

**· VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
June 28, 2021**

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 21-11, was called to order by Mike Teasdale, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021, 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 Mr. Teasdale and followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Michael Teasdale, Area 2
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Rob Collins, 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
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Services
Emily Mostovoy-Luna, Associate Superintendent, SELPA, CHPP and Hearing
Lisa Salas Brown, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Lisa Bork, Senior Executive Assistant
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant
Brian Meza, Conference Facilities Technician

3. Approval of Agenda
Dr. Flores moved that the agenda be approved. Mr. Collins seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

C. HEARINGS

1. **Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 2102**
Mendoza vs. Rio School District
CANCELLED

2. **Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 2103**
Mora vs. Oxnard School District
Ms. Ulrich moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 2103.
Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

3. **Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 2104**

Hernandez vs. Oxnard School District

Mr. Collins moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 2104.

Dr. Flores seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2021.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2021 be approved.

Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Ms. Ulrich noted the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding student social media - *Mahanoy Area School District vs. B.L., a Minor*.
2. Dr. Lisagor would like a future discussion on understanding the budget section on community schools expanding beyond the districts.
3. Mr. Collins checked in with Simi and Moorpark school districts. In Simi Valley, the budget and attendance look good. Moorpark enrollment looks better than expected. Wearing masks at school in the fall is a parent concern.
4. Dr. Flores is looking forward to a meeting on June 29 with Mr. Teasdale and Dr. Morales to plan for the presentation at the CCBE conference in September.
5. Mr. Teasdale attended a Providence graduation earlier today and was deeply moved by the challenges this student overcame, and the care and concern of staff.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales said that Ventura Unified is concerned that a natural gas pumping station expansion is going to be installed near one of their schools. Dr. Morales has been in touch with local legislatures and multiple agencies to assist in supporting Ventura Unified and the safety and health of students.

Dr Morales noted he has received a letter of resignation from Jenny Fitzgerald, Board President at Conejo Valley Unified, effective June 30, 2021.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None

J. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim

2. Temporary County Certificates

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board approve Consent Items 1 and 2. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0)

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Adoption of Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (VCOE LCAP)

School districts and County Offices of Education are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), using a template adopted by the California State Board of Education (SBE). The LCAP identifies how districts and County Offices of Education address the State's priorities and metrics, and how expenditures are in accordance with statutes. In accordance with Education Code 52062, a Public Hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments regarding the proposed VCOE LCAP was held on June 21, 2021.

Dr. Hernandez Williams said there have been no programmatic changes since the Public Hearing on June 21, 2021. However, there has been a change in the total budgeted general fund expenditures which is now reported as \$115 million dollars.

Ms. Ulrich moved the Board approve the Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan as presented. Dr. Flores seconded the motion and motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0)

2. Adoption of the 21-22 County Schools Service Fund Budget and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund

In accordance with Education Code 52062, a Public Hearing on the County Schools Service Fund Budget was held in conjunction with a Public Hearing on the VCOE LCAP on June 21, 2021. Administration recommends the Board adopt the 2021-22 County Schools Service Fund and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund as presented.

Ms. Key noted the budget presented in this packet is the same as the Public Hearing with no edits. She thanked the entire fiscal and budget team led by Lisa Cline, Executive Director, Internal Business Services.

Ms. Key said due to the loss of enrollment and funding, there are nine less management positions to start the new fiscal year. The duties have been rearranged and eight management positions have changed grades to reflect additional duties. The Comprehensive Health and Prevention Department will now oversee the Hearing Conservation Department. The classified salary schedule will be reviewed given that the minimum wage will increase to \$15.00 on January 1, 2022. VCOE needs to have a competitive salary to keep employees. This will also involve the Collective Bargaining Unit. Costs will be reflected in the first Interim Iteration in December. Ms. Ulrich acknowledged the high cost of living in Ventura County and noted that VCOE provides excellent benefit compensation.

Dr. Lisagor inquired if eliminating nine positions and changing the grades of eight staff members would result in cost savings. Ms. Key replied, yes, the overall total is still less and accomplishing the same services for students. Dr. Lisagor said STRS and PERS rates need to be taken into consideration.

Ms. Key noted a few proposals in the current budget package would eliminate all cash deferrals for 2021-22, and Transitional Kindergarten would phase in for full implementation for the 2025-26 school year. The cost-of-living adjustment is 5.07% to the LCFF. Within that proposed package, the cost-of-living adjustment to special education is 4.05%. There is also additional funding to special education in the amount of \$396 million dollars and an additional \$260 million dollars specifically for the preschool programs within the special education umbrella. The proposal includes an increase to the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant by \$150 million dollars at the statewide level.

The California Community Schools Partnership program is a categorical grant which is confusing because the name “community schools” refers to a categorical program with community partnerships, not schools such as our Gateway school. It is being proposed as a three billion dollar one-time funding.

Mr. Collins and Ms. Ulrich asked about cash deferrals. Ms. Key said they are being paid monthly and will be completed by November, the State will have made us whole for the 20-21 fiscal year.

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board approve the 2021-22 County Schools Service Fund Budget and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund as presented. Mr. Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0)

3. Annual Technical Assistance Report

Staff will present a report demonstrating how the Ventura County Office of Education will, per Ed Code 52066, support the continuous improvement of all county school districts and will assist each school district identified for technical assistance.

The Annual Technical Assistance Report has been a requirement since 2018-19. The requirement for county offices to submit the summary to the California Department of Education has been in effect since the 2019-20 school year.

The pandemic, closures, and health orders significantly shifted nearly all school services, programs, operations, and practices. During this time, differentiated and universal technical assistance meant responding to urgent, immediate needs in every school district and charters, providing technical support to develop the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity Plan and also the Annual Technical Assistance to develop and adopt the LCAP utilizing the new state board-approved three-year template.

Dr. Flores asked if we support charter schools in the LCAP process? Ms. Salas Brown said our support is inclusive; she works very closely with Ms. Marlo Hartsuyker, the VCOE Charter Schools Director.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

1. Ms. Ulrich is looking forward to the presentation at CCBE in September.
2. Mr. Teasdale understands the need to pay our educators more income to serve students.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Determine date for Board Retreat and Scholarship Discussion - *August*
2. California Mathematics Framework – *September*
3. Mr. Collins is interested in the Social Justice Taskforce.
4. Dr. Lisagor would like a future discussion on understanding the budget section on community schools expanding beyond the districts.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS


Date: Monday, July 26, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, August 23, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Teasdale adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Date: Aug 23, 2021 
Michael Teasdale, Board President

Date: 8-25-21 
Dr. César Morales, Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board

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