

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
JANUARY 19, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER / SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Special Board Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 22-02, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President, at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, via ZOOM teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Ulrich, followed by a moment of reflection.
2. Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Guests
Trustees Present:
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1
Mike 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
Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams, Associate Superintendent, Student Services
Lisa Salas Brown, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Emily Mostovoy-Luna, Associate Superintendent SELPA
Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Teri Page, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Lisa Bork, Senior Executive Assistant
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant
3. Approval of Agenda
Dr. Ramon Flores moved the agenda be approved. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

C. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of January 5, 2022.
Mr. Teasdale moved the minutes of the Special Board meeting of January 5, 2022 be approved. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales said there have been extraordinary efforts made by households and staff during this time. Everyone is doing their best under the circumstances. More staff are back at work.

E. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. January 24th Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to hold the January 24, 2022 Regular Board meeting virtually. Dr. Flores seconded the motion and it carried (5:0).

2. Redistricting of Trustee Areas

In conjunction with the recently released 2020 census data, and per the provisions of Education Code Section 1002, the County Board of Education which elects trustees by trustee area has until March 1, 2022, to consider adjusting the boundaries of the trustee areas to reflect population changes and minimize the population variance between trustee areas. At the January 5, 2022 Board meeting, Redistricting Partners presented two trustee area maps for the Board to consider which meet the legal requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act and align with school district boundaries as much as possible.

Misty Key thanked the Board for their consideration of the information presented by Redistricting Partners who listened to our input and presented trustee boundary shifts with two options.

Mr. Chris Chaffee from Redistricting Partners gave a short presentation on the potential trustee areas. Both Map A and Map B have sizable changes from the current trustee lines due to the shifting demographics and the need to create two majority-minority districts. Map A has a deviation of 8.6%; Map B has a deviation of 8%. Map A was created to adjust the demographics of trustee areas and Map B adjusted those changes taking into consideration the request to keep school district boundaries together as much as possible. The city of Camarillo is split on both maps.

Ms. Ulrich asked if there have been any conversations with the community college district. Dr. Morales said VCCCD is waiting for VCOE's outcome and will choose between our map or the Board of Supervisor's map. They may also decide to pursue a different direction.

Dr. Lisagor mentioned he has been contacted by people from the community college district requesting we let them know our decision as soon as possible so they can move forward one way or another. Mr. Chaffee can work with Dr. Morales to get the final map file.

Ms. Ulrich also asked if there has been any community feedback. Dr. Flores said there have been side conversations and concerns, however he has commented that we are not going to get a perfect map, but we have a good viable map.

Mr. Kidd thanked Mr. Chaffee and his team for the presentation. Mr. Kidd believes Map B meets more needs than Map A.

Mr. Teasdale also thanked Redistricting Partners and agrees with Mr. Kidd that Map B is the better map keeping communities and school districts together. Mr. Teasdale made a motion to adopt Plan B. Dr. Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

Ms. Ulrich thanked the staff and Redistricting Partners for the time and effort put into getting a new trustee area map. She stated it is important to be sure we are in compliance.

F. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Dr. Lisagor appreciates the smoothness with the way this process proceeded. He attended (virtually) the Governor's Budget Workshop hosted by VCOE and Capital Advisors. It was exceptional and he would highly recommend viewing the recorded version.

Mr. Teasdale agrees with Dr. Lisagor on the budget workshop. He is very optimistic about CCBE. The team and new President-elect, Joe Ross have an understanding and are building competencies and tools, and have a vision.

Dr. Flores has been working with President Ulrich on the CCBE upcoming training. He saw on VCOE's Facebook that Simi Valley has announced Dr. Hani Youssef as the new district superintendent. Dr. Flores has always been impressed by Dr. Youssef and the kindness he has showed families in Board meetings.

Mr. Kidd thanked Dr. Morales and staff for doing a great job under tough conditions. Mr. Kidd is also happy for Dr. Youssef and believes he will do a great job. Mr. Kidd was supposed to meet with Sr. Management for a Board member orientation, but it was postponed. He is looking forward to meeting with them soon.

Ms. Ulrich said the planning for the CCBE training in March is shaping up fantastically. Mr. Teasdale and Dr. Flores will be presenting as well as Dr. Charles Weis. There will also be some new fresh, talented presenters.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Annual Programmatic Audit for Bridges Charter School January 24, 2022

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, January 24, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual
Purpose: Regular Board Meeting

Date: Monday, February 7, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Salon A, Camarillo
Purpose: Special Board Meeting

Date: Monday, February 28, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Board Meeting


I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

1/26/22
Date

1/24/22
Date


Rachel Ulrich, Board President


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

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