

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, November 27, 2017
Special Meeting
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Cabrillo Middle School, in the Cafeteria located at 1426 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura, California. President Velma Lomax called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those in attendance:

President:	Velma Lomax
Vice President:	John B. Walker
Board Member:	Mary Haffner
Board Member:	Jackie Moran
Board Member:	Sabrina Rodriguez
Superintendent:	David C. Creswell
Legal Counsel:	Anthony Ramos

President Lomax led the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Haffner, seconded by Mrs. Rodriguez and carried on a roll call vote 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Moran, Rodriguez, Haffner, Walker and Lomax
Noes: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Public Comment

VUEA President Mr. Dan Nelson provided information regarding mid-year retirement option, eligibility, bonus and benefits.

Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Rodriguez and carried on a roll call vote 5-0 that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss conference with labor negotiations.

Ayes: Moran, Rodriguez, Haffner, Walker and Lomax
Noes: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

At 6:00 p.m., President Lomax called the regular portion of the special meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session - None

Notice of Public Hearing: Input Re Composition of Maps For Trustee Area Elections

NOTICE of Public Hearing was held in accordance with Elections Code section 10010 to receive and consider input regarding the composition of trustee area maps to be used in the event the Board approves a transition to by-trustee area elections pursuant to Education Code sections 5019 and 5020. Board President Mrs. Lomax opened the hearing for public testimony regarding this matter. Ventura Unified School District Legal Counsel Mr. Anthony Ramos provided explanation and process of Composition of Maps for Trustee Area Elections.

Debra Meyer Morris noted favor of trustee area map elections. Expressed that current Board make-up does not equally represent/cover all socio economics or subgroups.

Wessal Esber noted her participation in the student youth and government delegation a state-wide program. She noted concerns in area elections to include; hole in the process if no one runs for a specific area, is there an established protocol to reelect a person to represent that specific map area and noted concern that newly elected individual may not have the experience of the current Board.

Nicholas Godinez noted his participates in student youth and government. Feels that it is important that there is a person on the Board to represent the socio-economic areas and makeup of the area he/she is from. He was concern that people in the specific areas will not run for election, what then. He noted in favor of process as long as all mapping areas are represented.

Jaxon Silva is also a student in the youth government class. He would like more information on what the process will be to find the commonalities. He would like to see a fair representation.

Kyle Clark is also a student in the youth government class and lives near Saticoy. He noted people don't recognize that area and now shadowed by liberals. He had concerns if mapping area will really make a difference and will new process provide for better board representation.

Hearing no more request to speak, President Lomax closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Adjournment

At 6:40 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote 5-0 to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Ayes: Moran, Rodriguez, Haffner, Walker and Lomax

Noes: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

APPROVED

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