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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 21, 2021

Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 21, 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 - 5:30 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:

Rebecca Chandler

Brett Taylor

Anthony Ramos

Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

Ventura Education Support Professionals

Association (VESPA)

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

a. Number of cases: Two

6.c Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Agency Negotiator:	Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Anthony M. Ramos, General Counsel
Property:	Washington School, 96 McMillan Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001
Negotiating Party(ies):	Dr. Perry Geue
Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of sale and/or lease

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

**Velma Lomax, President ____, Matt Almaraz, Vice-President ____,
Sabrena Rodriguez ____, Amy Callahan ____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____,
Danielle Shew (ELCHS) ____, Sophia Green (ELCHS) ____, Coral Tripp (FTHS) ____,**

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

- Good News
- Student Board Members:
 - Danielle Shew & Sophia Green (ELCHS)
 - Coral Tripp (FTHS-Sub)

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments

14. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

14.a [PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

This is the time, 7:30 p.m., that a public hearing will be conducted for school year 2021-22 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 7, 2021 Board of Education meeting, was published in the Ventura County Star newspaper and posted in three public locations in the Ventura Unified School District.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

15. ACTION ITEMS

15.a [Resolution #21-25 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

After the public hearing was held today, September 21, 2021, the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education is asked to approve the attached Resolution #21-25, Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2021-22 School Year.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

15.b [Revised 2021-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update and Budget Overview for Parents](#)

The 2021-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Annual Update and Budget Overview for Parents is being revised to reflect the final updated revenue and expenditures, as well as formatting changes to address VCOE feedback and technical assistance. Action is requested at this time to update the District's LCAP to incorporate these changes.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

16. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

16.a [2021 Summer Programs](#)

Staff will present an overview of 2021 Summer Programs.

Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer; Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

16.b [Student Growth Scores](#)

Staff will present historical student growth data based on California's newly adopted growth model.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Service

17. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

17.a **Federal Emergency Relief Funding Plans**

School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the 2021 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) plan must be adopted by October 29, 2021, for districts to continue to be eligible for funding. Staff will present the updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRIP/ICSP), as well as the ESSER III expenditure plan which are both requirements for funding eligibility.

Feedback on the draft ESSER III plan is requested at this time.

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

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 [Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips](#)

Ventura High School is requesting permission to send students from their **Boys and Girls Cross Country team** to travel out of the tri-county to the **Clovis Invitational Cross Country Tournament** to be held at **Woodward Park in Fresno, CA**, Fresno County. The trip will take place on October 9, 2021. Board approval is requested to send four students and three chaperones to this field trip. **At least one teacher or other certificated personnel shall accompany students on all trips according to Administrative Regulation 6153.**

Transportation will be provided by a district van and private vehicles. All required paperwork will be on file at the school before departure. **No student will be excluded due to lack of funds.**

Ratification of the Superintendent's approval for students from **Buena High School's girls cross country team** to travel out of the tri-county to the **Woodbridge Invitational Cross Country Classic** on September 17, 2021 is requested. This event was held at the **Silverlakes Sports Complex, in Corona, CA**, Riverside County. Thirty-five students and four chaperones attended. **At least one teacher or other certificated personnel accompanied students on this trip according to Administrative Regulation 6153.** Transportation was provided by charter bus. All required paperwork was on file at the school before departure.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

18.b [Consideration for Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus or Unusable Books - Foothill Technology High School](#)

Foothill Technology High School has a variety of books that have become obsolete. It is recommended that they be disposed of in accordance with Education Code Section 60510. Due to Education Code, we are obligated to donate or sell "usable" books. The Business Services Department is currently storing obsolete books until they can make appropriate accommodations for recycling. A list of titles is available in the Educational Services Department.

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

19. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

19.a [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of miscellaneous and part-time certificated assignments on the attached list.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.b [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 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
Espitia	Maria	Balboa	Teacher	Resign- Personal	8/25/21
Frutos	Cynthia	Esc/Student Support Services	Director	Resign- Other Position	8/31/21

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.c [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.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.d [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2021-22 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
Magdaleno, Briana	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Small, Edward	Standard Secondary Teaching Credential-Life; Standard Restricted Special Education Teaching Credential-Life
Roman, Jasmynn	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
McFadden, Tonya	Multiple Subject Credential

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.e [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.
- **Education Code 44258.2** authorizes holders of secondary-type credential to be assigned to teach classes in middle school, grade 5-8; Requires 12 semester units or 6 upper division units and teacher's consent.
- **Education Code Section 44831** allows an individual who holds a master's degree in communication disorders; meets the basic skills requirement; has a valid license from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board; and has the criminal record summary according to EC §44332.6 to provide speech and language services.

The Board is asked to approve the individuals on the list below per the Education Code noted.

Last Name	First Name	SS#	Site	Credential(s)	Board Approval Subject	Ed Code	Units
Lopez	Shannon	4609	AMS	SS: English	Social Science	44258.2	12+
Parazoo	Amanda	3755	VHS	SLP License	Speech Therapist	44831	n/a
Flores	Daniel	8760	CMS	Multiple Subject	English	44256(b)	12+
Layman	Lena	6711	BMS	Multiple Subject	Art	44256(b)	12+

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.f [Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Special Education Deaf, Hard of Hearing \(DHH\) Credential & CBEST](#)

Due to the shortage of Teachers with Deaf, Hard of Hearing Authorizations the district has employed the following individual. Mayra Bahena-Avila who is currently in the CSUN DHH Program and has the skills needed to service our DHH student(s). Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name:	Mayra Bahena-Avila
Credential Type:	Special Education DHH Authorization
School:	Loma Vista Elementary
Class:	Teacher
Waving:	EC44252(b) Basic Skills Requirement & 80021.1 Education Specialist Program

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

20. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

20.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 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

20.b [Classified Personnel Changes](#)

The Personnel Commission approved the attached list of Classified Personnel Changes at its September 15, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

21. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

21.a [Coalition for Family Harmony MOU for 2021-22](#)

The District renewed the agreement with the Coalition for Family Harmony in order to facilitate counseling services to students and families throughout the District. The term of this agreement is effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Board ratification of the attached agreement is requested.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Cheryl Burns,

21.b [Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice MOU for 2021-22](#)

The District has renewed the agreement with Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice for grief counseling services at District secondary schools. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Board ratification of the attached agreement is requested.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Cheryl Burns, Interim Director, Student Support Services

21.c [New Dawn Counseling MOU for 2021-22](#)

The District renewed the agreement with New Dawn Counseling & Consulting for coordination and facilitation of youth and families mental health services, and parenting classes. The term of the agreement is effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Board ratification of the attached agreement is requested.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Cheryl Burns, Interim Director, Student Support Services

21.d [School on Wheels Inc. MOU for 2021-22](#)

The District renewed the agreement with School on Wheels, Inc. for ambulant tutoring services to students and families district-wide. The term of this agreement is effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Board approval of the attached agreement is requested.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Cheryl Burns, Interim Director, Student Support Services

21.e [Student Teaching and Practicum Agreements](#)

The District enters into agreements with universities and/or agencies for student teaching experience, and, internships for teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech therapists. The District credentials analyst assigns student teachers to District schools, with the approval of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Board ratification of the agreements listed below is requested. Agreements are attached for review.

University/Agency	Experience	Term
CA Lutheran University	Student Teacher	August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2025
CA State University, Northridge	Student Teacher	May 27, 2021 - May 26, 2026
Nova Southeastern University	Speech-Language Pathology	August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2026

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

21.f [Ratification of Change Order #1, C2-22 Lemon Grove Classroom Playground Project](#)

The change order to BC Rincon consists of the following:

1.	The original sidewalk leading to the playground area was shown as “existing to remain” on the bid documents. During construction, the tile columns scheduled to be removed were found to be integral to this sidewalk. The sidewalk had to be removed with the columns. The cost for this CO is for the replacement of 180 SF of playground access sidewalk. This work is outside the original bid document scope of work.	\$5,258.71
2.	Provide 7,640 SF of chemical free “Walk On Bark” surrounding new playground fall surfacing. Scope includes 2” of grading, grubbing and spreading of bark. This item was mistakenly removed from the bid documents following a reduction in the fall surface area. This scope of work is outside of the original bid document scope of work.	\$10,049.30
3.	Removal of (3) stepping pads from the playground area to facilitate further accessibility and safety. This cost is being credited back to the District by the Playground Equipment Manufacturer.	\$295.04
Total for Change Order #1		\$15,603.05

It is recommended that the Board ratify change order #1 in the amount of \$15,603.05 for C2-22 Lemon Grove Playground, for a total contract of \$441,997.38 Approval of the change order is requested at this time.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Terri Allison, Facilities Manager

21.g [Gifts to School District](#)

Listed below are donations made to Ventura Unified School District.

DONOR	GIFT	LOCATION	VALUE
Buena Bulldogs Football Boosters	athletic equipment	Buena	\$10,000.00
Andrew & Sara Carlson	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Steve & Maureen Carroll	trumpet	Cabrillo	\$200.00
Jorge De Leon	cash	Cabrillo	\$1,250.00
Shea Elder	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Lillian Filancia	cash	Cabrillo	\$150.00
Frontstream	cash	Cabrillo	\$1,014.00
Dawn Howard-Lazenby	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Amalia Montis & Robert Jamond	cash	Cabrillo	\$120.00
Dympna Morgan	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Jayne Phelan	cash	Buena	\$1,000.00
Surf Yogurt	cash	Cabrillo	\$200.00
Ventura Family YMCA	cash	Homeless & Foster Youth Program	\$1,760.00
Eric & Amber Verdries	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
David Wallace	cash	Cabrillo	\$100.00
Willie Fund Robert L. Boughton Jr. Trust	cash	Will Rogers	\$1,499.00

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

21.h [Ratification of Purchase Orders](#)

Purchase orders are presented to the Board for ratification on a regular basis to ensure that they are ratified in a timely manner. Purchase orders have been processed and approved in accordance with applicable regulations, approved by the department administrator as a necessary expense for the instruction or support program(s), and the availability of funds and allowability of expenditures is verified before purchase orders may be issued. Ratification of the attached purchase orders and changes is requested.

Period: August 31, 2021 to September 12, 2021

Purchase Orders:	\$759,845.88
Change Orders:	+0.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$759,845.88

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

22. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

22.a **Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes**

- Regular Board of Education Minutes for August 10, 2021
- Special Board of Education Minutes for August 20, 2021
- Regular Board of Education Minutes for August 24, 2021
- Regular Board of Education Minutes for September 7, 2021

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Redistricting – October

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 ____