

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Ventura Unified School District, 255 W. Stanly Ave., Suite 100 in the Christa McAuliffe Room. President Sabrena Rodriguez called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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 Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 5 - 0 to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

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

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Harrell, parent, addressed his support for TK-8 Education Options for ATLAS Elementary School.

REGULAR SESSION

Educational Options:

a. TK – 8 Program Placement

ATLAS and Montalvo Elementary schools were the only schools, East of Victoria Avenue that expressed interest and presented before the Board of Education for consideration as a TK-8 School. Dr. Dannenberg suggested that consideration for TK-8 option be given to both schools. Consensus from the Board members expressed that the superintendent and staff explore that feasibility. Dr. Rice, indicated that he and the administrative staff were expecting directive to move forward with one site that would have likely included three classrooms, and the result was consideration of twelve classrooms – 4x of what was the original financial plan which is not affordable. Both Montalvo and ATLAS principals were asked to expedite a survey to their current 4th-grade students and their families to gauge the level of commitment for remaining at their site for middle school. This will help ascertain if the need for two classes per grade level or one per grade level. This is an important program feature that goes to the issue of fiscal viability

Dr. Rice noted that both ATLAS and Montalvo's presentations noted their excellent work and teacher support for a TK-8. Both had programmatic and fiscal challenges to address in order to move forward. Choosing one or the other TK-8 option would afford the possibility that the project move forward and still work to recapture some families who prefer a K-8 delivery model.

Board President Rodriguez noted that the first priority is to focus on the High School "Flex" Program. VUSD loses at least 150 students per year to the local Charter and other private school sectors.

b. High School Program Facilities Needs

The Board of Education and staff discussed options for locating the new program. It was agreed that the direction for the new program allow for innovation and online learning to keep current students and attract new students. The original two portable option for placement at El Camino High School was not favorable. The staff was directed to consider design options for the High School "Flex" program that would be more affordable than a suggested 2-story building.

The Board requested that a comprehensive plan be prepared by staff and presented before the Board at a future meeting.

c. Budget Study Session – No Discussion

The Board of Education opted to postpone this topic to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m. it was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 4-0 (Absent Mrs. Lomax left right before the vote), that the Board adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Mrs. Lomax left a few minutes before the meeting ended to attend to family matters.

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

APPROVED

_____President

_____Secretary