



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 16, 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 Tuesday, November 16, 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87529063083?pwd=QmQ0Q21hbHIPOE1VU2I5RCtIU1NSZz09>

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. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve approve the agenda with the following change: move item 14.a up in the agenda to follow item #12.a.

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 Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 1:34 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 3:15 p.m., Board President Velma Lomax called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session:

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

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 public employment/appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) of Ms. Maria Elizarraras as the new Director of Student Services.

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

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

Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEMS

12.a Consideration of Resolution #21-28, Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Resolution 21-28, Continuing Board of Trustee Authority to Hold Virtual meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

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

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

CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

13.a Student Achievement and Data Update

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented information and facilitated a discussion on student achievement and data use, spanning preschool through adult education. The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Antonio Castro: Districtwide Data Processes
- Mr. Marcus Konantz: Special Education Data Processes
- Ms. Gina Wolowicz: Elementary Data Processes
- Dr. Greg Bayless: Secondary Data Processes
- Dr. Soledad Molinar: Multilingual and Multicultural Department
- Ms. Carolyn VangWalker: Adult Education Data Processes

Two additional items were postponed until a future meeting due to time constraints:

- Child Development - Jumpstart Preschool Program
- School Climate

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

14.a Declining Enrollment Committee Update

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, requested the Board's guidance regarding the selection process for the Declining Enrollment Committee. The Board had consensus to have student representation and to ensure that the committee was Community Member heavy. There was varying opinions as to how many individuals from each area should be on the committee and to whether or not they should have to have students attending VUSD schools. It was suggested to possibly have a representative on the committee from the City of Ventura. The Board decided to allow the Declining Enrollment ad hoc committee members, Trustee Velma Lomax and Trustee Matt Almaraz, proceed with narrowing down the application selection process alongside Dr. Chandler and Dr. Rice, before bringing this back to a future Board meeting for final Board approval before moving further.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no reason to return to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., to the next Regular Board Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 14, 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