

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 26, 2020,
MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 as a teleconference/video conference meeting where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment, and public comment on closed session via the public comments email address. The public streaming of the Board meeting was made available through the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, TDC Studios YouTube Channel.

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

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda with modifications: Move the presentation from Isom Advisors report on the bond measure and parcel tax survey results to the beginning of the Conference section as item number one. Also, a request was made to pull from the agenda the notice of public hearing regarding review of developer impact fees justification report and proposed developer impact fee increase.

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

Closed Session

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 that the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss conference with labor negotiators, and public employee performance evaluation.

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

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Rodriguez called the regular meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – None

Good News

Dr. Rice and the Board of Education took this opportunity to thank the Technology Department who joined the meeting via electronic teleconference. The Board acknowledged them for their contributions in providing all students with the technology support needed for online distance learning during this unforeseen pandemic.

Board Reports

The Board of Education each reported out on their meetings attended. These meeting included the 7-11 Committee, the Local Control Accountability Plan, the Governor's May revise workshop, and a webinar sponsored by the state on the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Almaraz also reported on his participation in the mental health wellness committee. Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Rodriguez reported on the City/College/VUSD Liaison meeting, and attended a graduation planning committee.

Public Comments – No Public Comments

CONFERENCE AGENDA

1. **BUSINESS SERVICES**

a. **Isom Advisors Report on the Bond Measure and Parcel Tax Survey Results**

Jon Isom provided results of a survey exploring the feasibility of a school improvement bond measure and the probability of community support for an extension of the current VUSD parcel tax. The majority of voters surveyed believe that the district provides an excellent to good education opportunity for the students. Voters are worried about the economic and education impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Support for a bond measure was 53.5%, with a 5.0% undecided, and a 69.8% support for a tax rate extension with 3.3% undecided. The results of the community survey indicate a strong (72.0%) support for the parcel tax renewal and moderate support for a low or no tax increase for a facilities Bond.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT**

a. **School Reopening Fall 2020**

Dr. Rice noted that prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the District and Board priorities focused on academic achievement, educational options, career education, innovation and implementation, with strong systems and structures. All priorities were moving forward in a positive momentum, until March 13, 2020 when all schools were shut-down due to the pandemic. The District priorities were shifted towards a plan for distance learning, increase of broadband to accommodate, supply computer equipment to students, and plan for end-of-the-year events. Also, VUSD was noticed of a 10% reduction to the budget, and keeping alert to maintain fiscal responsibility.

Dr. Rice and Dr. Cortes also presented a preliminary draft to the Board on possible hybrid models and a draft process for reopening schools in the fall.

3. **BUSINESS SERVICES**

a. **Notice of Public Hearing for 2020-21 Proposed Budgets**

A notice to the public was given regarding a public hearing to be held on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The budget was on display for public review from May 28, 2020 to June 2, 2020.

b. **(Item Pulled From the Agenda) Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Review of Developer Impact Fees Justification Report and Proposed Developer Impact Fee Increase.**

c. **Report on 2020-21 May Revise and the Ventura Unified School District Budget**

Ms. Betsy George, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the preliminary 2020/21 budget. Information shared indicated concerns with deficient spending, a decline in enrollment, and an increase in retirement contributions to health and welfare benefits. Ms. George noted hard times ahead due to a decline in revenue from the state cost of living adjustment. It was mentioned that the one-time Coronavirus relief funds, workers comp rebate and CTE Strong workforce grant was a positive to the negative funding. In comparing the 2019/20 2nd Interim projections to the current 2020/21 preliminary projections it was clear to see a significant decline in revenue.

e. **Certification of Signatures Amendment (Action Requested)**

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 to amend the certification of signatures and authorize Ms. Donna Rose, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business to sign specific documents) for the period May 26, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

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

4. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

a. **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Process Update**

The Educational Services Division informed the Board of Education about the continuous development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Cortes led a community teleconference meeting and reviewed the results of the

surveys received by parents and community. The governor gave special permission under the circumstances of the pandemic to delay the submission of the LCAP report to December. The LCAP report will include information on distance learning, child care and food service meals.

b. End of Year Events

Mr. Joe Bova and Dr. Rene Rickard are leading a committee in the planning of graduation and promotion events for Kindergarten, 5th, 8th, and 12th graders. They had an opportunity to share dates, and the plan to honor social distancing using vehicle a parade drive-up process to honor students.

c. Summer School and Extended School Year 2020

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Greg Bayles, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction presented an overview of the planning progress for distance learning for Summer School and Extended School Year for summer 2020.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 that the Board approve consent items number 1 through 13 as presented.

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

1. Approval of New Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses

The Board approved two new CTE courses in the Arts Media and Entertainment (AME) industry. The current AME pathway at Foothill Technology High School offer AP 2D Art. This is not typically considered a CTE course and does not align to CTE standards. To replace this and create a three-year pathway the Board approved CTE Con Commercial Photography Honors and CTE Con Commercial Digital Media and Design Honors. These are aligned to AME California CTE standards and will be submitted for A-G.

2. Approval of Loma Vista Elementary School Kindergarten Mural

The Board approved the request by Loma Vista to paint a mural depicting a tree with birds sitting on it and “LV” carved into the trunk. The outside wall next to the Kindergarten entrance and new garden will be the mural location. The dimensions of the mural will be 20x15 feet and Amber Verdries, parent volunteer will be designing and painting this project.

3. Approval of Ventura High School Memorial Stone and Plaque

The Board approved the request by Ventura High School to place a memorial stone with a plaque on the campus in recognition of student who was killed by a truck: Austin Gambill. The track inside Larrabee Stadium next to the field house/guard shack will be the placement of a large stone 3 ½ feet x 18 inches with a letter “V” on it for Ventura High School. Attached to the stone will be a memorial plaque to recognize the life of student Austin Gambill. The company constructing this project is Art City in Ventura.

4. The Board Approved the Ratification of Administration’s Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2019-20 School Year

Board approved the ratification of the administration’s approval of miscellaneous and part-time Certificated Assignments. List attached to official minutes.

5. Ratification of Administration’s Approval of Resignations & Retirements for Certificated Personnel for the 2019-20 School Year

Last Name	First	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day	Effective
Campbell	Anne	Buena HS	Teacher	Retire	6/12/20	6/13/20
Carnahan	Katherine	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign		2/28/20
Elliott	Courtney	Balboa MS	Teacher	.20 Resign	6/11/20	6/11/20

Freeman	Debra	Foothill HS	Counselor	Retire	Rev 6/12/20	Rev 6/13/20
Garcia	Cynthia	Ventura HS	Teacher	Retire	6/16/20	6/17/20
Gennaro	John	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign		5/7/20
Hedegard	Stan	Buena HS	Teacher	Retire	6/12/20	6/13/20
Hickle	Katherine	J. Serra	Teacher	Retire	6/11/20	6/12/20
Knight	Allia	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign		5/5/20
Stoll	Domenica	SPED Itinerant	Speech Thp	Resign	6/11/20	6/11/20

6. Ratification of Administration’s Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2019-20 School Year

Last	First	Position	Site	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Wallace	Chelsea	Teacher	BHS	Rev .20	8/14/20	6/21/21	Personal

7. Classified Personnel Changes

The Personnel Commission approved the list of Classified Personnel Changes at its May 21, 2020 meeting. The Board of Education also approved the classified personnel changes. A copy of the list was made available to the public.

8. Award of Bid C6-21, Blanche Reynolds Plumbing and Infrastructure

The Board approved permission to award the bid for C6-21, Blanche Reynolds Plumbing and Infrastructure to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Kiwitt General Building in the amount of \$375,000.00.

9. Resolution #20-14, Approval for Appropriation Transfers

The Board approved resolution #20-14 as the Ventura Unified School District may have a need during the fiscal year to make appropriation transfers to permit the payment of obligations of the District incurred during the 2020-21 school year.

10. Resolution #20-15, Authority for the Board of Education to Improve Compensation for Certain Categories of Employees After July 1, 2020

Compensation for next year (2020-21) will not be set by June 30, 2020. Therefore, the Board of Education adopted the attached Resolution that declares the 2019-21 salaries indefinite and allows them to provide confidential, supervisory, or management positions salary improvements on or after July 1, 2020, and to set the amounts and effective date of any such improvements. This action is not necessary for represented employees because salary provisions are covered within the collective bargaining agreement.

11. Resolution #20-16, Approval of Temporary Loans Between District Funds

Revenues from federal, state and local sources are not always timely, which may cause cash flow deficiencies in District funds. The Board of Education approved and authorize the temporary transfer of cash between District funds for the 2020-21 school year, which will be reimbursed when appropriations are received by the District.

12. Ratification of Purchase Orders (April 29, 2020 – May 12, 2020)

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

121 Purchase Orders	=	\$411,445.75
PO Changes	=	-99,736.06
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$311,709.69

13. The Board Approved the listed minutes.

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2020
- b. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2020
- c. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2020

COMING EVENTS

K, 5th, 8th and 12 grade promotion and graduation events will be posted on the district website and shared through social media.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

The Board of Education Governance Workshop and the Superintendent Evaluation dates have been set for June 2020.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Board of Education and Superintendent acknowledged Ms. Betsy George, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for her contributions to the district. Ms. George is moving on to a neighboring district and all wish her well in her new journey.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mr. Almaraz, and carried on a roll call vote of 5 - 0 that the Board adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

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

APPROVED

_____ President

_____ Secretary