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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 22, 2022

Closed Session: 5:00 p.m.
Regular Session: 7:00 p.m.

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Ventura Adult and Continuing Education
Ron Halt Classroom Via Teleconference

Public Access

Public Streaming of the Board Meeting at <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81880140521?pwd=VUFbQytWSXNrMWZ2UkVleW1RQTRFZz09>

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1. OPENING PROCEDURE - Ron Halt Classroom - 5:00 p.m.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax ____, Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

5. Motion to go to Closed Session

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax ____, Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____

6. CLOSED SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom

6.a Conference with Labor Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

a. District Negotiators:

Rebecca Chandler
Gina Wolowicz

Employee Organizations:

Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA)
Ventura Education Support Professionals
Association (VESPA)

- 6.b Pupil Matters, Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48916, 48918
Approval for Administrative Recommendation regarding Student Expulsion: #22/09
- 6.c Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code Section 54957(b)
 - Title: Principals
- 6.d Public Employment/Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)
 - District Legal Counsel
 - Director of Elementary Education

7. REGULAR SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom - 7:00 p.m.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

**Matt Almaraz, President ____, Sabrena Rodriguez, Vice-President ____,
Amy Callahan ____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Velma Lomax ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____,
Ella Haas (BHS) ____, Logan Bobis (VHS) ____, Nina Segura (Adult Education) ____**

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

- Good News
 - Deputy Director of Special Education, Dr. Mayra Vega-Manriquez
- Student Board Reports
 - Logan Bobis - VHS
 - Ella Haas - BHS
 - Nina Segura - VACE

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments

14. ACTION ITEMS

- 14.a [Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion](#)
Approval for Administrative Recommendation regarding Student Expulsion: #22/09

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax ____, Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Maria Elizarraras, Director, Student Support Services

14.b [Approval of A-G Improvement Grant](#)

The CTE pathways, A-G requirements, district graduation requirements and A-G Improvement Grant were presented for your review at the last regularly scheduled board meeting. Approval of the A-G Improvement Grant is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Rene Rickard, Director, Chief Innovations Officer

14.c [Approval of K-12 School Plans for Student Achievement \(SPSA\) for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

K-12 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the 2021-22 school were submitted for your review at the last regularly scheduled board meeting. These school plans were collaboratively developed by enVision Consulting Group, Inc., school site council and the principal at each school, with input from other stakeholder groups, working collaboratively to develop and approve a plan to “improve the academic performance of all pupils” at each school. School Plans for Student Achievement are disseminated to school sites and will be stored in the electronic version on the VUSD website as well as a hard copy.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

14.d [Consideration for Approval to Enter into a Contract with Hanover Research](#)

District staff seeks approval for VUSD to enter into a one-year agreement with *Hanover Research* for an independent evaluation of district Title I programs. Potential benefits include evidence-based comparisons to inform future Title I funding allocations and evaluation of overall program efficacy. This action aligns with LCAP Goal 1: Increase student achievement for all students while decreasing performance gaps which will help the District move forward on providing data driven solutions and design to various programs and initiatives throughout the District. The annual cost for *Hanover Research* is \$67,500; Title I funds will be used for this purpose.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

14.e [Consideration of New Position - Director of Expanded Learning](#)

The Director of Expanded Learning would be responsible for the development and implementation of articulated before and after school expanded learning programs, summer programs and summer school options. This position would also be responsible for designing and promoting innovative learning environments, enhancement of engaging curricular programs and expanding online learning models. Consideration of approval for the Director of Expanded Learning position is requested at this time.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

14.f [Ventura Unified School District \(VUSD\) and Ventura Unified Education Association \(VUEA\) Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) - 2022 Summer School and 2022 Extended School Year Programs](#)

Consideration for approval of the attached VUSD and VUEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - 2022 Summer School and 2022 Extended School Year Programs

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

14.g [Ventura Unified School District \(VUSD\) and Ventura Educational Support Professional \(VESPA\) Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) - 2022 Summer School and 2022 Extended School Year Programs](#)

Consideration for approval of the attached VUSD and VESPA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - 2022 Summer School and 2022 Extended School Year Programs

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

15. CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 15.a [Consideration for Review of History Social Science Instructional Materials for Grades 6-8](#)
 District staff will give a presentation on the recommendation for the History Social Science instructional materials for grades 6-8. All instructional materials are available in Spanish.

Grade	Instructional Material	Copyright Date	Publisher
6	History Alive! The Ancient World	2017	TCI (Teacher Curriculum Institute)
7	History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond	2017	TCI (Teacher Curriculum Institute)
8	History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism	2017	TCI (Teacher Curriculum Institute)

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

- 15.b [Student Voice Update](#)
 Staff will facilitate a Board discussion focused on strategies for increasing student engagement and advocacy at the district level.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

16. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 16.a [Salary Schedule Review - Principals](#)

The District is proposing to bring Principal salary schedules up to County averages to recruit and retain site administrators.

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **17 to 21** 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:

Lomax ____, Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____

17. CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 17.a [Pacific High School "Endangered Animals" Mural](#)

Pacific High School is requesting consideration to paint a mural. The mural will depict animal images from around the globe at risk for extinction. The mural will be painted on the east wall of the D Building, Pacific High School Science building. The dimensions will be 40' wide x 12' high upon completion. This project has been coordinated with the Facilities Services Department and the project will be school funded.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Deidre Monarres, Principal

17.b [Approval of 2021/2022 District Industry Advisory Board Roster](#)

The Career Technical Education and Innovation Department is requesting board approval of the membership roster of the District Industry Advisory Board.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Dr. Rene Rickard, Chief Innovation Officer

17.c [Overnight and Out of the Tri-County Field Trips](#)

Ventura High School is requesting permission to send students from their **agriculture class** to travel overnight and out of the tri-county to the **State Future Farmers of America Leadership Convention** to be held at **Golden 1 Center Indoor Arena, Sacramento, CA**, Sacramento County. The trip will take place on March 25-29, 2022. Board approval is requested to send four students and one chaperone to this field trip. **At least one teacher or other certificated personnel shall accompany students on all trips according to Administrative Regulation 6153.** Transportation will be provided by a district vehicle. All required paperwork will be on file at the school before departure.

Ventura High School is requesting permission to send students from their **journalism class** to travel overnight to the **JEA/NSPA (Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association) National High School Journalism Convention** to be held at **Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, CA**. The trip will take place on April 8-9, 2022. Board approval is requested to send seven students and one chaperone to this field trip. **At least one teacher or other certificated personnel shall accompany students on all trips according to Administrative Regulation 6153.** Transportation will be provided by district vehicles. All required paperwork will be on file at the school before departure.

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

18. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a [Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 and/or 2022-23 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval for leave of absence for certificated personnel listed below:

Last Name	First Name	Site	Position	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
Wallace	Chelsea	BHS	Teacher	1.00	08/19/2022	06/16/2023	Personal
Nelles	Barbara	Mound	Teacher	.20	08/18/2022	06/15/2023	Personal
Barnhizer	Mary	Lincoln	Teacher	.20	08/18/2022	06/15/2023	Personal
Bundy	Jennifer	Loma Vista	Teacher	1.00	08/18/2022	06/15/2023	Personal
Fassett	Rebecca	Lincoln	Teacher	.20	08/18/2022	06/15/2023	Personal

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.b [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of miscellaneous and part-time certificated assignments on the attached list.

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.c [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Reemployment of Adult Education Teachers and Substitutes](#)

Ratification of administration's approval for the individuals list below for the Adult Education Programs.

Last Name	First Name	Status	SSN	Assignment	Credential
Van	Marcus	Temp at will	9269	ESL Teacher	Multiple Subject

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.d [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

Ratification of administration's approval of resignations, retirements and release for certificated personnel listed below.

Last Name	First Name	Site	Assignment	Reason	Last Work Day
DeAlba	Brittany	VHS	Teacher on LOA	Personal	06/17/2022
Urenda	Esmeralda	Poinsettia	Teacher on LOA	Personal	06/16/2022
Fowler	Veronica	Loma Vista/DMS	Counselor	Personal .20	06/16/2022

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.e [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval of employment of substitute teachers listed below.

Name	Credential Or Program
Bacigalupi, Andrea	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Dosch, Paris	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Fung, Johnny	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Gill-Roberts, Nichole	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Gomez, Steven	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Gonzalez, Juliana	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Harrison, Joshua	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Magana, Jose	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Martinez, Michelle	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
McTomney, Jack	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Williams, Carley	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit
Stevenson, Bryan	Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
Huber, Madilyn	Prospective Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

19. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

19.a [Classified Position Changes](#)

Based on staffing needed to best meet the needs of our students and the services provided by the District, the following position change is needed; see attached list.

Note: Position being reduced or abolished is currently vacant, and no action is required to issue a layoff notice. An incumbent will not be affected as a result of the change.

It is requested that the Board of Education approve the attached Classified position change for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

19.b [Classified Personnel Changes](#)

The Personnel Commission approved the attached list of Classified Personnel Changes at its March 16, 2022 meeting. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the changes at this time.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

20. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

20.a [Award of Bid E22-1 Related to Telecommunication Services](#)

Permission to solicit bids was approved by the Board on February 22, 2022. Bids for Data Circuits were received from two contractors. A recapitulation is provided below. Permission is requested to award the bid, including alternate, for E22-1 Data Circuits to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, AT&T, in the amount of \$31,320.00. This is part of the Federal E-Rate Program which provides the District with Federal discounts and these proposals contain all applicable discounts as it is a service provided to the District.

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATE
AT&T	\$31,320.00	-
Spectrum	\$38,628.00	-

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax __, Dannenberg __, Callahan __, Rodriguez __, Almaraz __

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Fiscal Services

20.b [Award of Bid E22-2 Related to Telecommunication Services](#)

Permission to solicit bids was approved by the Board on February 22, 2022. Bids for Network Infrastructure Equipment were received from two responsive vendors. A recapitulation is provided below. Permission is requested to award the bid, including alternate, for E22-2 Network Infrastructure Equipment to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Netsync, in the amount of \$2,123,443.79. This is part of the Federal E-Rate Program which provides the District with Federal discounts, based on each item, up to 80% of the total cost of the bid. The final estimated cost of this bid to the District is estimated at a total of \$420,000.

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALTERNATE
CyberTek	\$2,261,862.22	-
Netsync	\$2,123,443.79	-

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax___, Dannenberg___, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ___

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Fiscal Services

20.c [Ratification of Change Orders](#)

The following change orders are related to current or continuing projects throughout the District. Additional details for each change order request are attached.

Project	C/O #	Vendor	Total Additional Cost	Total Project Cost
C5-22; Sa'aliyas Ranch at Pacific HS	3	Staples Construction	\$23,312.75	\$1,248,562.05

Ratification of the listed change orders is requested at this time.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Terri Allison, Facilities Manager

20.d [Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts](#)

Purchase orders are presented to the Board for ratification on a regular basis to ensure that they are ratified in a timely manner. Purchase orders have been processed and approved in accordance with applicable regulations, approved by the department administrator as a necessary expense for the instruction or support program(s), and the availability of funds and allowability of expenditures is verified before purchase orders may be issued.

New contracts are issued under action items before issuing and creating ratification item per Board request. Ratification of the attached purchase orders and changes is requested.

Period: February 28, 2022 to March 15, 2022

Purchase Orders:	\$815,793.37
Change Orders:	\$170,238.17
Grand Total:	\$986,031.54

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Fiscal Services

20.e [Ratification of Check Payments](#)

Check payments are presented to the Board for ratification on a regular basis to ensure that they are ratified in a timely manner. Check payments have been processed and approved in accordance with applicable regulations, processed against previously ratified purchase orders and/or appropriate accounting processes. Any payment item that reaches audit thresholds undergoes additional review and approval by VCOE before any payments can be processed. Ratification of the attached check payment list is requested.

Period: February 18, 2022 - March 15, 2022

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Fiscal Services

21. CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022
- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2022

22. BOARD REPORTS

23. COMING EVENTS

24. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Student Data - TBD
- Board Priorities - TBD

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

26. CLOSED SESSION

27. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Lomax ____, Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____