

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, September 9, 2019

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Albert Einstein Room located at 255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite 100 Ventura, California. President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Those in attendance:

President:	Sabrena Rodriguez
Vice President	Jackie Moran
Board Member:	Velma Lomax
Board Member:	Matt Almaraz
Board Member	Jerry Dannenberg
Superintendent:	Roger Rice

President Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 4 – 1 (Absent/Late Mrs. Moran) to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Rodriguez
Noes: None Absent: Moran, Abstain: None

Public Comment on Closed Session Item – None

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote 4 – 1 (Absent/Late Mrs. Moran) that the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss real property negotiator.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Moran, Abstain: None.

Report of Action taken in Closed Session - None

Public Comment on Regular Agenda Item – None

Facilities Master Plan/General Obligation Bond

Dr. Rice provided background and context into the need for today's meeting and introduced the topics for the day. Betsy George led a discussion of the progress made to date on the development of the Long range Facilities Master Plan. She then passed out handouts detailing potential projects organized by site. In addition, she handed out information related to the recently acquired survey data detailing the public's perceptions about a potential school bond measure.

The Board asked questions about how the list was generated. Ms. George explained that the list was narrowed in focus from a list originally totaling more than \$900 million to where it currently sits at approximately half that amount. She also explained that the list was organized by who generated the item – including columns for the committee, principals, and the facilities staff. An additional column included the items that had been culled from the original list and that column was titled future bond items. Board president Rodriguez then suggested that the Board go through the project list one site at a time and let the Board members ask any questions or express concerns about any of the items. The Board had numerous questions and Betsy, Dave Marshall and Dr. Rice answered with the best information

available. No Action was taken during the exploratory discussion and it was agreed that the discussion should continue at future meetings.

The Board then heard from its financial advisor John Isom. Mr. Isom reviewed the survey data referenced earlier in the meeting and gave his recommendation to add a general obligation bond to the election in November of 2020. Dr. Rice supported Mr. Isom's recommendation to add the Bond measure to the November election, as opposed to March. Board comments were favorable to this idea. It was also discussed how best to renew the Parcel tax with two options discussed. The first option was to add renewal to the November election, which would mean having two tax measures on the same ballot. The second option was a special mail-in ballot election held in the early spring of 2020. No decision was made on either item, though the Board agreed with the staff's proposal to have an additional survey conducted on the parcel tax issue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:03 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 5 - 0 the Board adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran
Noes: None. Absent: Rodriguez, Abstain: None.

APPROVED

_____President

_____Secretary