower, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Recorder

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None.*

**4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

**4.01 Report on Educational Compact Established by Joint Resolution of the Ventura County Board of Education and the Ventura County Community College District**

Per the agenda, on September 23, 2013 and December 8, 2015, the Ventura County Board of Education, the Ventura County Office of Education and the Ventura County Community College District adopted a joint resolution confirming their commitment to and partnership in a path of collaboration for the benefit of Ventura County students' continuing education.

Dr. Gillespie reviewed the objectives in developing the resolution and noted that a review of the efforts made towards those goals would be presented. Over the past two years, there have been numerous opportunities for high school students to work with the colleges.

Current Efforts:

Ventura County Education Summit

November 26, 2018, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Ventura County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo.

The Ventura County Education Summit is being hosted by the P-20 Council, a group of representatives from the full continuum of education from Preschool to age 20. Dr. Gillespie serves as the Vice Chair. The focus of the VC Education Summit will be to showcase education in Ventura County. This event is for businesses, elected officials, school board members, people who will be involved in keeping students in jobs in Ventura County. We hope to engage business people in a vibrant discussion of what they want from us as educators. What education and training do they want for their future incoming workers.

### VCCCD Promise Initiative

Dr. Gillespie reported that Community Colleges are Californians main access to higher education. Community Colleges are relatively cost effective but the finances can be a barrier to some students. The Promise Initiative allows students to successfully complete 1-2 years of education relatively free. Funds are now coming from State and community.

Moorpark College has been recognized as the #4 Community College in the nation. The Promise Initiative has been a new effort. Their foundation gives out \$150,000 in scholarships. The State College Grant also provides approximately \$500,000 for new full-time students. Approximately 60% of students are eligible for fee waivers.

They have developed a Rising Scholars Program for middle school students, especially those that are first generation college students. Working with local schools, low income students with academic promise, are provided with tutorial support, and eventual scholarships. Concurrent and Dual enrollment options are available. Partnership with CLU provides full scholarship to 5 students.

Oxnard College. The Promise program began last year. Nearly 500 students are in the program. They have to carry 12 units and 93% moved from the first semester to second semester; and 83% went from fall to fall. 85% had a gpa of 2.0 or better.

In 2018-19 there are 635 students in the Promise program. 81% are enrolled in 12 or more units. A 15 to Finish program was started for non-Promise program students to assist students in completing the required units for an AA.

An important component is outreach to students. Condor High School is located on the Oxnard College campus – 50 students attending high school and college to complete their AA degree while in High School. Every Friday, they bring a different high school group to tour the college. Students receive an educational plan. In addition, they also bring middle school students, with other students acting as tour guides. Financial aid workshops are offered for parents. Work primarily with OUHSD. Letters sent to all OUHSD students as they graduate. Financial aid office is opened late in order to help students with FAFSA.

Ventura College. Started 11 years ago through their foundation. Two years ago, it was expanded to both veterans and active military. Funding is from the Grant, AB19, and the foundation. Money is used to fund 1,051 first year students. Hope to offer Promise to 200 students for second year. They will have had to complete 24 units.

Ventura College has an outreach program to local high school students and parents. Host workshops on high school campuses to help students apply for college and financial aid. Dual enrollment options are also available.

Dr. Flores thanked each of the colleges for offering a parental support piece.

Ms. Ulrich added that she has had the pleasure of teaching some of the Promise students and she is thrilled to see their excitement and dedication.

#### Career Education Update

Many of the career education grants were based on partnerships with the Ventura County Community College District. Efforts to articulate curriculum between VCOE and VCCCD programs has been on going.

Dr. Tiffany Morse and Dr. Alex Wright co-presented the collaborative work. VC Innovates started 5 years ago with a partnership between VCOE and VCCCD and every district in the County. Essential Career Connections start with exposing, engaging, enlisting, and experiencing employment opportunities for students. In 2014-15 there were 966 students who petitioned for articulated credits; in 2017-18, almost 4,000 students petitioned. In 2014-15, 6,624 career connections where students were exposed to businesses were made. This years year there were 50,243 exposures. Employers donated 81,942 hours to 370,959 hours this year. 18,000 students in CTE courses have grown to 41,968 taking courses; 150 teachers have been added; all greatly increasing the opportunities for students.

Current work includes aligning labor market analysis to courses provided. Work was done to develop common metrix to increase successful work. Information is shared between workforce development and industry liaisons, to develop a better understanding of the levels of knowledge needed in high school and college. Articulated pathways have been developed. Data collection is a huge component. Equipment is considered – manufacturing technology is important to the Ventura County region. Community College staff have acquired training on the same equipment future employees will need to work on. This has shown the businesses that we are working to provide appropriate training for students.

Collaborations include Mechatronics lab; Manufacturing National Science Foundation Grant, Counselor Collaboration, Naval Base Ventura County STEM Tour which includes teachers and students.

Future work. The Dashboard now includes a college and career readiness indicator. This indicator will include work towards articulated courses, including dual enrollment. High School staff are being trained to better understand how to measure and tract any high school class that addresses this indicator.

A Work Readiness Certificate for students who attend alternative courses is being developed. VCOE, VCCCD, Adult Education programs, local Chambers of Commerce, and the Workforce Development Board are all working to develop one certificate that will be accepted by employers and that all agencies will use.

Funding. The Career Trust Grants were competitive grants that are not on going. The CTE Incentive Grant is ongoing but is being reduced each year. Strong Workforce Funding is competitive State funding. Funding will be provided for a region and competitive grants will be provided for that funding. VCOE is in the South Central Coast area which includes other county offices. VCOE will be competing for a grant against these other counties. We have received less funding from the State and we will now have to compete to regain funding to sustain ongoing efforts at the same level. Data collection and collaborative efforts are a benefit in pursuing these funds. The work of these two Boards in developing a joint resolution is an important piece, showing the collaborative work.

Mr. Mantooth noted that there are currently 42,000 students being reached by CTE courses. There are only 140,000 students in Ventura County. This work is reaching the students.

VCCCD Trustee Kennedy asked if there is work being done to get the word out to students about this program in other ways than just through a counselor who has a huge case load. A recent survey indicated that 50% of the students hear about CTE from a counselor and 30% through word of mouth. VCOE is funding a full time counselor who will work with high school counselors on a daily basis to get the word out. A counselors' job-a-like network meets monthly. All three college counselors attended a CTE training. Dr. Rice noted that online registration has been developed to reach out to students as well.

Dr. Lisagor noted that reaching students early is very important. VCCCD Trustee Hernandez agreed. VCCCD Trustee Perez asked if work is done to collaborate with community based groups. Dr. Morse noted that the Department of Rehab is working with VCOE to provide internships for 16-18 year olds. The suggestion was made to reach out to clergy.

#### College Credit Opportunities for High School Students

Dr. Gillespie reviewed ways that high school students can access college classes. Recent legislation supports dual enrollment programs where students take college classes in high school and receive both high school and college credit at the same time. Two types – CTAP are dual enrollment classes during school hours. Non CTAP is taken outside of school hours. The data indicates that over the past three years there has been a slow growth in the number of classes offered (36-46). Enrollment has increased from 971 to 1052. It is a gradual increase.

The development of CTAP courses involves working with the College and School District Teachers Unions. Look at how other community colleges have done this. 42,000 students take career education courses in high school. This could lead to pathways to fill Community College programs.

There are currently 25 courses offered in the County. CTAP agreements are in place with four school districts – Santa Paula, Fillmore, Oxnard Union and Ojai Unified School Districts; and agreements are in process with three districts – Las Virgenes, Simi Valley and Conejo Valley Unified School Districts. We are making progress, now need to look at how we can leverage those efforts.

Ms. Ulrich asked if the current CTAP courses are being taught by the high school teacher or the community college teachers. Currently co-teaching. Non CTAP courses are taught by college teachers.

**4.02 Reaffirmation of the Ventura County Board of Education and the Ventura County Community College District's commitment to ensuring all students are well-prepared for college, careers, and in their lives**

Dr. Gillespie led a discussion of the Educational Compact established by Joint Resolution of the Ventura County Board of Education and the Ventura County Community College District.

There is real value in both agencies continuing to work together. Within the resolution are six goals: help all students and families believe that they can have a future in education; counsel secondary students about their educational and career path opportunities; help students assess costs and benefits; work together to identify how best to academically prepare students for higher education; engage middle school students; and provide professional development opportunities for staff. Things have happened in all of these areas and it is important to continue this work.

VCCCD Trustee McKay asked that a goal of providing dual enrollment opportunities at all high schools across the County be included. Ms. Ulrich concurred, but suggested the inclusion of work readiness certificates. Dual and or concurrent enrollment could go on the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet.

VCCCD and VCOE will work together to provide opportunities for students to acquire college credit while still in high school.

Dr. Lisagor moved the Ventura County Board of Education reaffirm their commitment with the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees to ensure student success through collaborative efforts benefiting the students of Ventura County by adopting the proposed Joint Resolution with the addition of a new bullet which states, "VCCCD and VCOE will work together to provide opportunities for students to acquire college credit while still in high school." Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and upon a unanimous vote of those in attendance: Ms. Ulrich; Dr. Lisagor and Dr. Flores (3:0).

VCCCD Trustee McKay moved the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees reaffirm their commitment with the Ventura County Board of Education to ensure student success through collaborative efforts benefiting the students of Ventura County by adopting the proposed Joint Resolution with the addition of a new bullet which states, "VCCCD and VCOE will work together to provide opportunities for students to acquire college credit while still in high school." VCCCD Trustee Blum seconded the motion and it carried upon a unanimous vote of those in attendance: Arturo Hernandez, Larry Kennedy, Steve P. Blum, Esq., Dianne McKay, Bernardo Perez, and Connor Kubeisy, Student Trustee (6:0).

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the Ventura County Board of Education Joint meeting at 7:29 p.m.

***Minutes approved by Board Action on 11/26/18.***