



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 18, 2023
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Special Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18 2023, 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	Mr. Calvin Peterson
Board Member	Mr. James Forsythe
Superintendent	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Mr. Ahsan Mirza
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Greg Bayless
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe
Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Amy Callahan. Abstain: None.
*Amy Callahan was absent at the time of the vote.

REGULAR SESSION

Public Comments

The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Davina Decant is in favor of repurposing the Avenue School into a trade school for community members with autism, requesting no funding from VUSD.
2. Jenna White is in favor of repurposing the Avenue School into a trade school for community members with autism, requesting no funding from VUSD.
3. Gavin White is in favor of opening a trade school at the Avenue Property so that he can have opportunities when he is an adult.
4. Nicole Mullholland is in favor of opening a trade school at the Avenue location.
5. Helen Eloyan, a director from the Westside Community Council, is in favor of a Land Use 1 designation for the Avenue School Property as long as a trade school or other community program is part of the plan.
6. Kendra Gonzales, Executive Director of the Westside Development Corporation, has been working for a year to create a trade school with the help of VUSD.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

8.a Meeting to Discuss Current City Zoning Applicable to District Surplus Property and Potential Adjustment Requests

Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, introduced consultants from the Dyer Sheehan Group to present their recommendations for surplus property land use designations for the Stanley Avenue Property, located at 255 W. Stanley Ave., and the Avenue School, located

at 2647- 2717 Ventura Ave. Ms. Dawn Dyer, President of the Dyer-Sheehan Group, discussed factors that may influence future land use and redevelopment decisions on these surplus properties, primary applicable city land use designations, zoning ordinances, and current city land use regulations. Ms. Dyer noted the differences between Land Use Designations Mixed Use 1 and Mixed Use 2 and recommended the Board declare a Mixed Use 1 on the Avenue School Property and Mixed Use 2 on the Stanley property.

It was noted that on the Avenue School Property, there is a 20' x 30' flood control concrete area on the property which would only allow for a driveway or landscape to be built on top of the area. Additionally, the building that served as the Avenue School and portions of the landscape might be protected based on historical context. The Board could choose to parcel off part of the property and make the old Avenue School made available through the RFQ/RFP process. This would allow public agencies to bid on the property and then maintain financial responsibility to bring the building up to code.

There was Board consensus to request a Mixed Use 1 designation for the Avenue Property (all members agreed on this designation) and to request a Mixed Use 2 designation for the Stanley Avenue Property (one member opposed).

*Handouts of the PowerPoint were distributed to members of the Board. Copies were also made available for the public and added to the VUSD website under the attachment link.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. James Forsythe, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. until our next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 18, 2023.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe

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

APPROVED _____ President

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