



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 1, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the Special Board of Education meeting was held on Friday, October 1, 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 the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, TDC Studios YouTube Channel. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Vice President	Mr. Matt Almaraz
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
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Mr. Brett Taylor
General Counsel	Mr. Anthony Ramos

Adoption of Agenda

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

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 2:02 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION

At 2:54 p.m., Board President Velma Lomax called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

None.

Public Comments

None.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

12.a Presentation on the ESSER III Expenditure Plan

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented a draft Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan. The ESSER III Plan requires two main areas to be addressed. First, a description of how the Local Education Agency (LEA) will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Second, a description of how the LEA will use the funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Total allocation for each of these items were discussed, including a breakdown of overarching expenditures for each of the items and their funding source, broken down by year beginning in 2021 and ending in 2024.

Dr. Chandler shared the results from the ESSER III survey that was sent to students, staff and parents. Over 1500 responses were received, with 457 responses from students, 741 responses from parents. Responses from all three groups showed their highest priority was to use the funds for academic supports, followed by air flow/air conditioning.

There was Board discussion around the amount of funding for COVID related expenses, airflow/air conditioning and the possibility of reopening the survey for a longer period of time.

The Board gave the following feedback regarding the draft ESSER III Plan: to increase funding for academic supports in the closer years and to reduce the amount of COVID related funding in the out years. The Board also requested that Dr. Rice bring this up at the next K- 12 Principals' Meeting for additional feedback. There was board consensus to table this item until a later date.

CONFERENCE – SUPERINTENDENT

13.a Board Meeting Processes and Protocols

This item was pulled to be brought back at a future board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no reason to return to closed session.



ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at until the next Regular Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2021.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

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

APPROVED

 President
 Secretary