

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
May 23, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Regular Board Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 22-11, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the Board Room of the VCOE Educational and Conference Services Center at 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
Michael Teasdale, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Arleigh Kidd, 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
Lisa Salas Brown, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Services
Teri Page, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dr. Juan Santos, Chief Human Resources Officer
Darlene Avalos, Director, Human Resources
Dave Schermer, Director, Communications
David Fateh, Director, Facilities
Lisa Bork, Senior Executive Assistant
Aurelia Roman, Executive Assistant
Brian Meza, Facilities Assistant

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three members of the public addressed the Board:
Ramon Ortiz, Fillmore
Maria Gonzalez, Fillmore
Javier Magana, Santa Paula

C. HEARINGS

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-05
Mr. Teasdale moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-05.
Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). The decision of the Board is final in this matter.
2. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-06
Dr. Flores moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-06.
Mr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). The decision of the Board is final in this matter.
3. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-07
Dr. Flores moved the Board uphold Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22-07.
Mr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). The decision of the Board is final in this matter.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

Mr. Kidd moved the minutes of the Regular Board meeting and the Special Board meeting of May 6, 2022, be approved. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0). (Ms. Ulrich noted she was not in attendance for the May 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m. Regular Board meeting.)

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None

G. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

(Reports by Board members regarding their individual activities affecting the Office pursuant to Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a)).

1. Upcoming Events
Impact II Awards May 24
VCOE Student Art Gallery 5/19-6/5 Santa Paula Agriculture Museum
Leadership Team Meeting May 16 – Museum of Ventura County
Migrant Speech & Debate Tournament May 21
Teacher Induction Culmination May 24
All Staff Gathering May 25
VCSBA Dinner May 31
Ventura County Teacher of the Year..... End of May
Graduations/Promotions June 3-15

BOARD COMMENTS:

Dr. Flores attended the VCOE Leadership Retreat at the Museum of Ventura County on May 16th. The discussions with the superintendents from Ventura Unified and Mesa Union, and the assistant superintendent from Rio School District covered important topics. Dr. Flores will be attending the Impact II awards on May 24 and is pleased his work at the Naval Base is sponsoring three of the grants to three very deserving teachers.

Mr. Kidd attended the May 10, 2022, Moorpark Unified School Board meeting. He spoke during public comments about the responsibilities of County Boards. He also attended a Board meeting at the Simi Valley Unified School District on May 17th (he was a former Board member at Simi Valley Unified). He wishes more people were aware of the Career Technical Education programs.

Dr. Lisagor acknowledged the article Dr. Morales submitted in the Ventura County Star "Education Vs. Incarceration for Troubled Teens." It was a great article bringing attention to what students can do when given a chance. He would like to see more of these types of articles.

Mr. Teasdale attended a very informational Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) meeting on May 11th in the SELPA office. It was very illuminating to see what it means for teachers and students. He just returned from Sacramento attending a CCBE/CSBA meeting. He learned that there may be a hundred million dollars headed towards education in the May Revise. At the CCBE Board of Directors meeting he learned they are working with CCSESA and CCBE on a common legislative day and a common governance training. A new CCBE effort is launching a new handbook and government initiative to better define the role of County Board members.

Ms. Ulrich was also in Sacramento for the CSBA Delegate Assembly and the CCBE Board of Directors meeting. Region 11 (Ventura and Santa Barbara counties) was very well represented. CSBA supports the teaching profession and wants to attract high quality people with competitive compensation. She said CSBA supports smaller class sizes and their priorities include raising LCFF funding, COVID ADA relief, SPED transportation and funding, and Transitional Kindergarten facilities.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales highlighted his legislative trip to Sacramento working closely with Misty Key in her work with BASC (Business and Administration Steering Committee) in all of the finance initiatives to benefit county offices. There may be some funding increases in county offices such as home to school transportation. He just received notice that the assembly was potentially backing down from the three-year rolling average of ADA. Dr. Morales informed Assemblymembers Irwin and Bennett.

He said the district superintendents just completed their workshop learning series with Leadership Associates focusing on change, especially following the pandemic. This has been a safe space to discuss what is plaguing our districts, county and state in the context of facilitated dialog and current research.

He appreciates the VC Star for allowing us to share information on what matters most for our students of highest need.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Kidd noted in the budget there is quite a bit of funding for community schools. Not all schools qualify to become a community school, but the ones that do tend to be the ones of greatest need. We do have some schools in Ventura County that qualify. He hopes our staff would communicate and advocate with local districts.

Ms. Ulrich said that CSBA is co-sponsoring AB 2034. This bill is advocating for LEAs Medi-Cal billing option programs to be expanded and make reimbursement easier.

Mr. Teasdale was at the CSBA meeting with Ms. Ulrich where they were discussing priorities. He was perplexed at the requests for more money with very little measurement or accountability. It is important to measure outcomes.

J. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

(All matters specified as Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda)

1. Mileage Reimbursement Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's Mileage Reimbursement Claim for April 2022.
2. Temporary County Certificates
Administration recommends the Board approve 13 Temporary County Certificates issued by the County.

Dr. Flores made a motion to approve items J1 and J2. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and it passed (5:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Review of 2022-2023 Courses of Study for Court and Community Schools and Special Education – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION – (10 minutes)
The Court and Community Schools and Special Education Programs 2022-2023 Courses of Study were presented for the Board's review and requested adoption. Per Board Policy No. 6143, these courses of study conform to the county graduation requirements, provide students the opportunity to attain skills appropriate for entry-level employment in business and industry upon graduation from high school, and prepare students for college and career access. A copy of these Courses of Study are available for review at VCOE's Administrative Services Center beginning May 23, 2022 and continuing through an anticipated adoption on June 27, 2022.

Michele Harding, Special Education Project Specialist, presented the updates/changes in the Courses of Study.

Foreign Language has been changed to World Language. The Environmental Science course is in the process of A-G approval. To support the Foundational Math course, resources from the approved curriculums have been identified.

College and Career Preparation Course 1 replaces Career Seminar with a more robust course that is also available through distance learning. College and Career Preparation 2 is a new course expanding upon Course 1.

Beginning with the Spanish courses there is a change in course codes. In VCOE schools there are students who need a particular semester of a certain course. They can enroll the student in the course/semester they need. This also includes specific semesters in English and Integrated Math courses.

Ms. Ulrich asked if pathways are consistent between districts. Ms. Harding said they looked at different districts and did a career inventory survey and the courses represent results from that survey. Automotive was #1 and Welding was #2. These courses continue through Ventura and Oxnard colleges.

Career Education Courses have all been updated to include the industry sector, CTE Pathway and Sequence. These high interest career pathways allow students to be competitive with their peers both in college applications and entering the workforce. There is also alignment with the local districts for students who enter our schools to continue in an already established pathway and/or to return to their district in their chosen pathway.

Veterinary Tech courses were unfortunately removed as they were unable to find instructors for these courses.

Courses added: Art Appreciation, Graphic Production Design and Advanced Graphic Design, Law Enforcement and Advanced Law Enforcement courses.

Dr. Flores thanked Ms. Harding and staff for raising the bar and for continuing to provide rigorous classes.

2. Review of 2022-2023 Course of Study for the Career Education Center – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

The Ventura County Office of Education Career Education Center 2022-2023 Course of Study is being presented for the Board's review and requested adoption. Per Board Policy No. 6143, these courses of study conform to the county graduation requirements, provide students the opportunity to attain skills appropriate for entry-level employment in business and industry upon graduation from high school, and prepare students for college and career access. A copy of the CEC Course of Study is available for review at VCOE's Administrative Services Center beginning May 23, 2022 and continuing through an anticipated adoption on June 27, 2022.

Ms. Laurie Lary, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education said the program is the same course with a new title called Modern Machining, which is 10 credits instead of 20.

Mr. Teasdale asked how CEC promotes their classes and what kind of partnerships are in place. Ms. Lary holds counselor corners to cascade information and keep people informed. The Strong Workforce program has a consortium application with four district partners targeting disproportionately impacted students to counseling services and introducing them to programs. These are all at Moorpark College - Biotechnology, Computer Networking, Data Science and Engineering programs. The CEC is looking at AB 2058 to consolidate funding courses. It is challenging for districts to write individual grants. The funding continues to change and evolve. Districts are able to contract with CEC with courses such as Medical Assisting, this is happening in Simi Valley Unified and Oxnard Union High School District.

3. Review of Courses for the Career Education Center Program – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Career Education Center Program courses presented for the Board's review and requested adoption of two new courses for the 2022-2023 school year, Home Health Aide and American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR. These courses are designed for the CEC Adult Program and recommended by their Advisory Committee. Every health care worker needs to take a Basic Life Support CPR class; this is a different course for healthcare industry workers. CEC offers a CNA program and if people continue for 40 hours, they receive a home health aide certification, which is currently in high demand. Copies of the new courses for CEC are available for review at VCOE's Administrative Services Center beginning May 23, 2022 and continuing through an anticipated adoption date on June 27, 2022.

4. Opening of 30-Day Review Period for Adoption of Textbooks for the Career Education Center Program –INFORMATION / DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

A committee comprised of VCOE administrators, teachers, and industry partners has recommended the new course *Home Health Aide*. This course combines classroom and clinical training teaching skills necessary for client care in the home. Home Health Aide is an additional certification available to Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA). A CNA certification is a prerequisite for this program. This request for a textbook adoption is for *The Home Health Aide Handbook*; Author: Fuzy, Jetta and Leahy, William; Publisher: Hartman Publishing; 5th Edition, 2019. This course is designed for the CEC Adult Program. A copy of the textbook will be available for review at VCOE's Administrative Services Center beginning May 23, 2022, and continuing through an anticipated adoption date on June 27, 2022.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Lisagor would like to put Board Scholarships on the next agenda since there are nine Providence graduations coming up. Dr. Morales said the scholarship program has been approved by the Board and Administration can move forward with these scholarships. Ms. Hernandez-Williams will provide Trustees with a summary sheet.

Dr. Lisagor inquired about the process of reimbursing scholarship recipients indicating it may be a challenge for some students to front the money. Ms. Key said VCOE connects directly with students and work with them on either paying the expense directly or coordinating on the timing if there is a financial hardship.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Ulrich would like to work with Dr. Morales and put together a committee on exploring Solar Energy. Mr. Kidd also spoke with Ron Todo at Simi Valley Unified regarding Solar Energy.

Mr. Kidd would like a future agenda item to discuss advocating for the Career Education Center.

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 (*Public Hearing on Budget & LCAP*)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 (*Adoption of Budget & LCAP*)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, July 25, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Ms. Ulrich adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


P. ADJOURNMENT

Date: 6/27/22

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Rachel Ulrich, Board President



Dr. César Morales, Ex Officio Secretary and
Executive Officer of the Board