

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Christa McAuliffe Room, Education Service Center, 255 W. Stanley Ave. Suite 100, Ventura, California. President Haffner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present:	Board Members	Barbara Fitzgerald, Debbie Golden, Mary Haffner, Velma Lomax and John Walker
	Superintendent	Dr. Trudy Tuttle Arriaga
	Asst. Supt./Business	Joseph Richards, Jr (Absent).
	Asst. Supt./Human Res.	Rich Kirby
	Asst. Supt./Ed. Services	Jeff Chancer
	General Counsel	Anthony Ramos

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs. Golden and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addendum as presented.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items – None

Closed Session

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss anticipated litigation and pupil matters.

President Haffner called the open meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Report of Action Taken in Closed Session - None

Good News - None

Public Comments - None

Correspondence

Students attending Summer School addressed letters to the Board and Superintendent expressing reasons why summer school is important to them. Summer School provides students the opportunity to make-up classes, take additional required courses, secure high school graduation diploma and complete college entrance requirements. The letters also stated awareness of budgetary constraints and stated appreciation for the opportunity to attend summer school.

During the school year, Dr. Arriaga receives letters expressing parent appreciation for efforts made by VUSD staff. A recent letter received, from a parent of Portola Elementary School, thanked teacher Ms. Weis for the positive impact and experience that public education has provided to her daughter.

Dr. Arriaga noted that the Micky Perry/Joe Vaughn Summer Basketball Camp donated \$2,790 dollars worth of scholarships to students of Sheridan Way Elementary, E.P. Foster Elementary, Saticoy Elementary, Cabrillo and De Anza middle schools.

Board Report on Board Appointed Committee

Mrs. Golden shared that the Arts Education Master Plan design team is working with a consultant in developing a three year districtwide elementary music / visual arts program. The process is in its developmental stages. A completed draft will first be presented to the teachers and principals in August for input, and then present it to Board sometime in September.

Mrs. Golden also attended the Ventura County Office of Education Special Board meeting. The Purpose of the meeting was to gather input and work collaboratively in setting goals and objectives for the coming year. Topics that were discussed included intra district transfers, school of choice and parcel tax.

Mrs. Haffner attended the City Liaison Committee meeting and indicated that the City and school District have partnered in implementation of the Safe Routes to School event in October. A survey will be distributed to parents of Sheridan Way, Loma Vista and Citrus Glen schools asking for their input. The information gathered will be used to plan activities for the October Walk to School event.

Mrs. Haffner noted that as a District, we need to stay aware and involved in all aspects of the Saticoy Wells Community Plan Environmental Impact Report and especially with building projects that impact VUSD. It is important that the District keep communication open with City and make certain students in targeted area are accommodated. The Board commented on various issues to include; lack of EIR communication regarding sidewalks, negative economic conditions, possible delays to project timeline, and collection of developer fees. Ventura Unified School District is limited as to what they can or cannot change, but can most certainly voice concerns.

Ms. Fitzgerald attended the Children and Family Commission of Ventura County comprised of four quadrants; County, City, Non-Profits and Schools. The group opened forum to discuss possible new projects to take on. Ms. Fitzgerald suggested that they look at various approaches to implementation of a parcel tax, bullying and student suspensions and expulsions.

Mr. Walker will be traveling to Sacramento for the joint session of the County Schools and Cities Constitutional Convention. This is a combined summit of local governments discussing education financing funding with a possible rewrite of California Constitution...if changes could be made.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Presentation – Percent of 12th Grade Graduates Completing all Courses Required for UC and/or CSU Entrance

Mr. Chancer made presentation regarding the student completion rate of the courses required for entrance to the University of California (UC) and/or California State University (CSU). The PowerPoint graphs reflected a seven year trend and increase growth of student completion of entrance requirements. Data reflected that the female completion rate is higher than the males. In comparing data of Ventura Unified School District, Ventura County and California, the bar graph reflects higher percentage rate of 12th graders in VUSD completing course requirements.

Adoption of Textbooks and Supplementary Books

The Middle and High Schools requested the adoption of the following textbooks and supplementary books and this item will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Title:	Prego! An Invitation to Italian Textbook
Author:	Graziana Lazzarino, Maria Cristina Peccianti, and Andrea Dini
Publisher:	McGraw Hill
Edition:	7 th edition, 2008
Status:	Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted:	Italian 1 and Italian 2

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Grade(s): 9-12
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-07-353526-5, ISBN-10: 0-07-353526-5

The textbook above will replace the following book currently being used:

Title: **Oggi in Italia Textbook**
Author: Merlonghi, Tursi and O'Conner
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin
Edition: 1998
Status: Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Italian 1
Grade(s): 9-12
ISBN #: 0-39-585901-8

Title: **World History Textbook**
Author: Wayne E. King and Marcel Lewinski
Publisher: Pearson/AGS Globe
Edition: 2008
Status: Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted: World History SDAIE PLS
Grade(s): 10
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-7854-6405-1, ISBN-10: 0-7854-6405-0

Title: **World History Student Workbook**
Author: Wayne E. King and Marcel Lewinski
Publisher: Pearson/AGS Globe
Edition: 2008
Status: Student Workbook
Course(s) for which adopted: World History SDAIE PLS
Grade(s): 10
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-7854-6408-2, ISBN-10: 0-7854-6408-5

Title: **Realidades 1 Textbook**
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1313-4091-6, ISBN-10: 0-13-134091-3

Title: **Realidades 1 Interactive Textbook 6-year online access**
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1311-6333-1, ISBN-10: 0-13-116333-7

Title: **Realidades 1 Interactive Textbook CD-ROM**
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks

Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1311-6263-1, ISBN-10: 0-13-116263-2
Title: Realidades 1 Interactive Practice Workbook Level 1
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks
Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Practice Workbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1303-6001-4, ISBN-10: 0-13-036001-5
Title: Realidades 1 Writing, Audio, and Video Workbook Level 1
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks
Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Workbook
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1303-6007-6, ISBN-10: 0-13-036007-4
Title: Realidades 1 Guided Practice Activities for Vocabulary and Grammar
Author: Peggy Palo Boyles, Myriam Met, Richard S. Sayers, Carol Eubanks
Wargin
Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall
Edition: 2008
Status: Vocabulary and Grammar book
Course(s) for which adopted: Spanish 1
Grade(s): 8
ISBN #: ISBN-13: 978-0-1311-6474-1, ISBN-10: 0-13-116474-0
Title: Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing
Author: Ted Conover
Publisher: Vintage Books: A division of Random House, Inc.
Edition: 2000
Status: Supplementary
Course(s) for which adopted: English and Strategic Reading (ESR) 4
Grade(s): 12
ISBN #: 0-375-72662-4

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests for 10th, 11th, and/or 12th Grade Special Education Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) or 504 Plans, as per California Education Code § 60851(c)(1) (Action Requested)

Under Education Code Section 60851(c)(1), and implementing regulations 5 CCR 1215 et seq. Education Code Section 56101 (Authority for Waiver), the Board may waive the requirement to pass the English Language Arts and/or Mathematics sections of the CAHSEE (Education Code §60850) for qualified students with disabilities.

It was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lomax and carried unanimously to approve the 2008-09 CAHSEE Waivers for student numbers 2009-55W – 2009-58W.

Report re: Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report Pursuant to AR 1312.4 for Quarter Ending June 2009 (Action Requested)

It was moved by Mrs. Golden, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald and carried unanimously that the Board approve the summarized report data on the nature and resolution of all Williams Uniform Complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. Ventura Unified School District received no complaints during the quarter ending June 2009

ADDENDUM

Response to Ventura County 2008-09 Grand Jury Report Entitled “School District Administrations: Is the Cost Too High?” (Action Requested)

Pursuant to Penal Code §933 et seq., the Governing Board is required to respond to the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report. The Board of Education reviewed the draft report from VUSD to the Grand Jury. After much discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Golden, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald and carried to approve the draft response report as presented. (Ayes 4, Nay-0, Opposed 1- Mr. Walker)

ACTION AGENDA

Student Expulsion

It was moved by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs. Golden and carried unanimously to approve student expulsion #10-01.

Math Instructional Materials

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald and carried to approve Math Instructional materials as presented. (Ayes 4, Nay-0, Abstained -1 Mr. Walker)

Title:	Mathematics Course 1: Numbers to Algebra
Author:	Jennie Bennett, Edward Burger, David Chard, Audrey Jackson, Paul Kennedy, Freddie Renfro, Tom Roby, Janet Scheer, and Bert Waits
Publisher:	Holt, Rinehart and Winston
Edition:	2008
Status:	Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted:	Math 6
Grade(s):	6
ISBN #:	ISBN-10: 0-03-092315-8, ISBN-13: 978-0-03-092315-9

Title:	Mathematics Course 2: Pre-Algebra
Author:	Jennie Bennett, Edward Burger, David Chard, Audrey Jackson, Paul Kennedy, Freddie Renfro, Tom Roby, Janet Scheer, and Bert Waits
Publisher:	Holt, Rinehart and Winston
Edition:	2008
Status:	Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted:	Math 7
Grade(s):	7
ISBN #:	ISBN-10: 0-03-092319-0, ISBN-13: 978-0-03-092319-7

The Algebra 1 textbook below was previously adopted at the March 10, 2009 Board of Education meeting. A correction is being made to the grade level, to reflect grade 8.

Title:	Algebra 1
Author:	Edward Burger, David Chard, Earlene Hall, Paul Kennedy, Steven Leinwand, Freddie Renfro, Tom Roby, Dale Seymour, and Bert

	Waits
Publisher:	Holt, Rinehart and Winston
Edition:	2008
Status:	Textbook
Course(s) for which adopted:	Algebra 1
Grade(s):	8-12
ISBN #:	ISBN-10: 0-03-092339-5, ISBN-13: 978-0-03-092339-5

Board Policy Revision

It was moved by Ms. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs. Golden and carried to approve the addition of new Student Wellness Policy AR 5030. (Ayes - 3, Nay - 0, Abstained - 2 - Mr. Walker & Mrs. Haffner)

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Lomax and carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items #1 - #11 as presented.

1. Ratification, Overnight and Out of State Fieldtrips

Buena High School requested permission to send (twelve students and thirteen chaperones) from their Girls Basketball team to travel overnight and out of the state for a basketball tournament to be held at Chandler High School in Chandler, Arizona. The trip will take place on December 17-23, 2009. Transportation will be provided by District vans. All required paperwork will be on file at the school before departure. No student was excluded due to lack of funds.

2. Miscellaneous and Part-Time Certificated Assignments

The Board approved the individuals on the attached list be approved for miscellaneous and part-time Certificated Assignment (list attached to official minutes).

3. Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>LOA Request</u>	<u>Lv Begin Date</u>	<u>Lv End Date</u>	<u>Leave Year</u>	<u>Leave Reason</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Position</u>
Navarro, Monique	1.00 FTE	8-21-09	6-18-10	09-10 SY	Personal	Buena	Teacher
VanWagner, Sylvia	1.00 FTE	8-20-09	6-17-10	09-10 SY	Personal	Portola	Teacher

4. 2009 Summer School Program Assignments

The Board of Education approved the individuals listed below for 2009 summer programs and paid a 72% of their Daily Rate unless otherwise noted:

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Summer Site</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Weatherford	Angie	Ventura High	Health	Semester 2	72%

5. 2009-10 ARC of Ventura County Agreement

Board approved the agreement between VUSD Adult Continuing Education and ARC of Ventura County, Inc. Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. A copy of the agreement was made available for review in the Business Services Department.

6. 2009-10 Ventura County Children and Families First Commission Agreement

The Board approved the agreement between VUSD and Ventura County Children and Families First Commission, also known as First 5 Ventura County. The District operates the Ventura Neighborhood for Learning Program. Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. A copy of the agreement was made available for review in the Business Services Department.

7. Ratification of Change Order #1, C9-10 Pierpont Site Improvement

The change order to Thomas Schwab Corporation consists of the following:

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| 1) Additional paving work and new bike rack paving | \$ 5,161.20 |
| Total Change Order #1 | \$ 5,161.20 |

The Board ratified change order #1 in the amount of \$5,161.20 for the Pierpont Elementary School Site Improvement, for a total contract of \$68,158.20 for C9-10.

8. Ratification of Change Order #2, C13-09 Ventura High School Field House

The change order to Viola, Inc. consists of the following:

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| 1) Retaining wall drainage | \$ 6,954.73 |
| 2) Stand-by time for Toro Equipment | \$ 2,894.76 |
| 3) Screen rocks from over-X | \$ 8,654.35 |
| 4) Finish Carpet – VOID | \$.00 |
| 5) Remove excess rocks & boulder | \$ 2,221.56 |
| 6) Re-route one-inch (1") conduit | \$ 3,411.00 |
| Total Change Order #2 | \$24,136.40 |

The Board ratified change order #2 in the amount of \$24,136.40 for the Ventura High School Field House, for a total contract of \$2,429,859.16 for C13-09.

9. Gifts to School District

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gift</u>	<u>Location</u>
Contractors State Licensing Board	copy machine	Blanche Reynolds
Cornerstone Photography	cash	Citrus Glen
Sunny Crandell	cash	Will Rogers
Follett Educational Services	cash	Cabrillo
Juanamaria PTA	cash	Juanamaria
Junipero Serra PTA	cash	Junipero Serra
Amy Kellar	prom dresses	VUSD
Lifetouch	cash	Will Rogers
Bryant & Linda Lum	printer	Poinsettia
Pepsi	cash	Montalvo
Seminis	seedlings	Child Nutrition
Sheridan Way PTA	cash	Sheridan Way
Jean Stiles	garden bench	Poinsettia

10. Checks for Month of June 2009

The Board approved the checks for the month of June 2009.

11. Ratification of Purchase Orders (June 10, 2009 – June 23, 2009)

Board approved 45 purchase Orders in the amount of \$595,943.64

BOARD UPDATE – None

COMING EVENTS – None

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS – None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

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Ms. Fitzgerald commented that a proposed initiative to place a surcharge on retired government employees will be listed on the November ballot.

Mrs. Lomax asked for clarification in regards to the General Board of Education Election packets. She was told to pick-up packets at VUSD. Mrs. Macias noted that the County of Ventura, Elections Division provided packets to VUSD and are available for pick-up; however, her understanding indicated that Elections preferred packets should be picked up at their location. Packets are available for pick-up at both locations.

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Golden and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at the City Hall Council Chamber, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA.

APPROVED: _____ President
_____ Secretary