

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
MINUTES

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the City of Ventura, Council Chamber, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California. President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that Board Member Lomax would be joining them via teleconference for the closed session of the agenda.

President:	Mrs. Sabrena Rodriguez	Superintendent:	Dr. Roger Rice
Vice President:	Mrs. Jackie Moran	Asst. Supt./Business:	Mrs. Betsy George
Board Member:	Mrs. Velma Lomax	Asst. Supt./Ed. Serv.	Dr. Danielle Cortes
Board Member:	Mr. Matt Almaraz	Asst. Supt./HR.	Dr. Jeff Davis
Board Member:	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg	General Counsel:	Mr. Anthony Ramos

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 3 – (2 Absent) to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Moran, Lomax, Abstain: None.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items - None

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mrs. Moran, and carried on a roll call vote 4 - (1 Absent) that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss conference with legal counsel anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation, public employee discipline/dismissal/release, pupil matters, and public employee employment/appointment.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

At 7:00 p.m., President Rodriguez called the regular meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was held to honor the memory of former employees Mr. Mike Russell and Mr. Gregory Seward.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

In closed session, the Board of Education took action on the recommendation of the superintendent to employ Mr. Arie Wiberg as the new Director of Transportation. Vote as follows: It was moved by Mrs. Moran, Seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried unanimously to employ Mr. Wiberg.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: None, Abstain: None.

Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2019

It was moved by Mr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve the regular minutes for April 23, 2019.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

Approval of Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019

It was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve the special minutes for May 2, 2019.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

Good News

Dr. Rice noted that each month the City of Ventura selects a winning essay from submissions provided by fifth grade students to be a Mayor for a Moment. Pierpont elementary student Ms. Lily Sheldon's essay on

punctuality was selected and reason she represented VUSD as a Mayor for a Moment. Tonight, Lily was honored with the Superintendent Award Medal.

Dr. Rice welcomed Anacapa Principal Ms. Mayra Vega-Manriquez and 7th grader Monica Castellanos who took first place at the state level Migrant Speech competition.

Dr. Rice welcomed Citrus Glen Elementary Principal Ms. Susan Martinez who provided Board with a presentation on the many great things happening at the school. The highlights included technology, school counselor student ratio, arts-performance & visual arts, gardening & learning.

Dr. Rice was please to introduce Ms. Marissa Cervantes as the new DATA elementary principal. Ms. Cervantes holds 15 years of educational experience working in Santa Paula as the director of the summer algebra academy, outreach counselor and a program specialist. Her career has led her to become the Assistant Principal positions in the Oxnard Union High School and Hueneme Elementary School Districts.

Correspondence - None

Board Reports

Members of the Board shared report on their various site visits and committee participation which were duplicated and reason that comments are combined. Some of the events included; the Loma Vista Food Fair, Foothill Technology, El Camino & Ventura Senior Awards, the School Resource Officer's recognition event hosted by ACSA, the Celebration of Future Scientist at Buena High, the Season of Love performance from the all-district choir, the induction of former VUSD Board Member Mr. John B. Walker to the Educator Hall of Fame, the Cabrillo middle school woodshop classroom open house, the Foothill Dragon Talks, and the Pacific High School Graduation.

Superintendent Rice congratulated all graduating seniors for their accomplishments. Also, he thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication in a great ending of the school year.

Public Comments

President Rodriguez noted that fifteen public speaker cards were received that would extend the 20 minute limit defined in Board policy. Therefore, it was moved by Ms. Moran, Seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to extend the time that would allow all to speak.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

President Rodriguez organized the speakers in groups by subject matter. The first group to speak individually noted various requests to include support of implementation of Ethnic and Social Justice as a graduation course requirement, integrate topic to all K-12, support of resolution #19-20 and ensure teachers are qualified to teach the course. The next group to speak, mostly comprised of students, individually noted the need to support funding in the Local Control Accountability Plan in the areas of mental health. The last speaker focused on the intradistrict open enrollment policy to allow twins and multiples the opportunity to apply and attend the same school.

PUBLIC HEARING – Regarding Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) & Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Overview for Parents

President Rodriguez opened the public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of the public regarding the proposed LCAP and budget overview for parents. School districts and County Offices of Education are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), beginning on July 1, 2017. The LCAP is required to identify goals and measure progress for student subgroups across multiple performance indicators. Hearing no request from the public to speak, the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING – Regarding Proposed 2019-20 Budget

President Rodriguez opened the public hearing on the 2019-20 proposed final budget and is on display for public review from June 11, 2019 to June 25, 2019. Hearing no request from the public to speak, the hearing was closed.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Professional Learning Preview 2019-2020

The Curriculum and Instruction Department staff and the Teachers on Special Assignment presented a preview of Professional Learning for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ethnic and Social Justice Studies Update

The Ethnic and Social Justice Studies Committee comprised from members of CAUSE, Anti-Defamation League, CSUCI, National Association of Advancement of Colored People, Showing up for Racial Justice Ventura County, Diversity Collective, League of United Latin America Citizens and VUSD staff members, to include a Board representative prepared a presentation that include an update on challenges and successes. The group noted that the Ethnic and Social Justice Studies (ESJS) is a year-long elective course, UC/A-G approved and taught at Buena, Pacific and Ventura high schools. The teachers at these sites have expressed need for in-depth history of specific marginalized groups balanced with themes, and more opportunities for art, culture, poetry and speakers. The student successes include civic engagement, critical thinking, research and finding their student voice.

Resolution #19-20, Regarding Ethnic and Social Justice Studies

Dr. Molinar shared that the draft Ethnic and Social Justice Studies (ESJS) Board Resolution is based on a review of model resolutions. The draft resolution calls for continued support in ESJS professional development, integration into the curriculum at all levels, funding, supportive systems and structures and modifying existing graduation requirements starting with the class of 2025 (current 6th graders). Establishing the graduation requirement for the 2025 graduating class gives time for the creation of courses, curriculum and professional development. If approved, this proposed graduation requirement could be met within the existing 230 required units for graduation. This item will be brought back for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Budget Overview for Parents, and Federal Addendum Update

The staff presented the first reading of the 2019-2020 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) budget overview for parents and the Every Student Succeeds Act Federal Addendum to the LCAP. The approval of the 2019-2020 LCAP, Federal Addendum, and Consolidated Application will take place at the June 25th Board of Education Meeting.

Request Approval of the Board of Education Governance Handbook – (Action Requested)

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve the Board of Education Governance Handbook.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

Presentation of the Proposed 2019-20 Budget

Ms. Campbell presented the 2019-20 budget assumptions and the proposed 2019-20 budget. The presentation included the 2019-2020 budget development steps and timeline, and the governor's revised budget assumptions and proposal. The presentation also included VUSD Multi-Year Projections for 2019-20 through 2021-22.

ACTION AGENDA

Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion # 19/21

It was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve the administrative recommendation regarding Student Expulsion #: 19/21

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

Approval of Board Policy 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve Board Policy 5116.1.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

Approval to Submit Form J13-A, Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve submission of Form J13-1.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 4 – (1 Absent) to approve consent items 1 through 14 as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

1. Out of the Tri-county Field Trips

Buena High School requested permission to send students from their Spectrum Club to travel out of the tri-county for an end of the school year trip to be held at Disneyland in Anaheim, Orange County, CA. The trip will take place on June 16, 2019. The Board approved the request to send eight students and three chaperones to this field trip.

2. Request for Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable Books – Cabrillo Middle School

The Board approved the disposal of Cabrillo Middle School surplus and unusable books in accordance with Education Code Section 60510.

3. 2019-2020 Designation of CIF Representatives to their Respective Leagues for Buena, Ventura and Foothill

In accordance with CIF regulations, individuals representing our high schools are voting members of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) must be appointed by Board action. Education Code 33353(a) (1) gives the governing boards of school districts specific authority to select their athletic league representatives. The Board approved the following people to represent Ventura Unified School District.

Ventura High School
Carlos Cohen, Principal
Dave Hess, Athletic Director

Foothill Technology High School
Joe Bova, Principal

Buena High School
Bobbi Powers, Principal
Shaun Strople, Athletic Director

4. Ratification of District's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2018-19 School Year

The Board approved the Ratification of District's Approval of Miscellaneous and Part-Time Certificated Assignments (list attached to official minutes).

5. Ratification of District's Approval of Resignation & Retirements for Certificated Personnel

Last Name	First Name	School	Position	Effective	Last Work Day	Reason
Bruns	Katherine	Anacapa	Teacher	4/17/19	4/17/19	39-Month Exhaust Benefits
Colman	Kelly	ATLAS EIC	Speech Therapist	6/13/19	6/13/19	Resign-Moving
Hazan	Samantha	Ventura	Teacher	6/14/19	6/14/19	Resign-Moving
Meyers	Nancy	Cabrillo	Teacher	4/17/19	4/17/19	39-Month Exhaust Benefits
Noel	Erin	Poinsettia	Teacher	6/13/19	6/13/19	Resign-Other pos
Robinson	Courtney	Itinerant-SPED	Speech Therapist	6/13/19	6/13/19	Resign-Moving
Singer	Allison	Elmhurst	Teacher	6/30/19	6/13/19	Retirement

6. Ratification of District's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel

Last	First	Position	Site	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Good	Megan	Psychologist	Itinerant	.20	8/1/19	6/30/20	Child Rearing
Hoganson	Erin	Psychologist	Itinerant	.20	8/1/19	6/30/20	Child Rearing
McEntyre	Jered	Teacher	Ventura HS	.20	8/19/19	6/12/20	Other

7. Ratification of District's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes

Current statutes and regulations recognize that there may be situations of a temporary nature in which a teacher with the appropriate credential is not available to the School District or the assignment is part-time and not conducive for recruitment. Senate Bill 435 has made it possible to assign staff with their permission to these areas as indicated in Education Codes assigned.

Last Name	First Name	Site	Subject	Ed Code	Units	Date taken to board
Rivera	Michelle	BMS	Math	44256(b)	12+	6/11/2019
LynchThorpe	Amanda	DATA	English	44256(b)	12+	6/11/2019
Gennaro	J. Michael	DATA	Social Science	44256(b)	12+	6/11/2019
Tolkmit	Mark	VHS	Math	44263	18+	6/11/2019
Hazan	Samantha	VHS	Dance	44263	18+	6/11/2019
Wilson	Larin	ESC	Speech Therapist (SS)	44831	n/a	6/11/2019
Rowley	Steve	VHS	Driver's Education (SS)	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019
Miller	Lisa	VHS	Driver's Education (SS)	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019
Barnett	Jesse	BHS	Driver's Education (SS)	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019
Cromie	Michael	BHS	Intro Web Design & Computer Science	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019
Duffy	Darcy	BHS	Health (SS)	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019
Knerr	Raymond	BHS	Digital Photography	44258.7(c) & (d)	n/a	6/11/2019

8. Ratification of District's Approval of Assignments for 2019 Extended Year/Summer Session Programs

Last Name	Frist	Program	Site	Assignment	Periods	Dates
Allmen	Keith	High School	BHS	Math 2 P	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19
CurtisAbbe	Laurie	High School	VHS	College and Career Seminar	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19

Duffy	Darcy	High School	BHS	Health	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19
Ellison	Clint	High School	BHS	PE	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19
Griffin	Ann	High School	VHS	Resource Specialist	Period 1-2	7/1-26/19
Liu	Teresa	Special Ed	Poinsettia	Spectrum-Elem		6/18-7/17/19
Mastrovito	Chris	High School	BHS	Earth Science	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19
McAtee	Brandy	High School	BHS	English 10	Period 1 & 2	7/1-26/19
Palmisano	Terese	Elementary	Portola	Elementary		6/17-7/12/19
Pugh	Leeann	Special Ed	EIC Atlas	Non-Categ Pre.		6/18-7/17/19
Roth	Steve	High School	BHS	Bio w/Earth Science	Period 2	7/1-26/19
Rowley	Stephen	High School	VHS	Drivers Ed	Period 1	7/1-26/19
Small	Sarah	Special Ed	EIC Atlas	Non-Categ pre.		6/18-7/17/19
Stock	Jill	High School	BHS	Resource Specialist	Period 1-2	7/1-26/19
Zglinec	Emily	High School	VHS	English	Period 1	7/1-26/19

9. Classified Personnel Changes

The Personnel Commission approved the list of Classified Personnel Changes at its May 23, 2019 meeting. The Board of Education also approved those changes at this time (list attached to official minutes).

10. Establishment of Classified Positions

Classification	Location	Time Base	Funding
Licensed Nurse	Itinerant – Health Services	6.50 Hrs / 182 Calendar	Federal Spec Ed
Paraeducator Special Education (3801)	Buena High	28.75 Hrs per Week / 181 Calendar	Federal Spec Ed
Paraeducator Special Education (3802)	Buena High	28.75 Hrs per Week / 181 Calendar	Federal Spec Ed
Paraeducator Special Education (3803)	Mound	28.75 Hrs per Week / 181 Calendar	Federal Spec Ed
Paraeducator Special Education (3804)	Mound	28.75 Hrs per Week / 181 Calendar	Federal Spec Ed

11. The Arc of Ventura County Agreement 2019-20

On a yearly basis, Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE) provides certificated instructional hours for The Arc of Ventura County for its Adults with Disabilities Programs. The total cost of instructional time funded by VACE will be \$75,000.00. The agreement is effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

12. County of Ventura and Ventura County Sheriff's Office Memorandum of Understanding 2019-20

On a yearly basis, Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (VACE) provides academic instruction in Ventura County jails to incarcerated adults under the jurisdiction of the County of Ventura/Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). Funding for the academic instruction program is provided through the Ventura County Adult Education Consortium. The agreement is effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

13. Checks for May 2019

The Board approved the ratification of checks for the month of May 2019.

14. Ratification of Purchase Orders (May 1 – May 14, 2019)

The Board approved the following purchase orders and change orders. A was made available for public review.

96 Purchase Orders	=	\$411,233.97
PO Changes	=	<u>48,780.04</u>
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$460,014.01

COMING EVENTS

- Invite to all 8th grade promotions and graduations.
- All staff End-of-the-Year social on June 14.
- VEP Launch event to support innovation in the classroom on June 20.
- Master in Governance Course for registered Board members.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS –

- The Board requested a special study session focused on Math. Staff confirmed that meeting is scheduled for August.
- The Board requested that staff provide them with a report on mental health resources for students, and how that information is being distributed. Dr. Cortes noted that the Student Assistance Program counselors are scheduled to provide presentation at the July meeting, and that information will be included.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Rice noted that as requested by the Board, and affirmed at the Masters in Governance training, all future Board of Education meeting agendas will primarily be focused on the subject matter of teaching and learning.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 4 - (1 Absent) that the Board adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Lomax, Abstain: None.

APPROVED

_____ President

_____ Secretary