

VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Saturday, December 9, 2017
Special Meeting
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Buena High School, in the Library located at 5670 Telegraph Road, Ventura, California. President Velma Lomax called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance:

President:	Velma Lomax
Vice President:	John B. Walker
Board Member:	Mary Haffner
Board Member:	Jackie Moran – Late to meeting.
Board Member	Sabrina Rodriguez
Superintendent:	David C. Creswell
Deputy Superintendent:	Mr. Richards
Assist. Supt. Certificated HR:	Jeff Davis
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 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Rodriguez, Haffner, Walker and Lomax

Noes: None **Absent:** Moran, **Abstain:** None

Public Comment - None

REGULAR SESSION

Board Discussion Regarding Thomas Fire and its Impact on the District

Superintendent Creswell shared that the Facilities Department have been vigilant in monitoring all sites and none have been destroyed. The air quality, ash debris and unpredictable movement of the fire due to strong winds continues to be the main concern. Homes in the upper area of Foothill Road / Poli Street have been destroyed. Fire Department agencies throughout California struggle to reach full containment of the fire.

Superintendent Creswell provided Board with recap on communication with VUSD command team, principals, and outreach efforts to staff, students and community regarding impacts of the Thomas Fire. He continues to maintain constant communication with the city, fire department, police department and emergency personnel.

All VUSD social media and phone communication available to the district is in full implementation with constant updates regarding school closures to include resources to emergency links. Staff and families are urged to complete a needs assessment survey form available online to help principals identify and connect those in need with organizations offering support. A team from the Education Service Center is strategically planning with counselors, psychologist and outside experts to offer, at all sites, social and emotional support for both staff and students. The classified and certificated Human Resource Departments have

implemented a back-up plan to fill positions of those employees with hardships that cannot return to work as a result of the Thomas fire.

Superintendent Creswell noted that as of December 5, all schools remain closed.

Adjournment

At 6:20 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Walker 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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