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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 25, 2020

Closed Session 6:00 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
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

Ventura Adult and Continuing Education Via Teleconference
5200 Valentine Road
Ventura, CA 93003

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 ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

5. Motion to go to Closed Session

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

6. CLOSED SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom

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

a. District Negotiators:

Dr. Jeff Davis

Employee Organizations:

Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

Ventura Education Support Professionals
Association (VESPA)

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

Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. **Roll Call - Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Roger Rice**

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

11. **Superintendent - Good News**

Assistant Principal, Anacapa Middle School - Mike Gennaro

12. **Superintendent's Report**

13. **Correspondence**

14. **Public Comments**

15. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

15.a [Notice of Public Hearing Regarding the Presentation of Ventura Unified School District's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan](#)

A public hearing will be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via video conference at <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios> to review the district's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Authorized by SB98, the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan replaces the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020–2021 school year. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan addresses the following: gaps in learning; conducting meaningful stakeholder engagement; maintaining transparency; addressing the needs of unduplicated pupils, students with unique needs, and students experiencing homelessness; providing access to necessary devices and connectivity for distance learning; providing resources and supports to address student and staff mental health and social emotional well-being, and continuing to provide school meals for students. SB 98 requires that, prior to its adoption, the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan shall be presented at a public hearing of the governing board of the district for review and comment by members of the public. The draft Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan will be available for public review from September 1, 2020 to September 8, 2020 on the District's website in the Educational Services section at <https://www.venturausd.org/edserv/EducationalServices.aspx>

Dr. Rene Rickard, Interim Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

16. **CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

16.a [Parcel Tax Update](#)

Dr. Rice will update the Board of Education on the Parcel Tax.

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

17. **CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

17.a [Reopening Schools Update](#)

Educational Services will present an update on the opening of schools in distance learning. The presentation will include information on Orientation, Devices, and Attendance.

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

17.b [Consideration for Adoption of Digital-only Manzanita Learning World Language Curriculum for Grades 6-12 \(Action Requested\)](#)

District staff will give a presentation on the recommendation for digital-only Manzanita Learning World Language Curriculum, Latin@s por siempre modules 1-4 and Latin@s por siempre modules 5-8, grades 6-12.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual & Multicultural Education, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

18. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

18.a [Tyler Technologies Software Service Agreement 2020-23](#)

District staff has been researching routing software systems for transportation in order to modernize the routing system in use at this time. The increased complexity of transportation has been amplified with the future implementation of hybrid schedules and reduced student capacities on buses. Business Services staff is bringing forward a proposal to purchase software and technology called "Traversa" from Tyler Technologies. It is a computer-based routing software program with many tools and features that will make a much more efficient transportation system. The first year of this three-year agreement will cost approximately \$107,258; thereafter, the annual cost for the second year will be \$22,300, and \$23,415 for the third year. Board approval of the attached agreement will be brought back to the next regularly scheduled board meeting for consideration to purchase the Traversa Software system.

Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing; Mr. Arie Wiberg, Director Transportation

19. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

19.a [Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association COVID-19 Coronavirus and Opening Schools for the 2020-21 School Year Memorandum Of Understanding. \(Action Requested\)](#)

Consideration of approval of Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA) COVID-19 Coronavirus and Opening Schools for the 2020-21 School Year Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). Attached is the draft COVID-19 Coronavirus and Opening Schools for the 2020-21 School Year MOU between VUSD and VESPA.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **20 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 ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

20. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

20.a [Administrative Recommendation to Waive Administrative Regulation 6146.1](#)

It is recommended the Governing Board waive Administrative Regulation 6146.1 and approve the issuance of a High School Diploma for student #'s 501815725, 501829233, 501808178, 501811113, 501836263, 501832599, 501811488, 501811102, and 501810759. We are requesting that student's 5 outstanding credits of the 10 total credits needed to meet Ventura Unified School Districts Applied Arts graduation requirement are waived. This waiver would not reduce the overall number of credits required for graduation.

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

21. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

21.a [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.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	First	Position	Site	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Maya	Garidely	Teacher	Montalvo	1.00	08/17/2020	11/03/2020	Parental Leave
Higgins	Jennifer	Teacher	Poinsettia	1.00	08/17/2020	10/23/2020	Parental Leave
Lopez	Shannon	Teacher	Anacapa	1.00	11/02/2020	01/22/2021	Parental Leave
Morrison	Denielle	Counselor	Juanamaria Citrus Glen	1.00	10/02/2020	01/14/2021	Parental Leave

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

21.c [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations & Retirements for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of resignations & retirements for certificated personnel listed below:

Last Name	First	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day	Effective
Marquez	Gift	Anacapa	Counselor	Resign	08/11/2020	07/31/2020
Blundell	Erik	Buena	Teacher	Resign	06/12/2020	08/05/2020
Flynn	Susan	B. Reynolds	Teacher	Retire	8/31/20	9/1/20
LaPorte	Lorraine	Juanamaria	Teacher	Retire	8/31/20	9/1/20

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

21.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 on the attached list.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

21.e [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

22. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

22.a [Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs \(Part I and II\) 2020-21](#)

The District is requesting Board approval of Ventura Unified School District's 2020-21 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part I and II). Part I must be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) by August 31, 2020, and Part II of this application will be due February, 2021. Parts I & II of the Consolidated Application may be approved for submission by the Governing Board at the same meeting per CDE guidelines. Administration requests approval to submit the Consolidated Application attached for your consideration.

Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget & Finance

22.b [Ventura County Indian Education Consortium Agreement 2020-21](#)

The District, as the Local Education Agency (LEA) for the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium, has entered into an agreement with the school districts listed below for a continued partnership to maintain efforts to preserve the heritage of Native American students in Ventura County and the rural history of our region. The agreements are effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Ratification of the attached agreements is requested.

Conejo Valley Unified	Ojai Unified	Simi Valley Unified
Fillmore Unified	Oxnard	Vista Real Charter
Hueneme Elementary	Oxnard Union High	

Dr. Rene Rickard, Interim Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Education

22.c [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(July 29, 2020 to August 11, 2020\)](#)

Approval of the following purchase orders and change orders is requested. A list is available for review, as an attachment.

233 Purchase Orders	=	\$7,142,677.69
PO Changes	=	835.73
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$7,143,513.42

Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- 7-11 Committee Report
- CTE Update - Agriculture Pathway and Facilities

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

27. CLOSED SESSION

28. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____