



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 13, 2021  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the Special Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, as a teleconference/video conference meeting where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment via the public comments email address or live via the Zoom platform. The public streaming of the special Board meeting was made available through the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, TDC Studios YouTube Channel. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Vice President	Mr. Matt Almaraz
Board Member	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Ms. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Dr. Jeff Davis
General Counsel	Mr. Anthony Ramos

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**REGULAR SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom - Time 9:00 a.m.**

At 9:01 a.m., Board President Velma Lomax called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comments**

None.

**CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**8.a Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant and LCAP Development**

The Board and staff engaged in a special study session to discuss the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented SBAC data from 2014/2015 through the 2018/19 school year, which compared trends throughout the county and within Ventura Unified School District (VUSD). VUSD data showed a general upwards trend within each of the categories for both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The VUSD LCAP Goals were reviewed which include 1) Increase Student Achievement, 2) Student Connects to School, and 3) Family Involvement. Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, shared elementary data from Trimester one and Trimester two. Data included strengths and opportunities for growth for both Language Arts and Mathematics for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Dr. Greg Bayless, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, shared data comparing secondary D/F Rates from the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, including a breakdown of the percentage of D/F rates by core subjects for both middle and high school, a comparison across high school grade levels, and a comparison between all VUSD high schools. A list of proposed secondary ELO funded interventions and supports were reviewed.


Dr. Castro presented on the California Kids Survey (CHKS) data which plays an important role in LCAP Development. The CHKS is administered to all 7th, 9th, 11th grade students and addresses school safety, school climate, student engagement, student well-being, school facilities, student perspective on parent involvement, and equity. CHKS data shows the importance of having strong, positive relationships with young people in schools and the community; having strong partnerships between schools, parents, and community organizations; having universal support for healthy social/emotional/behavioral development; and building assets in our youth through small acts of caring.


**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg  
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

APPROVED

 President

 Secretary