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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 8, 2021

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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- Ventura Unified School District, Education Service Center (Always)
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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, June 8, 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 - 6:00 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 Labor Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiators: Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Anthony Ramos, General Counsel

Employee Organization: Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

6.b Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)

a. Number of cases: One

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

Board President Velma Lomax ____, Vice President Matt Almaraz ____, Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez ____, Trustee Amy Callahan ____, Trustee Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Superintendent Dr. Roger Rice ____

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

11.a Good News

- Introduction of the new Assistant Principal, Anacapa Middle School - Ms. Petra McCullough
- Introduction of the new Assistant Principal, Balboa Middle School - Ms. Jenee Wilcox
- 2021 Migrant Education Program:
 - Speech Tournament Winners
 - Debate Tournament Winners
- Honoring Retirees

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments

14. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

14.a [NOTICE OF PUBIC HEARING - Regarding 2021-22 Proposed Budgets](#)

A public hearing will be held June 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at 5200 Valentine Rd, Ventura, CA 93003 or via public streaming available at <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios>, to review the 2021-22 Proposed Budgets. The budgets will be on display for public review from June 14, 2021 to June 17, 2021 at 255 W Stanley Ave, Ste 100 Ventura, CA 93001 or on the District's website in the Business Services section at <https://www.venturausd.org/business/BusinessServices/FinancialReports.aspx>.

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

14.b [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)](#)

A public hearing to review the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will be held June 17, 2021, at 1:10 p.m. at Ventura and Adult Continuing Education, Ron Halt Room, 5200 Valentine Rd, Ventura, CA 93003 or via public streaming available at <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios>. This public hearing is being held to solicit the recommendations and comments of the public regarding the proposed LCAP.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

15. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

15.a [Presentation of the Proposed 2021-22 Budget](#)

Staff will present the 2021-22 Original Budget preliminary presentation and discuss the proposed final 2020-21 Estimated Actuals.

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

- 15.b [Ratification of Agreement Between Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Unified Education Association, COVID: Special Education Release Time Pay-Out November 13, 2020 \(Action Requested\)](#)

Ratification for approval of Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) agreement regarding COVID-19 special education release time pay-out.

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, 2020, 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 Brett Taylor, new Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and authorize him to sign specific documents as listed on the attached document for the period June 8, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- 15.d [Resolution #21-14, Urging the Public Utilities Commission, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, and Other State Agencies to Make a Full and Complete Review of the Environmental, Health, and Safety Issues Associated with the Southern California Gas Company's Compressor Site Located within the District. \(Action Requested\)](#)

Board of Education approval of attached Resolution # 21-14 is requested in order to allow a complete review of environmental, health, and safety issues associated with the Southern California Gas Company's compressor site located on District property.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

16. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 16.a [Consideration for Adoption of a Textbook - Calculus for the AP Course](#)
Educational Services is requesting adoption of the following textbook.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Title: | Calculus for the AP Course |
| Author: | Michael Sullivan and Kathleen Miranda |
| Publisher: | Bedford, Freeman and Worth |
| Copyright: | 2020 |
| Status: | Textbook |
| Course for which adopted: | AP Calculus AB/BC |
| Grade(s): | 11-12 |
| ISBN #: | 978-1-319-24431-6 |

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Natalie Albrizzio, Math Teacher on Special Assignment

- 16.b [Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\) Timeline Update](#)
District staff will provide an update on the LCAP timeline.
Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

17. CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT

- 17.a [Discussion Regarding the Fair Political Practices Act and Government Code Section 1090-California's Conflict of Interest Laws Applicable to Government Officials/Employees.](#)
Discussion regarding the Fair Political Practices Act and Government Code Section 1090-California's Conflict of Interest Laws applicable to Government Officials/Employees.
Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

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

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **19 to 22** 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 ____

19. CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

19.a [Administrative Recommendation to Waive Board Policy 6146.1](#)

It is recommended that the Governing Board waive Board Policy 6146.1 (High School Graduation Requirements) and approve the issuance of a High School Diploma for student #20-M.

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

19.b [Consideration of Cabrillo Middle School Time Capsule](#)

The Cabrillo Middle School's student council is requesting consideration to install a 25-year time capsule to commemorate the 2020-2021 school year. The time capsule will include memorabilia chosen and provided by students, staff and the community and will be located in front of the campus next to the flagpole. The time capsule will be buried four feet into the ground and will measure 33.4 x 26.3 x 12.0 inches. A plaque with the inscription, "Cabrillo Middle School 2020-2021 Time Capsule to be opened in 2046, the year it all changed" will be installed on the grounds surface. This project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the funding source is ASB.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Lorelle Dawes, Principal, Cabrillo Middle School

19.c [Consideration of Will Rogers Elementary Rock Garden](#)

Will Rogers Elementary School is requesting consideration to create a rock garden on campus. Each student will receive their own rock to paint a nature-inspired theme, and then the rocks will be sealed and placed in the Rock Garden by teacher Ms. Camille Mendoza and parent volunteers. This is a campus beautification project in an area of the campus behind the third grade classrooms in building J. This project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the funding source is PTA.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Vanessa Perez, Principal, Will Rogers Elementary

20. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

20.a [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 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maxwell, Robert | Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit |
| Lawrence, Monique | Multiple Subject Credential |
| Hernandez, Joel | Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit |

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.b [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 |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| Quezada | Alma | Teacher | Will Rogers | 1.00 | 5/25/21 | 6/10/21 | FMLA |

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.c [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 |
|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Ashland | Janice | Itinerant | Substitute | Other Job | 10/6/2020 |
| Dipping | Ronald | Itinerant | Substitute | Personal | 3/10/2020 |
| Ward | Sharon | J. Serra | Teacher | Resign | Rev. 6/10/2021 |
| Zaiz | Rex | Itinerant | Substitute | Relocation | 3/13/2020 |
| Zane | Julie | Itinerant | Substitute | Personal | 9/27/2019 |
| Brown | Sudro | Itinerant | Substitute | Personal | 3/12/2021 |
| Solano | Alejandro | Itinerant | Psychologist | Resignation | 6/30/21 |

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.d [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 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.e [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments for 2021 Extended Year - Summer School Programs](#)

Ratification of Administration's Approval of the 2021 Extended Year - Summer School and Summer Session assignments on the attached list.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.f [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

21. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

21.a [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; see attached list.

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 upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

22. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 22.a [Award of Bid C2-22 Lemon Grove \(Blanche Reynolds\) Playground](#)
 The bid opened on May 24, 2021. Bids were received from three (3) contractors. A recapitulation is provided below:

| BIDDER | BASE BID |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Hughes General Engineering | \$635,320.72 |
| BC Rincon | \$426,394.33 |
| Staples Construction | \$599,000.00 |

Approval is requested to award the C2-22 Lemon Grove (Blanche Reynolds) Playground Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, BC Rincon Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$426,394.33.

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

- 22.b [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. GD202105](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. GD202105. 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

- 22.c [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. WS202105](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. WS202105. 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

- 22.d [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. 2021MR4](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. 2021MR4. 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

- 22.e [Checks for April 2021](#)

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

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

- 22.f [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(April 28, 2021 to May 11, 2021\)](#)

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

| | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 152 Purchase Orders | = | \$533,861.67 |
| PO Changes | = | <u>93,365.28</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | = | \$627,226.95 |

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

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Public Hearing: Budget & LCAP - June 17
- Study Session: District Property - July 16
- Facility Update - July
- Reviewing Board Policy - Naming of Facilities - July
- HR Updates - August
- Fall Reopening - TBD
- SRO's - August

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

27. CLOSED SESSION

28. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenber____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____