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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 23, 2021

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

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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, March 23, 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

1. District Negotiators:	Rebecca Chandler Anthony Ramos
Employee Organizations:	Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA)
2. District Employee Negotiator:	Superintendent
Employee	Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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

- Principal, Lincoln Elementary School

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 ____,
Violet Delgado (BHS) ____, Frances Kayser (VHS) ____, Christine Davis (Adult Education) ____

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

11. **Superintendent's Report**

- Good News
 - Introduction of the new Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
 - Employee Recognition
 - VUSD "Got Skills-Let's Share Them"
- Student Board Members
 - Violet Delgado - BHS
 - Frances Kayser - VHS
 - Christine Davis - VACE

12. **Correspondence**

13. **Public Comments**

14. **CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

- 14.a [School Reopening Update](#)
Staff will present a brief update on the reopening of school.

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

15. **CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- 15.a [Student Cameras On Campaign Update](#)
Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Marissa Cervantes, Principal, DATA Middle School, will present an update regarding the *Student Cameras On Campaign*.

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Marissa Cervantes, Principal, DATA Middle School

- 15.b [Mental Health and Wellness Presentation](#)
Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services and Ms. Cheryl Burns, Assistant Director, Student Support Services will give a presentation on Mental Health & Wellness with a focus on parent and student engagement, staff professional development, and student connections to school.

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

- 15.c [Request to delay Ethnic & Social Justice Studies \(ESJS\) High School graduation requirement by one year due to Covid](#)
Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Education will give a presentation on the request to delay Ethnic & Social Justice Studies High School graduation requirement by one year due to Covid.
Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual & Multicultural Education and Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

16. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 16.a [Quick Base, Inc. & Advantage Integrated Solutions, Inc. Agreements 2020-21 \(Action Requested\)](#)

Staff will present information on Quick Base, Inc. and Advantage Integrated Solutions, Inc., their forms engine, which the District is considering contracting with for setting up a digital forms platform. The agreement automatically renews for a full year unless either party terminates the agreement in writing. Board approval of the attached agreements is requested.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer

17. ACTION ITEMS

- 17.a [Ratification of Contract Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the ratification of employment contract for the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, beginning April 5, 2021.

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent and Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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 [Approval of 2020-2021 District Industry Advisory Board members](#)

The Career Technical Education and Innovations Department is requesting board approval of the membership roster of the District Industry Advisory Board.

Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer

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 on the attached list:

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.b [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 on attached list:

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.c [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
Reich, Benjamin	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Norris, Courtland	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Greenberg, Jason	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Serrano, Olivia	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Leos, Karla	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Grennan, Melissa	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit

Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19.d [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. 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.

Note: Position being reduced or abolished is 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 attached Classified position changes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

Mr. 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 March 17, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

21. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

21.a [Ratification of Change Order #1, C10-21 Ventura High School Cabling Project](#)

The change order to Pacific Low Voltage consists of the following:

Install twenty-nine (29) owner furnished wireless access points, utilizing Cat 6a cabling throughout campus. The addition will facilitate the use of student wireless devices.	\$25,145.40
Total for Change Order #1	\$25,145.40

It is recommended that the Board ratify change order #1 in the amount of \$25,145.40 for C10-21 Ventura High School cabling, for a total contract of \$661,145.40. Approval of the change order is requested.

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

21.b [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. MD202101](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. MD202101. Board approval of this agreement is requested at this time. The agreement is attached for review.

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mr. Marcus Konantz, Executive Director, Special Education - Pupil Services

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

Listed below are donations made to Ventura Unified School District.

DONOR	GIFT	LOCATION	VALUE
Cornerstone Photography	Cash	Elmhurst	\$269.37
Cornerstone Photography	Cash	Poinsettia	\$424.35
Kyle O'Malley	Vehicle	Ventura	\$2,000
Santa Barbara Axxess LLC	Cash	Will Rogers	\$98.80

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

21.d [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(February 24, 2021 to March 9, 2021\)](#)

Approval of the following purchase orders and change orders is requested. An attached list is available for review.

141 Purchase Orders	=	\$483,122.38
PO Changes	=	66,241.17
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$549,363.55

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

22. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021

23. BOARD REPORTS

24. COMING EVENTS

25. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Student Learning Loss/Acceleration - April
- Board Policies Update - April
- Human Resources Update - May
- Fall Reopening Update - TBD
- Facilities Update - July

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 ____