

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
June 27, 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. 22-13, was called to order by Rachel Ulrich, Board President, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 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
Dr. Julie Judd, Chief Technology Officer
Teri Page, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Christina Mahone, Director of County Program Support and Accountability
Lisa Bork, Senior Executive Assistant
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant
Brian Meza, Facilities Assistant

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

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to withdraw agenda item C1 as the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal was resolved at the district level. Mr. Kidd 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. 22-10
This item was resolved by the district. The item was not heard.

D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

E. PRELIMINARY

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meetings of May 23, 2022, and June 13, 2022.

Dr. Lisagor made a motion to approve the May 23, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

Mr. Teasdale made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes. Ms. Ulrich seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a 3:0 vote. Dr. Lisagor and Dr. Flores abstained.

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

Providence Graduations..... June 14, July 28
CSBA Leadership Institute July 22-23, Los Angeles
CCBE Annual Conference Sept. 9-11, Hyatt Monterey
CSBA Annual Conference December 1-3, San Diego Convention Ctr.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Kidd attended graduations at Foster, Providence and La Mariposa. He will be attending the CSBA Leadership Institute in July.

Dr. Flores attended a CCBE Bylaws Committee meeting. He said an item was presented to the CCBE Directors and brought forward to the general meeting dealing with leadership succession planning.

The responsibilities of the CCBE Governance Training Committee have been taken over by Dr. Flores and Ms. Ulrich has been relieved of this responsibility. The CCBE incoming president gave opening remarks which set the tone - look for more training opportunities.

Ms. Ulrich also attended a recent Providence graduation. The VCSBA committee has a planning meeting in August and is asking for some direction on what trustees want to hear.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morales said last week VCOE hosted a Ventura County agency event focusing on youth and wellness systems. Ventura County Public Health, Probation, Human Services and VCOE joined together focusing on Foster Youth and how to better serve the community. This work is ongoing.

On November 2, 2022, the State of the County will be held in our Conference and Educational Services center. This is a symbol of ongoing collaboration.

Today, the first of several meetings took place on violence prevention with law enforcement, V.C. Behavioral Health, Interface as well as other community partners such as the Ventura County Community Foundation. The VCCF is funding a research project on analyzing trends of violence in Ventura County so we can have a common baseline for work moving forward. The next meeting is in August. On the same topic, VCOE is partnering with the Joint Powers Association (JPA) to launch campaigns on safety and highlighting active shooter trainings and school safety protocol to hopefully prevent devastating acts like Uvalde, Texas. We are working across agencies.

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Kidd commented on the budget forthcoming from Sacramento.

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
2. Temporary County Certificates

Dr. Lisagor moved the Board approve Consent Items J1 and J2. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Adoption of Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (VCOE LCAP) – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)

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 13, 2022. Administration recommends the Board approve the Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan as presented.

Dr. Hernandez Williams asked trustees if there were any questions on the LCAP, otherwise Administration would like to recommend the Board approve the Local Control Accountability Plan for VCOE.

Mr. Teasdale and Dr. Lisagor thanked Ms. Mahone for her detailed and thorough work.

Dr. Lisagor moved to approve the Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan as presented. Mr. Teasdale seconded the motion and it carried upon a unanimous roll call vote (5:0).

2. Adoption of the 22-23 County Schools Service Fund Budget and the Review of the Criteria

and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund – DISCUSSION / ACTION (20 minutes)

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 13, 2022. Administration recommends the Board adopt the 2022-23 County Schools Service Fund and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund as presented.

Ms. Key noted that Mr. Teasdale had questions at the previous Board meeting on comparisons to the prior year. Page 16 indicates the estimates for 2021-22 which is an updated projection and the subsequent columns are the 2022-23 budget. There are columns between restricted and unrestricted for comparison as well.

Ms. Ulrich asked if these numbers take into consideration any potential increases from when the governor signs the budget. Ms. Key said all the details put together are from what was proposed at the May Revise. There might be more revenue forthcoming when the final budget is signed.

Ms. Key wanted to point out the multi-year projection on page 77 – specifically deficit spending. Our projections include an increased amount of deficit spending. There is \$600,000 deficit spending in the current year, 1.5 million next year and in the subsequent year about 2.4 million. This is our worst-case scenario. According to fund balance, we will still be adequately managing our funds. She said we are projecting to have a total of 13 million at the end of the third year. Ms. Key told the Board members they can confidently approve the budget knowing we will be able to have a balanced budget.

Mr. Teasdale asked if we do get some of the grants being applied for, will that increase deficit spending? Ms. Key said we deliberately deficit spend when we get dollars to spend. We carry balances forward and spend in the future.

Ms. Ulrich said when we get grants, they will always look like deficit spending.

Mr. Teasdale moved to approve the 2022-23 County Service Fund Budget and the Review of the Criteria and Standards for the County Schools Service Fund as presented. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

3. Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)

The Human Resources Department (H.R.) is reviewing and updating policies and administrative regulations to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements, including best practices in servicing our students and staff. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedure, needed to be amended to include new protections and legal references. Due to the need for compliance and to meet requirements for posted regulations, H.R. requests that the Board waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedure, as presented. Administrative Regulation is attached for the Board's information.

Ms. Key noted there are quite a few edits in this policy. Dr. Juan Santos has gone through the effort to ensure our policy is up to date. There are significant changes bringing us into

alignment with laws and practices. The details on Title IX are the most significant.

Ms. Ulrich asked if the guidance is from CSBA? Ms. Key said yes, as well as Legal Counsel.

Mr. Teasdale moved the Board waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. Mr. Kidd seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a unanimous vote (5:0).

Administrative Regulation 1312.3 was included in the explanatory materials for the Board's information.

4. Annual Technical Assistance Report - *DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (10 minutes)*
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.

Lisa Salas Brown said at the May 6, 2022, Board meeting, she and James Koenig gave a brief overview of the support systems in place for our local educational agencies. In bullet #2 of the Annual Technical Assistance Report, note the efforts to provide workshops at no cost. The shift has been to examine not only the summative data which is old (2018-19) but to look at local districts through their formative assessments and through that process target our trainings more specifically on student groups such as English Learners, Foster Youth and McKinney Vento low-income students. We are targeting trainings so plans are more coherent between federal plans and the LCAP. One of the highlights for this year is creating a hub of support services with different branches and close connection with V.C. SELPA with our students with the most need.

Within this Technical Assistance Plan, there are three goals. The first goal is to approve all of our LCAPS. Our districts and LEAs must have an adopted plan on or before July 1. We arranged the LEA's into hubs this year, K-8, smalls and high school districts. Based on the expertise of our members, we have a more targeted approach to the approval of the LCAP.

Last year was the first year of the new three-year plan with the new template. The design is more coherent and clearer to read. We had mid-year reports in February which was helpful for our districts. They paused and looked at structure and made changes for the end of the year. We will go into Year 2 this year. The second goal is to meet with districts one on one to analyze data with our District Pulse. This is a school information system that allows us to look at real time data around chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, A-G, etc. This is building capacity with our LEAs so they learn how to do these processes on their own. We are facilitating and getting those teams together.

The last goal is providing support to districts when implementing the LCAP. For the last seven years, Lisa has been ensuring that our LEAs have the support they need to not just get through the LCAP template, but to recognize this is a comprehensive plan of how they measure and report results. The plan for this year is to add metrics with real time data.

We work with the CCEE, CDE, CCSESA and the Geo Lead network which includes all of our region along with Los Angeles and Fresno COEs. Stage 3 will be going through each

of the plans to ensure criteria has been met.

Mr. Teasdale wanted to confirm his understanding that we are using data to identify best practices. Ms. Salas Brown said it is a collective effort and the metrics change every year. It might not be in a formal LCAP, but the conversations lead to a plan.

Ms. Ulrich commented that we have been using Differentiated Assistance to talk about specific districts who are identified. It seems like this is working with all LCAPs whether or not they are in DA. Ms. Salas Brown said DA eligibility is based on 2018-19 CAASPP data. A smaller K-8 may never be eligible. All students have needs, we are working at providing services at no cost for all of our LEAs and charters.

Ms. Ulrich said hopefully this will help keep districts from falling into DA. Ms. Salas Brown said this is the first year of test scores since the Pandemic, it will be another year for colors to change. We have to be proactive.

Ms. Ulrich asked about our counterparts in other counties. Dr. Morales said we are progressive and establishing a network of support for all districts. Ms. Key is helping us to work in a “no fee” environment.

Mr. Teasdale liked this and said this is building a relationship. He asked to what extent is the data credible? Dr. Morales said through our network and facilitation we give LEAs an opportunity to examine this. What are the trends? When we learn from each other, we are facilitating and modeling how we ask questions and how we approach data. Everyone is getting a strong skill set to be a leader in their district. We are proactively working with all of our districts and charter schools and connect them together.

Mr. Teasdale asked if this is the same Peter Senge who has been around for a while, Ms. Salas Brown confirmed he is. He is doing work on the business side and bringing it into schools statewide. There will be a snippet at our Leadership Retreat on how they will be working with us to build our own capacity. He is excited to be working with us to bring compassionate systems to Ventura County. He would like Ventura County to be the hub. They built a research hub at MIT; Dr. Mette Boel who is a scientist will be here from Amsterdam. The research will be around how do we build systems in a different way where it is coming from the compassionate side but also has the research and data. Our Director of Expanded Learning, Ernesto Duran is a certified master practitioner in the work. He has been leading the effort to get our people trained.

Ms. Ulrich said VCOE is reimbursed from the state for DA work. She asked if the districts are charged? Ms. Salas Brown said in past we might have had a contract. For actual DA work there is no charge. She also mentioned VCOE is hiring smart. Any hire that comes to us has a final interview to let them know what kind of work they may be assigned. All work can be attached to the LCAP.

Ms. Ulrich asked if this is what the state envisions or what we created? Ms. Salas Brown said there is criteria we must adhere to, but we can make our own plans. The most important collaborative member is the GEO Lead. Sharing is caring. We are thinking outside of the Ventura County lens.

Dr. Flores asked if this also applies to our charter schools. Ms. Salas Brown said charters are not eligible for DA at this point. She works closely with Ms. Hartsuyker and attends the charter meetings. Charters are adhering to what our local districts are doing.

Dr. Morales said the charters are part of our ecosystem. When VCOE went from live to virtual during the Pandemic, we learned a lot from River Oaks as this is what they do. It is amazing to see how well the charters and schools coexist in our county - this is not the norm.

5. Board Scholarship Discussion – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (10 minutes)

The Board President wishes to discuss the facilitation process of Board Scholarships.

Ms. Ulrich noted after attending a number of Providence graduations and asking why we weren't handing out scholarships, she learned the graduating students weren't getting paroled for a number of years. And, once they graduate, their schooling is paid for by Probation. We started a discussion on how we can better support students.

Dr. Lisagor said the norm used to be students graduated and were getting out soon.

Dr. Hernandez Williams said this is the trend we have seen in alternative education in general. We have been able to allocate scholarships to three students this year. The other six graduates will continue their education and it will be funded through Probation. If we shift from a nomination to an application, the Board can help students continue their higher education journey, however there are some students who may want to explore vocational studies or go directly to into the workforce. They may need to pay for a work uniform or work shoes.

Mr. Teasdale likes the idea of expanding to associated expenses. He is concerned that students may hesitate with an application process because they think they will never get a scholarship. Ms. Ulrich said we don't have to call it a scholarship, we can call it something else. Dr. Lisagor assumes the application process is simple and is driven by staff. Dr. Hernandez Williams said this could be a great learning opportunity. Ms. Ulrich said any student who has graduated from Providence is eligible.

Mr. Teasdale asked if the Board wants to limit the scholarships to Providence.

Ms. Ulrich said the Board of Education wants to support our students and demonstrate to Providence we do want to help them and send a message they are valued.

Dr. Lisagor reminded everyone that Providence represents kids who overcame obstacles. He is fine with just giving scholarship funds to Providence students. He asked if there is data on students who have graduated and who haven't?

Dr. Morales says we can check with Probation. With the Todd Road Jail closing and shifting the responsibility to Probation, Providence will house people through age 25.

Mr. Teasdale asked how will we determine what we will pay for? Dr. Morales suggested giving the first few cases an opportunity to work through things. Youth were incarcerated and might not have been in general population for years; maybe they just need work

clothes. We have to understand the client we are working with. We are helping them to be inducted into society in the workforce or continue their education.

Dr. Hernandez Williams said that is the beauty of taking the draft we have and simply changing the language from a scholarship to an application. If we leave it as open ended as possible, they can indicate what the scholarship will go towards. Once we collect them, the team could identify.

Dr. Flores said this process should be teacher focused as the student might not know what they need. We are trying to send the message, we believe in you, we support you, and we need to stand behind our words.

Dr. Lisagor asked what the process is – will we award up to x number of awards?

Ms. Hernandez Williams recommends looking at data on a yearly basis. Some years there are more graduates directly released – others stay to finish their term. We could look into monitoring whether a student is immediately released at graduation or released later. We could put both criteria on the application form.

Dr. Morales noted the other scholarships (Weis, Samples and Mantooth) can talk freely to us and make changes whereas this is not a function of the Board. In the future you might want to designate a subcommittee, or we can bring the item back to Board.

Dr. Lisagor suggested moving forward and asked about the scholarships to graduates of CTE, Phoenix and Gateway. He said Mary Samples scholarships are going to Triton. The Board scholarship is different because none of our names are associated with it. It is a legacy for past, present and future Boards.

Ms. Ulrich said CTE is hard as the students are district students who just take one or two classes with us. Dr. Lisagor said it seems reasonable to acknowledge medical or dental assisting students.

Dr. Flores said we have court and community and Triton students for the duration, they are our students. He would recommend expanding to Gateway.

Ms. Ulrich said personally, she thinks the students at Providence need the most support, some are foster kids.

Mr. Kidd, being still somewhat new, likes the idea of expanding.

Dr. Morales said some county offices don't have special education schools. The conversation of how you can best recognize students is beautiful. This is a good ongoing conversation. When people leave the Board, you could still stay connected to this. This will constantly revolve. He suggested to focus on Providence but maybe add Gateway.

Mr. Teasdale agreed, Providence and Gateway

Ms. Ulrich suggested giving a certain amount for Gateway and the rest for Providence.

Dr. Morales said let's earmark \$500 for Gateway and the rest for Providence.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Lisagor brought the conversation back to looking for VCSBA topics. He said some of the best experiences we have had is having time with board members from other districts and sharing. Ms. Ulrich said at the last VCSBA meeting the seating was arranged so Board members could mingle with others who were not in their district. Ms. Ulrich said this will be a new feature in our dinner meetings – problem solving together.

Dr. Flores shared he is a proud dad – his daughter is applying for a trustee in the Rio School District.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

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


Date: Monday, August 22, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, September 26, 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 7:33 p.m.

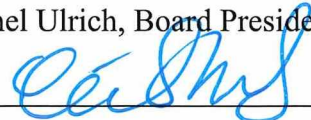
P. ADJOURNMENT

Date: 7/27/22



Rachel Ulrich, Board President

Date: 7/27/22



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