



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
July 8, 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 8, 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 Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda with the following change: Board President Rodriguez noted request to pull the closed session item regarding public employee performance evaluation to a future meeting.

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 on Closed Session Items

- Rebecca Beck regarding opening of schools in the fall.
- Adan Valencia regarding opening of school in the fall.
- Grace Dunlevy regarding opening of schools in the fall.
- Angel Velez regarding opening of schools in the fall.
- Julie Crawford regarding opening of schools in the fall.
- Elizabeth England regarding opening of schools in the fall.

4. CONFERENCE

4.a School Reopening Fall 2020

Superintendent Dr. Rice noted receipt of many community comments and concerns regarding opening of the schools in the fall. In response to parent comments to reopen school in the traditional setting; the district will not make decisions against or violate the Governor’s mandate, public health for centers for disease, nor local public health recommendations. The health and safety of all students and staff is the number one priority. The

District is working hard to develop a plan that meets the guidelines for a safe return. Dr. Rice also noted that all districts around the county are required to submit a plan for social distancing to the Ventura County Office of Education for approval before reopening of its schools.

The draft models for consideration as follows. Preschool and elementary: 1) "AB" model Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday until lunch time, two days per week. 2) AM/PM four days a week. Middle and high school: 1) ABC model Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday through lunch with earlier dismissal than typical (one day per week). 2) AB model Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday. Special Education intensive programs on-site more frequently.

Dr. Cortes, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services provided other options such as the FLEX-Online Independent Study, and parent option for a full distance learning program for their student. The next step before the Board can decide on the best model(s) to use for reopening schools in the fall will be to survey the parent community and hold electronic/teleconference town hall meetings.

5. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Velma Lomax 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