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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 22, 2020

Closed Session: 5:30 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, September 22, 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 - 5:30 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 Pupil Matters, Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48916, 48918

a. Administrative recommendation for student admission from outside Ventura Unified School District, student #20/A02

b. Administrative recommendation for student expulsion #21/01

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

- a. Number of cases: One

6.d **Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)**

1. Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
2. Chief Innovation Officer

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

8. **Pledge of Allegiance**

9. **Roll Call:**

**Sabrina Rodriguez, President ____, Jackie Moran, Vice-President ____,
Velma Lomax ____, Matt Almaraz ____,
Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____,
Carys Garvey - El Camino HS ____, Elizabeth Ferris - FTTHS ____, Selah Willms - Pacific__**

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

11. **Superintendent's Report**

11.a **Good News**

- Introduction of the new Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Ms. Rebecca Chandler
- Student Board Members:
 - Carys Garvey - El Camino
 - Elizabeth Ferris - Foothill
 - Selah Willms - Pacific

12. **Correspondence**

13. **Public Comments**

14. **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

14.a **Public Hearing - Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2020-21 School Year**

This is the time, 7:30 p.m., that a public hearing will be conducted for school year 2020-21 regarding the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials or both that are aligned to the content standards adopted by the state board as required by Education Code 60119. Notice of the public hearing was made at the September 8th, 2020, Board of Education meeting and was published in the Ventura County Star newspaper and posted in three public locations in Ventura Unified School District.

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Curriculum & Instruction 6-12

15. **CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

- 15.a [Farm Update - Agriculture Career Pathway and Facilities](#)
Our intent is to update the board on the progress being made for the farm at Pacific High School.
Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Chief Innovation Officer

16. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 16.a [Reopening of Schools Update](#)
Staff will present an update on state and local guidance required for the reopening of schools.
Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent; Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

- 16.b [City of San Buenaventura School Resource Officer \(SRO\) Agreement No. A2016-00409, Fourth Amendment for 2020-2021 \(Action Requested\)](#)

The Ventura Unified School District is requesting board approval of the attached Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement, NO. A2016-00409, between the City of San Buenaventura and The Ventura Unified School District. The amendment suspends the day-to-day on-site services of the agreement due to the worldwide COVID-19 situation until which time it is mutually agreed upon by both parties after children are back in school for in-person learning.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services

17. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 17.a [Certification of Signatures Amendment \(Action Requested\)](#)

The District, at its organizational meeting on December 13, 2019, certified the signatures of the agents authorized to sign orders, warrants, contracts, documents, etc., for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools. Any 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 County Office. It is recommended the Board certify Rebecca Chandler and authorize her to sign specific documents (additional documents) for the period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

18. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a [A Presentation and Approval of Proposed Changes, Deletions or Additions to Board Bylaw \(BB\)9270, related to a Conflict of Interest \(Action Requested\)](#)

Pursuant to Government Code 87306.5, all Conflict of Interest Codes must be reviewed and amended as needed by the District every even-numbered year and submitted to the County Board of Supervisors prior to October 1. The following amendment is required to reflect changes to current positions in the District. The change will be made to the "Designated Positions" as follows: "Supervisor/Manager" will be added to the District's Conflict of Interest Code under "Designated Positions/Disclosure Categories" and shown in Board Bylaw 9270. Your approval of the attached Resolution #20-25 and Board Bylaw 9270 providing for the amendment is requested at this time.

Board Bylaw Number	Comments	Action
BB 9270 - Conflict of Interest	Policy to add the designated position "Supervisor/Manager" to Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest under the heading "DESIGNATED POSITIONS/DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES" (See attached exhibit B)	Addition
BB 9270 - Conflict of Interest	Update number of positions in the Designated Positions to be provided to the County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code 87306.5 (See attached exhibit A)	Revision

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Certificated Human Resources; Mr. Anthony Ramos, General Counsel

19. ACTION ITEMS

19.a [Announcement of Intended Appointee to the Personnel Commission and Notice of Public Hearing](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education take action and announce Ms. Anne Campbell as its intended appointee to the Personnel Commission per Education Code 45246, and set the date of the public hearing on their intended appointment of Ms. Campbell for November 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Human Resources

19.b Administrative Recommendation for Student Admission from outside Ventura Unified School District and Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion

- Approval for administrative recommendation for student admission from outside Ventura Unified School District, student #20/A02
- Approval for administrative recommendation regarding student expulsion, #21/01

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Mrs. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

19.c [Resolution #20-24 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

After the public hearing was held today, September 22, 2020, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education is asked to approve the attached Resolution #20-24, Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2020-21 school year.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

19.d [Approval of the Ventura Unified School District's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan](#)

Staff presented the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan at the September 8, 2020 Board of Education meeting. 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. Board approval is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____, Moran ____, Rodriguez ____

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

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 - 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 the Master's Speech & Language Programs. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name: Daniella McComb

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 Assignments Through Various Education Codes](#)

Current statutes and regulations recognize that there may be situations of a temporary nature in which a teacher with the appropriate credential is not available to the school district or the assignment is part-time and not conducive for recruitment. Senate Bill 435 has made it possible to assign staff with their permission to these areas in several ways:

Education Code 44256(b) states that the holder of a self-contained type credential may be assigned, with his or her consent, teach any subject in departmentalized classes, below grade 9, in which the teacher has 12 semester hours of coursework in the subject area.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the individuals listed below as per the California Education Code noted.

Last Name	First Name	Site	Credential(s)	Board Approval Subject	Ed Code	Units
Bento	Geneva	BMS	Multiple Subject	Social Science	44256(b)	12+
Brady	Mayra	BMS	Multiple Subject	English	44256(b)	12+
Brady	Mayra	BMS	Multiple Subject	Social Science	44256(b)	12+
Flores	Daniel	CMS	Multiple Subject	Social Science	44256(b)	12+
Lehman	Elisa	CMS	Multiple Subject	English	44256(b)	12
Pekar	Kristin	CMS	Multiple Subject	English	44256(b)	12+

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.c [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.d [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.e [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	Ref/Date
Eman, Jennifer	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit Temporary Permit for Statutory Leave: English, Multiple Subject	9/22/2020
Jordan, Roni	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	9/22/2020
Billings, Mary	Multiple Subject Credential	9/22/2020
Young, Michael	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	9/22/2020
Zane, Julie	Multiple Subject Credential	9/22/2020
Zeko, Valeria	Single Subject Credential: English	9/22/2020

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20.f [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 Name	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day	Effective
Decker	Jocasta	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign	9/18/2020	9/18/2020
Taylor	Jesse	ESC-C&I	TOSA	Resign	10/1/2020	10/1/2020
Cortes	Danielle	ESC- Ed. Services	Asst. Supt. Ed. Services	Resign	10/2/2020	10/2/2020

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 September 16, 2020 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director, 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: Position 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 this change.

It is requested that the Board of Education approve the Classified position changes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

Job Classification	Location	Time Base	Funding	Change to Position
Paraeducator II (0086)	Project Secure	6.50 hours / 181 calendar	Federal Spec Ed	Abolish

Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Human Resources

22. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

22.a [Jones Hall Legal Services Agreement](#)

The District entered into an agreement with Jones Hall for legal services in connection with submitting a parcel tax on qualified electors at an election to be held on the November 3, 2020. Jones Hall also provided legal counsel services for the parcel tax on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This agreement will remain in effect until the completion of all proceedings required for the parcel tax. Approval of the attached agreement is requested.

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

22.b [Tax Deferred Solutions 403\(B\) Plan Adoption Agreement](#)

The District amended the agreement with Tax Deferred Solutions dated January 1, 2009 for administration of the District's retirement and annuity plans per the attached agreement. The agreement took effect June 19, 2020. Approval of the attached agreement is requested.

Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

22.c [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. AP2020082](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. AP2020082 Board approval of the agreement is requested. The agreement is available for review, as an attachment.

Mr. Marcus Konantz, Director, Special Education - Pupil Services

22.d [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. GV202008](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. GV202008 Board approval of the agreement is requested. The agreement is available for review, as an attachment.

Mr. Marcus Konantz, Director, Special Education - Pupil Services

22.e [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims Case No. JM2020081](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. JM2020081 Board approval of this agreement is requested. The agreement is available for review, as an attachment

Mr. Marcus Konantz, Director, Special Education - Pupil Services

22.f [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(August 27, 2020 to September 8, 2020\)](#)

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

96 Purchase Orders	=	\$555,139.03
PO Changes	=	1,061.00
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$556,200.03

Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

7-11 Committee

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 ____