



May 23, 2023

**Board of Education
Special Meeting Agenda**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Jerry Dannenberg – Vice President
Mrs. Amy Callahan
Mr. Calvin Peterson
Mr. James Forsythe

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Dr. Antonio Castro

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WELCOME TO THE
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Ventura Unified School District
ESC - Board Room
255 W. Stanley Ave. Suite 100
Ventura, CA 93001

1. OPENING PROCEDURE - Board Room - 4:00 p.m.

2. Call to Order

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call:

Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, President____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Vice-President____, Ms. Amy Callahan____, Mr. Calvin Peterson____, Mr. James Forsythe____, Dr. Antonio Castro, Superintendent____

5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Forsythe____, Peterson____, Callahan ____, Dannenberg____, Rodriguez ____

6. REGULAR SESSION

7. Public Comments

Public comments are welcome and encouraged by the Board within reasonable meeting time considerations in order to conduct the District's business. Public comments may only be given on agenda items for special board meetings. Persons wishing to address the Board should complete an "speaker form" and turn it into the recording secretary. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes on any special board meeting agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Also, speakers will not be allowed to give their time to other speakers. The Board is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda. Any individual with a disability, who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in a Board meeting, may request assistance by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 255 W. Stanley Ave., Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001; (805) 641-5000 ext. 1014, fax (805) 653-7855.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.a [Consideration of Purchase of Electric Vans \(First Reading\)](#)

The VUSD Transportation Department currently runs three van routes for smaller groups of students on routes that do not require a full-size school bus. These vans can also be driven by VUSD bus driver trainees, who are able to operate them with a regular driver's license. These nine-passenger vans are no longer available from any manufacturer, however, the Transportation Department was able to find electric vans that suit the District's needs and are compliant with ADA requirements.

Board approval to purchase electric vans is requested.

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Forsythe ____, Peterson ____, Callahan ____, Dannenberg ____, Rodriguez ____

Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mr. Arie Wiberg, Director, Transportation

9. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

9.a [Solar Study Presentation](#)

Due to increasing costs of utilities from year-to-year, the District has engaged with Engie to do a solar study to determine if there are any cost savings for Ventura Unified School District. The presentation from Engie will include potential layouts and a cash flow analysis to present options to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

9.b [Budget Study Session](#)

Staff will present a review of the 2023-24 Budget.

Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **10 to 11** below 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:

Forsythe ____, Peterson ____, Callahan ____, Dannenberg ____, Rodriguez ____

10. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

10.a [Overnight and Out of the Tri-County Field Trip](#)

Montalvo Elementary School is requesting permission to send **one student from their 5th grade class** to travel overnight and out of the tri-county to compete in the **National Spanish Spelling Bee** to be held at **Starlight Event Center in El Paso, Texas**. The trip will take place on June 30 - July 1, 2023. Board approval is requested to send one student and one chaperone to this field trip. The principal or other certificated personnel designee will serve as the chaperone and District representative. **This is in alignment to Administrative Regulation 6153**. Transportation will be provided to the Los Angeles Airport by a private vehicle. All required paperwork will be on file at the school before departure.

Dr. Greg Bayless, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

10.b [California Interscholastic Federation \(CIF\) Applications for Renewal of Multi-School Membership](#)

Ventura Unified School District is seeking approval of the CIF to allow students in grades 9 – 12 at El Camino High School to participate in CIF sports at the student's boundary school – either Buena or Ventura High School. CIF regulations require Buena and Ventura High Schools file a CIF application annually.

Dr. Greg Bayless, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Bobbi Powers, Director, Secondary Education

11. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

11.a [Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2023
- Special Board of Education Education Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2023
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2023
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023

12. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

13. Motion to go to Closed Session

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Forsythe___, Peterson___, Callahan ___, Dannenberg___, Rodriguez ___

14. CLOSED SESSION

14.a Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

- Principal, E.P. Foster Elementary School

15. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Forsythe___, Peterson___, Callahan ___, Dannenberg___, Rodriguez ___