

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, February 28, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Friday, February 28, 2020 in the Ventura Unified School District, 5200 Valentine Road, Ventura, CA 93003. President Sabrena Rodriguez called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. She noted that Board member Lomax would not be joining them today due to her involvement as Chair for the Ventura County Regional Robotics competition.

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

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote of 3 - 0 to adopt the agenda as presented. President Sabrena noted late arrival of Mrs. Moran.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Rodriguez

Noes: None. Absent: Lomax & Moran. Abstain: None.

Public Comments

- Ventura Unified Education Association President Mr. Dan Nelson regarding membership response to VUEA Corona Virus survey.
- VUSD teacher Marie Rocklin regarding additional work load on special education teachers.
- VUSD teacher Steve Strong regarding additional work responsibilities on special education teachers.
- Mrs. Deborah Meyer Morris regarding special education and additional support needed for teachers.
- Ms. Carolyn Grimm community representative for SELPA regarding AB 2116.

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Coronavirus**

The Board of Education received a briefing from Superintendent Dr. Rice regarding the latest development of the Coronavirus also known as COVID-19. Dr. Rice noted that he attended a meeting at the Ventura County Office of Education that included all Ventura County Superintendents. All superintendents met and shared the same level of concerns and anxiety, to include community/parent requests not to close schools, with others demanding closure. The directive to close or not to close schools will be guided by the California Department of Public Health and the Ventura County Public Health Department. Dr. Rice also provided resources to the Board and the school principals from the above mentioned agencies. Ms. Quiroz, Communication Coordinator has also shared the same information via all social media platforms. Highlights from the Board of Education discussion:

- VUSD remains in close contact with the Office of Emergency Services and Ventura County Public Health.
- Currently, there are no recommendations to limit any activities or cancel any events or gatherings.
- Plans for student accessibility to wash, sanitize hands and cleaning of sites shared with the Board.
- Plans for district learning, and vendors to accommodate online learning discussed.

- Plans for paper packets for those that don't have internet discussed.
- Purchase of hand sanitizer and safe cleaning products that are known to kill the Corona virus discussed, as well as implementation procedures.

2. Special Education

The Board of Education received a comprehensive summary of the diverse challenges associated with providing the best possible special education services to students. Mr. Marcus Konantz, Director of Special Education provided a summary of issues and concerns to the Board. The summary addressed the rise in numbers of special education students during the time of declining enrollment. Although research indicates, that special education student outcomes improve when they are exposed to the regular education setting, teachers and principals report that the severity and frequency of disruptive student behavior has negatively impacted their ability to provide quality instruction at all times to all students. The workload, demands and responsibilities on the special education teacher is not sustainable. There is a high turnover among Para educator support that brings inconsistency due to low wages and part time work. In regards to funding, special education in California is not fully funded and requires substantial general fund contributions that places a financial stress to meet the needs.

CONSENT

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 4 - 0 (Absent Mrs. Lomax) to approve consent item one as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Moran, Rodriguez

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

1. Board Policy Updates – Immigration Status

Number		Title
1340	BP	Access To District Records
1340	AR	Access To District Records
5111	BP	Admission
5111	AR	Admission
5131	BP	Conduct
5111.1	BP	District Residency
5111.1	AR	District Residency
5145.9	BP	Hate-Motivated Behavior
6175	AR	Migrant Education Program
0410	BP	Nondiscrimination In District Programs and Activities
5145.3	BP	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	AR	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.6	BP	Parental Notifications
5145.6	E	Parental Notifications
5125.1	BP	Release of Directory Information
5125.1	AR	Release of Directory Information
5125.1	E	Release of Directory Information
5022	BP	Student and Family Privacy Rights
5022	AR	Student and Family Privacy Rights
5125	BP	Student Records
5125	AR	Student Records
1312.3	BP	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	AR	Uniform Complaint Procedures

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:56 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 4-0 (absent Mrs. Lomax), that the Board adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

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

APPROVED

_____ President

_____ Secretary