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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 27, 2021

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

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, April 27, 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 - 5:00 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 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)

a. Number of cases: Two

6.b Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)
• Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

6.c Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

6.d Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)
• Superintendent

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

- Moment of Silence

9. **Roll Call:**
Velma Lomax, President ____, Matt Almaraz, Vice-President ____,
Sabrena Rodriguez ____, Amy Callahan ____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____,
Violet Delgado (BHS) ____, Frances Kayser (VHS) ____, Christine Davis (Adult Education) ____

10. **Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

11. **Superintendent's Report**

- Good News
- Student Board Members
 - Violet Delgado - BHS
 - Frances Kayser - VHS
 - Christine Davis - VACE

12. **Correspondence**

13. **Public Comments**

14. **CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

14.a [Board Policies Global Adoption \(Action Requested\)](#)

Attached are the revised board policies for global adoption. Individual departments have reviewed and updated these policies and have made the changes to meet the needs of our district. Board approval of the attached board policies is requested at this time.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

15. **CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

15.a [District English Learner Advisory Committee \(DELAC\) Advisory Report](#)

Members of the District's English Learner Advisory Committee will present their annual advisory report to the Board in English and Spanish. This presentation will provide the Board of Education with information on Ventura Unified School District's (VUSD) progress towards DELAC goals and DELAC recommendations for English Learner programs in VUSD. The Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department and school sites use this information for district planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual & Multicultural Education

15.b [Student Learning Loss / Acceleration and Local Control and Accountability Plan \(LCAP\) Data](#)

District staff will give a presentation of Trimester 2 elementary data and Quarter 3 secondary data to inform Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) grant and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) actions and support services.

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

16. **CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES**

- 16.a [Consideration for Approval of Resolution #21-08, Requesting Board of Supervisors of Ventura County to Include the Voter-Approved Parcel Tax on the 2021-22 Tax Roll \(Action Requested\)](#)
As a result of the parcel tax passage during the November 3, 2020 election, the District must comply with specific certifications listed in Resolution #21-08. Board approval of the attached resolution is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

17. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 17.a [Presentation & Approval of Resolution # 21-10 Credentialed School Nurse Day \(Action Requested\)](#)

The Ventura Unified School District recognizes our credentialed school nurses for their efforts to ensure the academic success & engagement of all students in Ventura Unified. School nurses promote and improve health for all of our students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net of care. They offer services of integrated components dealing with health, safety, health prevention and education. School nurses also address nutritional, social and emotional needs, physical and mental health needs and intervene with actual and potential health concerns. Attached is a copy of Resolution #21-10 claiming May 12, 2021, as "Credentialed School Nurse Day". The Board of Education is asked to adopt this resolution.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Ann Marie Bidlingmaier, R.N., Coordinator Health Services & Prevention Programs

18. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

18.a [Reduction in Classified Positions/Layoff of Classified Employees, 2021-2022 Fiscal Year \(Action Requested\)](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reductions of the identified positions and authorize the issuance of layoff notices for the Classified incumbents, pursuant to applicable sections of the VUSD/VESPA Contract, the Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations, and the California Education Code.

As a result of this action, other Classified positions may be affected and those employees will also be issued layoff notices.

All employees impacted will be advised of their transfer and bumping rights pursuant to the VUSD/VESPA Contract and the Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenber___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

19. ACTION ITEMS

19.a [Consideration for Approval 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

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenber___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **20 to 23** 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 ____

20. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

20.a [Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Speech - Language Credential](#)

Due to the shortage of Speech Pathologists, the district has employed the following individual, who is currently enrolled in a Master’s Speech & Language Program. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name: Jeffrey Munn

Credential Type: Speech -Language Pathology Service Credential

School: Itinerant

Class: Speech & Language Pathologist

Waving: EC44265.3 – Professional Preparation Program for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.b [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
Chilton	Michael	Adult Ed	Instructor	Retirement	6/11/2021
Hudson	Norman	Itinerant	Substitute	Resignation	2/26/2020
Farrell	Ryan	Itinerant	Substitute	Resignation	11/24/2020
Stary	Cynthia	Loma Vista	Teacher	Resignation	3/13/2021
Cota	Ricardo	Data	Asst. Principal	Resignation	6/18/2021
Gonzalez	Brittany	Itinerant	Substitute	Resignation	4/1/2021
Etchart	Martha	Lincoln	Teacher	Retirement	6/10/2021
Davis	Jeffrey	ESC-HR	Asst. Supt. HR	Resignation	6/30/2021
Lobitz	Christine	Balboa	Asst. Principal	Resignation	6/30/2021

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.c [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
Foster	Cody	Teacher	Buena	1.00	2/19/2021	3/5/2021	Parental

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.d [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
Fox, Marilyn	Single Subject Credential: Health & English
Keller, Cody	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Freeman, Debra	Pupil Personnel Services Credential: School Counseling
Ayala, Carly	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.e [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

20.f [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

20.g [Ventura County Office of Education Williams Activity Report for Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2020-21](#)

Education Code Section 1240(c)(2)(C) requires that the County Superintendent report the results of any Williams Lawsuit Settlement visits, on a quarterly basis, to the Governing Board of districts with deciles 1 to 3 schools. While much of the specific Williams related activities occur during the Quarter 1, several activities take place throughout the fiscal year. These activities include:

- The annual review of teacher assignments and vacancies in deciles 1 to 3 schools, as required by Education Code Section 44258.
- The annual review of the prior fiscal year audit reports to identify any audit findings relating to Williams issues and determine how those findings will be corrected.
- The annual review of each school's school accountability report card to verify that known Williams related issues are correctly reported.

The results of these reviews will be published in our annual Williams report in November of 2021.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

21. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

21.a [Classified Personnel Changes](#)

The Personnel Commission approved the attached list of Classified Personnel Changes at its April 21, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

21.b [Classified Position Changes](#)

Based on staffing needed to best meet the needs of our students and the services provided by the District, the following position changes are needed.

Note: Positions being reduced or abolished are currently vacant, and no action is required to issue a layoff notice. An incumbent will not be affected as a result of the change. It is requested that the Board of Education approve the attached Classified position changes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as well as the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

22. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

22.a [Southern California Edison Grant of Easement and Right of Way Agreement](#)

The District has agreed to grant Edison, through Spectrum Land Services, access to property located at 4213 Crooked Palm (Transportation Services), APN #063-0-0140-605/615 for work related to the installation of a vehicle charging station. The easement agreement is attached for your review.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

22.b [Gifts to School District](#)

Listed below are donations made to Ventura Unified School District.

DONOR	GIFT	LOCATION	VALUE
Blackbaud Giving Trust	Cash	Juanamaria	\$500.00
Bright Funds	Cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Roberta Godek	Sports balls	Juanamaria	\$120.00
Sophia Hargett	Face coverings	Cabrillo	\$550.00
Mark & Robin Ikeda	Cash	Sheridan Way	\$600.00
Southern CA Robotics League, Inc.	Cash	Cabrillo	\$500.00
Ventura Family YMCA	Swim lessons	VUSD - Homeless Program	\$2,200.00

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

22.c [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(March 31, 2021 to April 13, 2021\)](#)

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

176 Purchase Orders	=	\$1,107,946.87
PO Changes	=	<u>21,821.58</u>
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$1,129,768.45

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

23. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2021

24. BOARD REPORTS

25. COMING EVENTS

26. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Human Resources Update - May
Facilities Update - July
Review Board Policy-Renaming of Facilities - July
Learning Loss Special Study Session -TBD
Fall Reopening Update - TBD

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

28. CLOSED SESSION

29. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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