

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

Monday, December 2, 2019

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Monday, December 2, 2019 in the Christa McAuliffe Room located at 255 W. Stanley Ave., Suite 100, Ventura, California. President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Public Comment on Regular Agenda Item

VUEA President Dan Nelson on topic of El Camino and dynamics of adding a program at that site, and a K-8 Option at Blanche Reynolds.

Education Options and Alternative Education

In a declining enrollment, the district and staff and Board are working together to offer options to serve all students and attract and retain students in the district. The purpose of this meeting is to continue the conversation of prior meetings and to provide staff with direction and guidance on the potential K-8 and Secondary Education Options.

The Board consensus allows for staff to move forward with a new secondary level program to serve students who require additional flexibility in a non-classroom-based program. The program is scheduled to open next fall and will be located on the El Camino High School (ECHS) campus with marketing effort to ensure the school and community are clear on who the program is intended to serve and to ensure that the existing ECHS program retains all of its excellence and remains a robust and attractive option for the students it currently serves.

In addition, the Board consensus allows the expansion of the K-8 offerings in the district to include both a mid-town and east end option. The mid-town option is planned for Blanche Reynolds and the East End option has not been determined. Both programs are slated to open in the fall of 2021.

Online Enrollment

The initial conversation was not online enrollment, but rather the possibility of having the first day of school information packet accessible online. The Board noted that there are many important initiatives in play at the moment. The Board appreciates the current work from staff in researching the feasibility of implementing an online enrollment. However, they prefer to start small and only offer student reenrollment and T-K enrollment on line. This will allow staff time to work on the problematic issues that arise with online access, implementation and training of staff.

7-11 Advisory Committee Members (Action Requested)

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 to approve the appointment of the 7-11 committee. The committee will be charged to assess the district’s options and provide input on behalf of the community of district real property not needed for school purposes and possible alternative consideration for use. The Board approved the following:

Members: Stephanie Caldwell, Louis Cunningham, Cheri Egbert, Daniel Flores, James Forsythe, Brad Golden, Gabriel Hagerty, Christina Montero, Suz Montgomery. Alternates: Jorge DeLeon and Tanner Shelton

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:10 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 that the Board adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None

APPROVED

_____President

_____Secretary