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**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**August 11, 2020**

**Closed Session: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Ventura Adult and Continuing Education Via Teleconference  
5200 Valentine Road  
Ventura, CA 93003

**Public Access**

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**1. OPENING PROCEDURE - Ron Halt Classroom - 5:00 p.m.**

**2. Call to Order**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

**5. Motion to go to Closed Session**

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**6. CLOSED SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom**

6.a Pupil Matters, Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48916, 48918

1. Administrative recommendation for student re-admission from Expulsion/Suspended Order and/or Expulsion, student #19/12

2. Request for a review and update from expulsion, student #20/21

6.b Conference with Labor Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

a. District Negotiators:

Dr. Jeff Davis

Employee Organizations:

Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)

Ventura Education Support Professionals

Association (VESPA)

6.c Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)

- Assistant Principal, Anacapa Middle School

6.d Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

7. **REGULAR SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom - 7:00 p.m.**

7.a Pledge of Allegiance

7.b Roll Call - Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Ms. Velma Lomax, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Roger Rice

7.c Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

7.d Superintendent

Good News - Principal, Will Rogers Elementary School - Vanessa Perez; Assistant Principal, Cabrillo Middle School - Joe Dyess

7.e Correspondence

7.f Public Comments

8. **CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

8.a **Naming of Facilities**

Staff will review current policy and procedures with the Board and provide the Board the opportunity to discuss items of interest related to district-owned and operated facilities which they may like to bring forward for future consideration. See the attached Board policy.

**Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent**

8.b **Contract Amendment of Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (Action Requested)**

The Superintendent would like to extend the term of the employment contract for the Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Ms. Donna Rose to September 30, 2020.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent**

8.c **School Reopening Update**

- Nutrition Services
- Homestead and Distance Learning

**Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Ms. Kara Muniz, Director, Food & Nutrition Services**

9. **CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES**

9.a [Resolution #20-22, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \\$12,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions \(Action Requested\)](#)

The District is proposing to refund and obtain a lower interest rate on the previously issued 2012 General Obligation (GO) Refunding Bonds. The 2012 GO Refunding Bonds were issued to refund the District's outstanding 1997 Election Series F/G/H/I Bonds. The proposed Resolution authorizes the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds to provide savings for taxpayers. Additional Documents Authorized. The Resolution authorizes District officials to bring into final form and execute the Preliminary Official Statement, Bond Purchase Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Certificate and Escrow Agreement.

In 1997, District voters authorized the issuance of up to \$81,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, which were issued through nine series of bonds. On April 11, 2012, the District issued its 2012 general obligation refunding bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,760,000 in order to refinance certain of the bonds authorized under the 1997 authorization. Pursuing the optional advance redemption prior to maturity of certain of the outstanding 2012 general obligation refunding bonds will result in savings to taxpayers.

The refunding bonds will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. The maturity date will not be extended past the maturity date of the bonds to be refinanced, and the refunding bonds will mature in full on the date the refunded bonds would have matured.

There is no impact on the District's general operating fund.

Board approval of Resolution #20-22 authorizing issuance of general obligation refunding bonds is requested at this time.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance**

**10. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

10.a [School Resource Officer Program](#)

Staff will present an overview of the program focusing on the current Memorandum of Understanding and the Board will have a chance to discuss any interests they have in the program.

**Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services**

**11. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

11.a [Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Speech - Language Credential \(Action Requested\)](#)

Due to the shortage of Speech Pathologists the district has reemployed the following individual, who is currently enrolled in the Master's Speech & Language Programs and will complete their clinical hours in the 2020-21 school year. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name: Lisa Vasta

Credential Type: Speech -Language Pathology Service Credential

School: Itinerant

Class: Speech & Language Pathologist

Waving: EC44265.3 – Professional Preparation Program for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

11.b [Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Unified Education Association Side Agreement On Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning Schedules. \(Action Requested\)](#)

Consideration of approval of Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) Side Agreement on Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning Schedules. Attached is the Side Agreement between VUSD and VUEA on Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning Schedules.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

11.c [Ventura Unified School District and Ventura Unified Education Association Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning Memorandum Of Understanding. \(Action Requested\) - Draft Agreement Updated August 10, 2020](#)

Consideration of approval of Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). Attached is the draft Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning MOU between VUSD and VUEA.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

**12. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified**

12.a [Classified Personnel Commissioner Appointment Process](#)

Discussion of the appointment process for the Board of Education's appointee to the Personnel Commission. The term of office for the current Board's appointee will be expiring at noon on December 1, 2020.

**Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources**

**13. ACTION ITEMS**

13.a [CTE Online Textbooks](#)

Many CTE teachers are lacking full class sets of text books. In an effort to support the one-to-one initiative and Canvas course creation, CTE teachers have requested online textbooks. These books come with resources that will integrate and support online course development. Most of these online textbooks are a 6 year term, which is preferred as these fields change regularly. Board approval is requested for the purchasing of CTE online text books.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Chief Innovations Officer**

13.b Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Expulsion/Suspended Order and/or Expulsion

Approval for administrative recommendation for student re-admission student # 19/12

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

**Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services, Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**

**14. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It is recommended that item numbers **a** through **o** be approved as presented. All items listed under consent are considered to be routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

14.a [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of miscellaneous and part-time certificated assignments on the attached list.

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.b [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval to employ the individuals on the attached list for certificated positions as indicated. All will have temporary status unless otherwise noted.

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.c [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval of employment of substitute teachers on the attached list.

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.d [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes](#)

Current statutes and regulations recognize that there may be situations of a temporary nature in which a teacher with the appropriate credential is not available to the school district or the assignment is part-time and not conducive for recruitment. Senate Bill 435 has made it possible to assign staff with their permission to these areas in several ways:

**Education Code 44256(b)** states that the holder of a self-contained type credential may be assigned, with his or her consent, teach any subject in departmentalized classes, below grade 9, in which the teacher has 12 semester hours of coursework in the subject area.

**Education Code 44258.2** authorizes holders of secondary-type credential to be assigned to teach classes in middle school, grade 5-8; Requires 12 semester units or 6 upper division units and teacher's consent.

**Education Code 44258.7(b)** allows full-time teacher who holds a credential in a subject other than physical education to coach a competitive sport for which the students receive physical education credit for one period a day.

**Education Code 44263** states that the holder may be assigned, with his or her consent, to teach any single subject class in which the teacher has 18 semester hours of coursework or a self contained classroom with 60 semester hours distributed among four of the following subjects: language studies, literature, mathematics, science, social science, history, humanities, the arts, physical education, and human development.

**Education Code Section 44831** allows an individual who holds a master's degree in communication disorders; meets the basic skills requirement; has a valid license from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board; and has the criminal record summary according to EC §44332.6 to provide speech and language services.

**Education Code 44258.7(c) & (d) (COA)** allows a full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside of his or her credential authorization to be assigned to teach in the area.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the individuals on the attached list as per the California Education Code noted.

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.e [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations & Retirements for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of resignations & retirements for certificated personnel listed below:

Last Name	First	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day	Effective
Skeath	Amy	Balboa	Teacher	Resign	8/11/20	7/21/2020
Rogers Hockstedler	Jacob	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign	-	7/28/2020
Kircher	Kathleen	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign	-	7/28/2020
Baker	Liza	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign	-	7/29/2020

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.f [Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval for leave of absence for certificated personnel listed below:

Last	First	Position	Site	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Hafley	Chelsea	Speech Therapist	Itinerant	.60FTE	9/2/20	12/1/20	Parental
Hafley	Chelsea	Speech Therapist	Itinerant	.50 FTE	12/2/20	6/10/21	Child Rearing
Mitchell	Sara	Teacher	Elmhurst	1.00	8/13/20	1/24/21	Child Rearing

**Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

14.g [Classified Position Changes](#)

Based on staffing needed to best meet the needs of our students and the services provided by the District, the following position changes, on the attached list, are needed.

Note: Positions being reduced or abolished are currently vacant, and no action is required to issue a layoff notice. An incumbent will not be affected as a result of this change.

It is requested that the Board of Education approve the Classified position changes for the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

**Mrs. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources**



14.h [Agriculture Incentive Grant](#)

Board approval is requested for the application for the Agriculture Incentive Grant. This is a grant that Ventura High School has applied for the past 30 years. Amy Lewandoski has written and submitted the grant. This will allow Ms. Lewandoski to purchase consumable items for her Agriculture program. It impacts 154 students at Ventura High school. The amount of funding will not be known until the grant is approved.

**Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Chief Innovations Officer**

14.i [K-12 Strong Workforce Program Grant Memorandums of Understanding 2020-23](#)

The District entered into agreements with the Ojai Unified School District and the Oxnard Union High School District in order to work collaboratively to meet the deliverables of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and California Department of Education (CDE) K-12 Strong Workforce Program Grant. The agreements are effective June 2, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Agreements are available for review as attachments.

**Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Chief Innovations Officer**

14.j [Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No BN202007](#)

An agreement was reached regarding Case No. BN202007. Board approval of this agreement is requested. The agreement is available for review as an attachment.

**Mr. Marcus Konantz, Executive Director, Special Education, Pupil Services**

14.k [Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education Facilities Agreement 2020-21](#)

The District extended the agreement dated June 30, 2018 for facilities with the Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education. This agreement dated December 5, 2019 is the first addendum to the June 30, 2018 agreement. The Charter School is located on the DeAnza Academy of Technology and the Arts property. The agreement is effective July 1, 2020 to June 31, 2021. The agreement is available for review as an attachment.

**Mr. Anthony Ramos, General Counsel**

14.l [Permission to Solicit Bids for Ventura High School Cabling Project](#)

This project consists of data cabling replacement and site work at Ventura High School's campus. Funds will be derived from the Building Fund. Permission to solicit bids is requested.

**Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing**

14.m [Checks for July 2020](#)

Board ratification of checks for the month of July, 2020 is requested. The checks list is available for review as an attachment.

**Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance**

14.n [Ratification of Purchase Orders \(July 8, 2020 - July 28, 2020\)](#)

Approval of the following purchase orders and change orders is requested. A list is available for review as an attachment.

352 Purchase Orders	=	\$5,243,693.27
PO Changes	=	\$ 00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$5,243,693.27</b>

**Ms. Genevieve Gilmore, Director, Purchasing**

14.o [Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes July 17, 2020
- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes July 21, 2020

**15. BOARD REPORTS**

**16. COMING EVENTS**

**17. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

- 7-11 Committee Report

**18. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

**19. CLOSED SESSION**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Almaraz \_\_\_\_, Lomax \_\_\_\_, Moran \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_