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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 13, 2021

Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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- Ventura Adult and Continuing Education (Main Entrance) 5200 Valentine Road, Ventura, CA



AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Ventura Adult and Continuing Education
Ron Halt Classroom Via Teleconference

Public Access

Public Streaming of the Board Meeting at <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios>

1. OPENING PROCEDURE - Ron Halt Classroom - 5:30 p.m.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

5. Motion to go to Closed Session

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

6. CLOSED SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom

6.a Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)

- Principal, Buena High School

6.b Conference with Labor Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiators: Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Anthony Ramos, General Counsel

Employee Organizations: Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA)

- 6.c Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
 Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Property: 5280 Valentine Road, Ventura, CA
 Negotiating Parties: Mission Home Health of Ventura, LLC and
 Mission Hospice Services of Ventura, LLC
 Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 6.d Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation,
 Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)
 a. Number of cases: One
- 6.e Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)
 a. Name of Case: Student v. Ventura Unified School District, Case No. ML202103

7. REGULAR SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom - 7:00 p.m.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

**Velma Lomax, President ____, Matt Almaraz, Vice-President ____,
 Sabrena Rodriguez ____, Amy Callahan ____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____,
 Elizabeth Ferris (FTHS) ____, Emanuelle De Jesus (PHS) ____, Danielle Shew (ELCHS) ____**

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

- Good News
 - Principal, Lincoln Elementary School - Mark Asher
 - Employee Recognition
- Student Board Members:
 - Elizabeth Ferris - FTTHS
 - Emanuelle De Jesus - PHS
 - Danielle Shew - El Camino

12. Correspondence

- 12.a [Extension Request and Approval for the 2019-20 Ventura Unified School District Audit](#)
 - Audit extension request from VUSD to VCOE
 - Audit response from VCOE to VUSD
- 12.b [Ventura County Office of Education - March 24, 2021](#)
 - Receipt of the Disclosure of Collective Bargaining for the tentative agreements with VUEA and VESPA bargaining units.
- 12.c [Ventura County Christian School - Washington Property](#)
 - Lease Extension Request

13. Public Comments

14. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.a [Consideration of a Supplementary Book Deep Kindness](#)

Title:	Deep Kindness
Author:	Houston Kraft
Publisher:	Simon and Schuster
Copyright:	2020
Status:	Supplementary
Course for which adopted:	ASB classes
Grade(s):	9-12
ISBN#:	978-1-9821-6310-5

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Sarah Gluck Perez, English Language Arts Teacher on Special Assignment

14.b [Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Template and Stakeholder Engagement Process](#)

District staff will give a brief overview of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant template and stakeholder engagement process that will be implemented as part of our learning recovery program. The template is attached for your review.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

15. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

15.a [Ventura Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding Between Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association - Second Amendment March 29, 2021 \(Action Requested\)](#)

Consideration for approval of Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA) Memorandum of Understanding regarding COVID-19 and reopening of schools.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

15.b [Consideration of Approval for Management and Confidential Positions for Site-Based Duties related to Reopening of Schools \(Action Requested\)](#)

Consideration of approval for management and confidential position stipends for the preparation of return to in-person instruction. Positions considered focus on work performed for positions engaged in reopening schools and select support. The list is attached for your review.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

15.c [Certification of Signatures \(Action Requested\)](#)

The District at its annual organizational meeting on December 15, 2021, certified the signatures of the agents authorized to sign orders, warrants, contracts, documents, etc. for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools. Staff and/or organizational changes taking place during the year must be approved at the time and submitted to the School Business and Advisory Services at the Ventura County Office of Education. It is recommended the Board certify the signature of Dr. Antonio Castro, new Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, and authorize him to sign specific documents as listed on the attached document for the period April 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

15.d [Paper Education Company Inc. Service Agreement 2021-22 \(Action Requested\)](#)

The District has negotiated the attached agreement with Paper Education Company Inc. for virtual tutoring services for students district-wide. This agreement will allow students to access their Paper Education Company's online chat-based platform in order to obtain tutoring from educators. Teachers and administrators will also be allowed access to the platform. The agreement is effective April 13, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Board approval of this agreement is requested.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Curriculum and Instruction 6-12; Dr. Soledad Molinar, Multilingual/Multicultural Education

16. ACTION ITEMS

16.a [Approval of Resolution #21-06 Regarding Ethnic & Social Justice Studies \(ESJS\) Graduation Requirement Postponed due to Covid-19](#)

At the March 23, 2021 board meeting, Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Education gave a presentation on the request to delay Ethnic & Social Justice Studies High School graduation requirement by one year due to Covid. Board approval of the attached resolution is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ___

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual & Multicultural Education

16.b [Approval of Resolution #21-07 Regarding VUSD's Commitment to Participate in the CA State Seal of Civic Engagement](#)

At the March 9, 2021 Board meeting, Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction gave a presentation on the California State Seal of Civic Engagement and Recommendation for Resolution. Board approval of the attached resolution is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ___

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **17 to 20** below be approved as presented. All items listed under consent are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ___

17. CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

17.a [Consideration of Lemon Grove School Mural](#)

The staff at Lemon Grove School, formerly Blanche Reynolds Elementary School is requesting permission to paint a mural to reflect the name change of the school. The mural will be 13 feet x 45 feet and will be painted on the outside wall in the front of the school facing Valmore Avenue. MB Hanrahan, local artist will be painting this mural. The project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the funding source is Lemon Grove marketing budget.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Susan Martinez, Principal, Lemon Grove School

17.b [Consideration of Citrus Glen Elementary School Murals](#)

The staff at Citrus Glen Elementary School is requesting permission to paint two murals. A welcome mural that will depict various campus themes and will be 24 feet x 6 feet. This mural will be placed on the outside wall wrapping around room K1. The second mural will depict a globe and will be 24 feet in diameter. This mural will be placed in the quad. MB Hanrahan, local artist will be painting both murals. The project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the funding source is site funds and PTA.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Karin Just, Principal, Citrus Glen Elementary School

18. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a [Report Regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report Pursuant to AR 1312.4 for Quarter Ending March 31, 2021.](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all Williams Uniform Complaints to the Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. For the quarter ending March 31, 2021, no complaints were filed with any school in the district.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.b [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of miscellaneous and part-time certificated assignments on the attached list.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.c [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval of employment of substitute teachers listed below.

Name	Credential Or Program
Cowles, Miranda	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
GadberryHadrys, Jennifer	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Phillips, Shannon	Single Subject Credential: Art
Urban, Olivia	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Ortiz, Briana	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
AranaRenteria, Veronica	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.d [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval to employ the individuals on the attached list for certificated positions as indicated. All will have temporary status unless otherwise noted.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.e [Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval for leave of absence for certificated personnel listed below:

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Site	Lv FTE	LV Begin	Lv End	Reason
Hafley	Chelsea	SLP	SPED	1.00	8/19/21	6/16/22	Child Rearing
Jacobs	Robin	TOSA	Indian Ed	.20	8/19/21	6/16/22	Personal
Klopfenstein	Layne	Teacher	Cabrillo	.67	8/19/21	6/16/22	Child Rearing
Urenda	Esmeralda	Teacher	Poinsettia	1.00	8/19/21	6/16/22	Child Rearing

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Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.f [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of resignations, retirements and release for certificated personnel listed below:

Last Name	First Name	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day
LeDoux	Tatiana	SPED Itinerant	Speech Pathologist	Resign	6/10/21
VanWagner	Shannon	Foothill HS	Teacher	50% Reduction	6/11/21
Etchart	Martha	Lincoln	Teacher	Retirement	6/10/21
Farrell	Ryan	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign	3/23/21

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

19.a [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims No. ML202103](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. ML202103. Board approval of this agreement is requested. The agreement is attached for review.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mr. Marcus Konantz, Executive Director, Special Education-Pupil Services

19.b [Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus Equipment](#)

Board Policy 3270 requires Board approval for disposal of district-owned personal property that has become obsolete or surplus. Below you will find a list of items that became obsolete or surplus. It is recommended the Board approve the disposal of obsolete and surplus district-owned personal property, and authorize the Director of Purchasing to advertise, sell, auction, dispose or donate the listed items as indicated and in accordance with Board Policy 3270.

<u>Quantity/Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Donate</u>
1,650	Single Student/Double Student Desks (items replaced by new desks purchase)	X

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing

19.c [Checks for March 2021](#)

Board ratification of checks for the month of March 2021 is requested. The checks list is attached for review.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

19.d [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(March 10, 2021 to March 30, 2021\)](#)

Approval of the following purchase orders and change orders is requested. An attached list is available for review.

497 Purchase Orders	=	\$3,920,210.71
PO Changes	=	73,585.67
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$3,993,796.38

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing

20. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

20.a [Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2021

21. BOARD REPORTS

22. COMING EVENTS

23. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Student Learning Loss/Acceleration - April
- Board Policies Update - April
- Human Resources Update - May
- Fall Reopening Update - TBD
- Facilities Update - July

24. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS - (No official action will be taken)

25. CLOSED SESSION

26. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____