



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
July 7, 2020
MINUTES**

1. **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 Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 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. The public streaming of the special Board meeting was made available through the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, TDC Studios YouTube Channel.

Board President	Mrs. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Vice President	Mrs. Jackie Moran
Board Member	Mrs. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Mr. Matt Almaraz
Board Member	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Danielle Cortes

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Mrs. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Mrs. Sabrena Rodriguez, Mrs. Jackie Moran, Mrs. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz,
Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

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

3. **Public Comment**

- Jacki Richards regarding the re-opening of schools.
- Cathy Gaspard regarding the re-opening of schools.
- Kimberly Prieto on behalf of parents, athletes, former athletes, and colleagues to bring back coach Ken Reeves.

4. **CONFERENCE**

4.a **Consideration for Adoption of Digital-Only McGraw Hill "Inspire" Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the adoption of Digital-Only McGraw Hill “Inspire” Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8.

Ayes: Mrs. Sabrena Rodriguez, Mrs. Jackie Moran, Mrs. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz,
Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

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

4.b **School Reopening Fall 2020**

Dr. Rice opened the meeting sharing information about the state and local guidelines Ventura Unified School District is to follow in the decision making process of re-opening the schools. The guidelines are: promoting healthy hygiene practices; plans for cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation; plans for physical distancing inside and outside the classroom; employee and staff education; family education; screening procedure for staff, students, and visitors; and monitoring attendance, verifying absences, and notifying Ventura County Public Health.

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, presented to the Board of Education schedule models for elementary, middle school, and high school. A panel of elementary, middle school, and high school teachers and principals weighed in on the pro and cons of each and they answered questions of the Board Education. No final decision was made and a town hall meeting will be scheduled the following week to explain the schedule models and a survey will follow to get back parent feedback.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve that the Board meeting adjourn to meet at the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: Mrs. Sabrena Rodriguez, Mrs. Jackie Moran, Mrs. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz,
Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

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

APPROVED

_____ President

_____ Secretary