VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 11, 2022
APROVED REVISED MINUTES

Call to Order

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the ESC Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment in person. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Vice President	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Mr. Calvin Peterson
Superintendent	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt/Bus. Services	Dr. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt/Ed. Services	Dr. Greg Bayless
Asst. Supt/Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

The following individual gave a public comment on a closed session item:

1. Dan Nelson regarding item #6.a, conference with labor negotiators.

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 5:35 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

At 7:21 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

None.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro congratulated Ms. Frances Flores, a teacher at E.P. Foster Elementary School, for being recognized by the Optimist Club of Ventura, as the 2022 Educator of the Year. Dr. Castro also took the opportunity to recognize the VUSD Gratitude Award recipients for September. The Gratitude

Awards were designed to recognize exceptional VUSD teachers, employees, volunteers, students, and administrators associated with VUSD. There were a total of 37 submissions that will receive a certificate of acknowledgment. Three individuals were randomly selected to also receive an Amazon gift card.

Student Board Members Nathan Arthur, representing Buena High School, Gino Cesares representing Pacific High School, and Mateo Navarro, representing Ventura High School, gave brief updates on the exciting things happening at their school sites.

Correspondence
None.

Public Comments
The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Jade Reily in support of teachers receiving a pay increase.
2. Dawn Reily in support of teachers receiving a pay increase.
3. Dan Nelson regarding working to contract, negotiations, and a pay increase.
4. Steve Stong regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
5. CeCe Johnson regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
6. Michelle Garland regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
7. Mica Brown regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
8. Barbara Harvey regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
9. Andrew Morgan regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
10. Melissa Burrier regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
11. Jorge Schweizer regarding concerns he has with staff members at Portola and in favor of increasing pay for teachers.
12. Sara Lombardo regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
13. Tanya Kellam regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
14. Shaun Klennest regarding concerns he has with staff members at Portola and in favor of increasing pay for teachers.
15. Darcy Duffy regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
16. Kai Cruz regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
17. Carol Peek regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
18. Steve Krein regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
19. Sara O'Neil regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
20. Maureen Shertzer regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
21. Leah Salcedo regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
22. Elizabeth Mainz regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
23. Andrew LaFave regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
24. Kara Miller regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
25. Barbara Walker regarding the DTECH Academy at Foothill High School and in favor of a pay increase for teachers.
26. Rebeca Fassett against the fencing of VUSD schools.
27. Linda Bergfeld regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
28. Cherie Egbert in favor of community access to school campuses during non-school hours.
29. Heather Lacayo against the fencing of VUSD schools.
30. Mary Anderson regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
31. Anna Marsh regarding negotiations and a pay increase.
32. Kristy Lin regarding negotiations and a pay increase, and concerns about having TWI teachers for her children.
33. Ashley Pope advocating for equity, access, and accountability for special education students; advocating for the reinstatement of written public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

14.a **PUBLIC HEARING - Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2022-23 School Year**
At 9:23 p.m., a Public Hearing was held regarding the sufficiency of textbooks or Instructional materials or both for the 2022-23 school year. There were no public comments at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

15.a **Resolution #22-40 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2022-23 School Year**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Resolution #22-40, regarding the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials or both for the 2022-23 school year as presented.

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

15.b **Approval of Provisional Intern Permits (PIP) and Waivers**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the provisional intern permits and waivers as presented.

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

CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT

16.a **Career Technical Education (CTE) and CTE Grant Update**

Chief Innovation Office Dr. Rene Rickard gave an update on Career Technical Education (CTE). Dr. Rickard noted that CTE courses in VUSD provide students with hands-on learning, help students make informed decisions about their path after graduation, prepare students for skill-based careers, and are UC a-g approved. Dr. Rickard discussed CTE pathways offered at our schools and highlighted the new agricultural pathway at Sa'aliyas Ranch. Dr. Rickard noted that Sa'aliyas Ranch had a community event this past Saturday and there were approximately 450-500 people who attended. Dr. Rickard shared information on Vision-to-Marketplace (VTMP) where VUSD students work with local businesses to sell student-created and produced products. Lastly, Dr. Rickard discussed funding received through various grants and programs.

16.b **Board Appointed Committees and Board Meetings Dates/Structure for 2023**

Board President Sabrena Rodriguez led a discussion regarding perspective meeting dates, the structure of the board meetings, and Board-appointed committees for 2023. Ms. Rodriguez discussed the possibility of having one Board meeting per month for business items and then a second meeting if needed to be dedicated as a study session. The Board reviewed a list of current committees and discussed if they should continue with all of these for next year. Lastly, they discussed organizational leadership in preparation for the organizational meeting in December. This item will be brought back for further discussion at the November 8, 2022 board meeting.

CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

17.a **2022 Student Academic Performance Update**

Dr. Greg Bayless, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented data on recent academic performance metrics. For Elementary students, Dr. Bayless reviewed RFEP rates (Reclassified Fluent English Proficient) and CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) data. For Secondary students, he focused on RFEP rates, UC/CSU A-G rates, CTE completion rates, high school AP rates, D/F rates, and CAASPP data. Data was compared to the county "all student" averages for the end of elementary (5th), middle (8th), and high school (11/12th). In summary, the data revealed strong RFEP rates; student group achievement gaps persist; an emphasis on supporting ELs in elementary; an emphasis on improving academic supports for SWD; and an emphasis on reducing student group disproportionalities.

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a Report Regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report Pursuant to AR 1312.4 for Quarter Ending September 30, 2022.
Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, shared that one complaint was filed for the Quarter ending September 30; however, the complaint was denied because it did not fall within the scope of the Williams procedures.

CONSENT CALENDAR
It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items #'s 19 to 23 as presented.

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

CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

19.a Ratification Request for Waiver of Administrative Regulation 6153

19.b Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

20.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2022-23 School Year

20.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year

20.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year

20.d Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

21.a Classified Position Changes

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

22.a Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts

22.b Ratification of Check Payments

22.c Resolution #22-41, Authorization to Apply for a Grant From the California Energy Commission for the (CalSHAPE) Program

CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

23.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD REPORTS
None.

COMING EVENTS
- Fall Break: October 24 – October 28
- VUSD Information Night: November 3, Buena High School, at 5:30 p.m.
- School of Choice Window: November 4 – December 2

- District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting: October 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- African American Parent Committee (AAPC) Meeting: October 19 at 6:00 p.m.
- Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC): October 21 at 9:00 a.m.
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting: November 1 at 9:30 a.m.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

None.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS - (No official action will be taken)

None.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to return to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on November 8, 2022.

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

APPROVED _____ President

_____ Secretary