



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 3, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 2021, 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 or live via the Zoom platform. The public streaming of the special Board meeting was made available through

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81842764278?pwd=Y1dEUE5JNmInbHQyVWEyUIMvUWtZdz09a.>

Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg*
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Ms. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Antonio Castro

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 3 – 0 to approve as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan
Noes: None. Absent: Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg Abstain: None.

At 2:03 p.m., Board President Velma Lomax led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 3 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 2:04 p.m.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan
Noes: None. Absent: Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg. Abstain: None.

*Trustee Dr. Dannenberg was absent for the first two votes.

REGULAR SESSION

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to government code 54967(b), of Mr. Pavel Escobedo Garcia as the new Principal of E.P. Foster School for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: Mr. Matt Almaraz. Abstain: None.

Public Comments

The following individuals gave a public comment via e-mail:

- Roselind Seats urging the Board to keep this historical building a school.
- Julie Villano asking the Board to please keep this historical building a school and suggesting that if we are wanting to sell surplus property that we start with the Stanley Avenue location.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

12.a **Tour of Surplus Property Washington School**

The Board of Education took a tour of the Washington School property located at 95 MacMillan Drive, Ventura, California, 93001. Administrators Dr. Perry Geue and Dr. Tanja Geue guided the tour and answered questions regarding property.


There was consensus among the Board Members to have a special study session on properties in July.

ADJOURNMENT


It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m., to the next Regular Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: Mr. Matt Almaraz. Abstain: None.

APPROVED



President



Secretary

From: [Roselind Seats](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER- Washington School
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 10:59:31 AM

I am urging you to please keep this historical building as a school.
Thank you. Roselind Seats.

From: [Julie Villano](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER- Washington School
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 11:35:54 AM

Please keep this historical building as a school. If you are looking to sell surplus property, the Stanley Avenue location would clearly be the more logical option due to the size of land, and also because most of the building remains unused.

Thank you-

- Julie Villano