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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 9, 2021

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, February 9, 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

a. District Negotiators:

Employee Organizations:

Dr. Jeff Davis

Rebecca Chandler

Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

Ventura Education Support Professionals
Association (VESPA)

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

Velma Lomax, President ____, **Matt Almaraz, Vice-President** ____,
Sabrina Rodriguez ____, **Amy Callahan** ____, **Dr. Jerry Dannenberg** ____, **Dr. Roger Rice** ____,
Elizabeth Ferris (FTHS) ____, **Emanuelle De Jesus (PHS)** ____, **Danielle Shew (ELCHS)** ____

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

- Good News
- Student Board Members:
 - Elizabeth Ferris - Foothill
 - Emanuelle De Jesus - Pacific
 - Danielle Shew - El Camino

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments

14. CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT

14.a [Consideration to Approve the Board of Education Governance Handbook \(Action Requested\)](#)

On January 28, 2021, the California School Board Association Governance Consultant led the Board of Education in a discussion regarding roles, relationships, responsibilities, norms, protocols and unity of purpose. The Board of Education is asked to review and consider the adoption of the attached Governance Handbook.

Moved:
Seconded:

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

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent; Mrs. Velma Lomax, Board President

14.b [Ballot for California School Board Association \(CSBA\) Delegate Assembly \(Action Requested\)](#)

Election of Representative's to the 2021 CSBA's Delegate Assembly will be accepted until March 15, 2021. The Board as a whole may vote for up to the number of vacancies (two) in the region or subregion as indicated below:

This is the time that the Board of Education will cast its vote for no more than two candidates as representatives to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from Subregion 11-B.

- Jeri Mead (Santa Paula USD)
- Mathew Almaraz (Ventura USD)

Moved:
Seconded:

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

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

15. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 15.a [Career Technical Education \(CTE\) Update](#)
 Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer and the Career Technical Education team will provide an update on Career Technical Education in the Ventura Unified School District.
Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovations Officer; Mr. Joe Bova, Principal on Special Assignment; Mr. Michel Etchart, Agriculture Program Teacher
- 15.b [Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)/Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Process Update](#)
 Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Department and Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction will provide an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.
Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural
- 15.c [African American Parent Council Update](#)
 Parents and staff will provide an update on the African American Parent Council.
Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural
- 15.d [Consideration to Revise Board Policy 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities \(Action Requested\)](#)
 Educational Services is recommending the revision of the attached BP 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities to extend the Athletic Probation period for ineligible students per California Assembly Bill AB 908. Action is being requested at this time due to the timeliness of this item.

Moved:
 Seconded:

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

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

16. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

16.a [Educational Options: East Ventura K-8 Program](#)

During the February 12, 2020 board meeting, ATLAS and Montalvo presented their petitions (presentations attached) to become the VUSD East End K-8 site. The goal is to remind the Board and answer questions they may have regarding their proposals. On the February 23, 2021 board meeting, a recommendation for the East End K-8 will be brought to the Board for a vote.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

16.b [Surplus Consideration of District Properties](#)

The Board received the 7-11 Advisory Committee report on November 10, 2020 (attached for your convenience). The report contained recommendations regarding the nine VUSD properties. District staff is requesting direction from the Board regarding the 7-11 Committee's recommendations of the properties. The goal is to seek direction from the Board regarding information needed for the Board to set priorities with these properties. Staff will also present current information obtained on the properties.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

17. ACTION ITEMS

17.a

"Sunshine" of Initial Contract Proposals from Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) to Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA) for Collective Bargaining

Pursuant to Government Code 3547(c), after the public has had the opportunity to express itself, the public school employer shall, at a meeting which is open to the public, adopt its initial proposal. VUSD presented the following initial contract proposals to VESPA at the January 26th Board Meeting. Requesting Board adoption of the following contract proposals listed below:

Article	Article Title	Brief Summary
Article 1	Agreement	Adjust effective date of agreement
Article 6	Organizational Security	Update to reflect current law in light of the Janus decision
Article 12	Overtime/Compensatory Time Off	Standardize language so that provisions apply district-wide rather than only to the Facilities Department
Article 19	Layoff, Reemployment and Effects Related Thereto	Update the bumping rights criteria as outlined in section 19.1.8
Article 20	Total Compensation	Salary and Benefits
Article 21	Tax Shelter Annuities	Propose to move to Article 20
Article 22	Holidays	Update to reflect current holidays
Article 27	Sick Leave	Develop language to further define Catastrophic Leave
Article 34	Transfers and Procedures for Filling Vacancies	Clarify summer school (intersession) assignments
Article 38	Safety	The District is interested in developing language to address uniforms
Article 41	Professional Growth	Simple update of composition of the professional growth committee
Article 46	Term	Update to reflect the current term of the contract
Appendix E	Classified Represented and Confidential Salary Schedule	Update to reflect current salary schedule

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

17.b ["Sunshine" of Initial Contract Proposals from Ventura Unified School District \(VUSD\) to Ventura Unified Education Association \(VUEA\) for Collective Bargaining](#)

Pursuant to Government Code Government Code 3547(c), after the public has had the opportunity to express itself, the public school employer shall, at a meeting which is open to the public, adopt its initial proposal. VUSD presented the following initial contract proposals to VUEA at the January 26th Board Meeting. Requesting Board adoption of the following contract proposals listed below:

Article	Article Title	Brief Summary
Article 1	Recognition	Add Chief Innovation Officer to the list of positions excluded from VUEA's bargaining unit
Article 8	Bargaining Unit Member Duties, Adjunct Duties, Work Year, Hours, and Conditions	Add language expecting teachers to participate in graduation ceremonies
Article 11	Assignment and Transfer	Add email notification from principals to staff in B (1)
Article 13	Evaluations	Remove the rating of 1; no longer used
Article 17	Certificated Salary Schedule	Add positions/stipends for Marching Band, Color Guard and Drumline at BHS; Add position/stipend for Jazz Band at VHS; Review potential additions for coaching positions at BHS, FTHS and VHS for Title IX purposes
Article 18	Fringe Benefits	Negotiate benefits/cost of benefits
Article 19	Compensation	Negotiate salary
Article 24	Term	Adjust the term for a new three-year Collective Bargaining Unit

Moved:
Seconded:

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

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

- 17.c [Approval of K-12 School Plans for Student Achievement \(SPSA\) for the 2020-21 School Year](#)
K-12 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the 2020-21 school year were submitted for your review at the last regularly scheduled board meeting. These school plans were collaboratively developed by enVision Consulting Group, Inc., school site council and the principal at each school, with input from other stakeholder groups, working collaboratively to develop and approve a plan to “improve the academic performance of all pupils” at each school. School Plans for Student Achievement are disseminated to school sites and stored in the electronic version as well as a hard copy.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

- 17.d [Approval of K-12 Schools and Adult Education Comprehensive Safety Plans for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

K-12 Schools and Adult Education Comprehensive Safety Plans for the 2020-21 school year were submitted for your review at the last regularly scheduled board meeting. Each plan includes the essential components outlined in Education Code 32282-32289. These safety plans were collaboratively developed by enVision Consulting Group, Inc., school site council, and input from law enforcement and community members. Comprehensive School Safety Plans are disseminated to school sites and stored in the electronic version as well as a hard copy.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services

17.e [Approval of New and Revised Career Technical Education \(CTE\) Courses](#)

New and revised CTE courses were presented at the January 26, 2021 Board of Education meeting. Board action is requested at this time.

- CTE MS Digital Media Production 6 (new course)
- CTE MS Digital Media Production 7/8 (new course)
- Digital Media Arts & Communication (DMAC) (revised course)
(proposed revised course title: CTE Intro Digital Media Arts and Communications)
- Advanced Digital Media and Communication (revised course)
(proposed revised course title: CTE Cap Digital Media Arts and Communications Honors)
- Peer Leaders (revised course)
(proposed revised course title: CTE Con Peer Leaders)
- Bioscience Survey (revised course)
(proposed revised course title: CTE Intro Bioscience Survey)
- CTE Cap Medical Health Careers Anatomy and Physiology Honors (new course)

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer; Mr. Joe Bova, Principal on Special Assignment

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **18 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 ____

18. CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

18.a [Consideration of Early Intervention Center Playground Mural](#)

The staff at the Early Intervention Center located on the campus of Pacific High School is requesting consideration to paint a mural with an outdoor nature scene to create a welcoming, young child friendly environment. The mural will cover the entire outside wall (30 feet x 9 feet) of room B facing the playground and will be designed and painted by local artist M.B. Hanrahan. The project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the funding source is school funds.

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

19. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

19.a [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	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day	Effective
Alkire, Terri	BMS	Psychologist	Retirement	2/26/21	3/1/21
McComb, Danielle	Elmhurst	Speech Therapist	Resignation	12/18/20	12/18/20
Quam, Chelsea	Sunset	Teacher	Resignation	4/1/21	4/2/21

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.b [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
Maloney, Dawn	Single Subject Credential: English, Math, Business Career Technical Education: Arts, Media & Entertainment

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.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

19.d [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	Position	Site	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Golden	April	Teacher	Cabrillo	.50	1/25/21	6/10/21	Child Rearing
Wallace	Chelsea	Teacher	Buena	1.00	8/20/21	6/16/22	Personal

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.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

19.f [Approval of Administration's Recommendation of Employment Status Changes for 20-21 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board approve Administration's recommendation to change employment status for the employees on the attached list, from Temporary status to Probationary status. This change will be effective retroactive to the first day of the individual's employment in the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

20.a [Classified Personnel Changes](#)

The Personnel Commission approved the attached list of Classified Personnel Changes at its January 20, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Human Resources

21. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

21.a [Checks for January 2021](#)

Board ratification of checks for the month of January 2021 is requested. The checks list is available for review as an attachment.

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

21.b [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(January 13, 2021 to January 26, 2021\)](#)

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

129 Purchase Orders	=	\$937,035.56
PO Changes	=	00.00
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$937,035.56

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

22. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

22.a [Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2021
- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2021
- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2021
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2021

22.b [Board Appointed Committees](#)

Approval of the attached Board Appointed Committees is requested at this time.

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Board Policies Update
- Mental Health & Counseling Services (February)

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

27. CLOSED SESSION

28. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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