



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 28, 2022
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the VUSD, ESC/Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comments in person. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Mr. Mr. Calvin Peterson
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Ms. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Antonio Castro

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve as Amended the agenda, moving item 14.d to the beginning of the action items.

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

At 7:02 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), of Mr. Juan Elias, new Assistant Principal at Balboa Middle School.

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

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), of Ms. Geneva Bento, new Learning Director at Pacific High School.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson

Noes: None. Absent: Dr. Jerry Dannenberg. Abstain: None.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Roger Rice, gave a shout out to Ventura High School student Sadie Engelhardt, for becoming the 2021-2022 Gatorade California Girls Track and Field player of the year and for winning the girls mile at the Nike Outdoor Nationals.

Dr. Rice congratulated Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Human Resources, and Ms. Carol Peek, VESPA President, for reaching an agreement in negotiations earlier today.

Dr. Rice introduced Mr. Neil Virani, new Executive Director of Special Education. Mr. Virani took a moment to thank Dr. Rice and the Board and shared his excitement for joining our district.

Dr. Rice thanked all High School Principals and their support teams for putting together this year's graduations. Dr. Rice gave each principal a separate shout out for the unique things they incorporated into their graduation programs.

The Board took a moment to congratulate Dr. Antonio Castro, as the new Superintendent of Ventura Unified School District. Dr. Castro took a moment to thank the Board and shared that he is honored to be given this opportunity.

The Board recognized the hard working facility teams who worked diligently setting up and tearing down all graduations.

The Board gave a shout out to the ASB Director's for putting together the 8th grade extravaganza.

Correspondence

Dr. Rice shared that we received Resolution #22-07, filed by Dr. Cesar Morales, certifying our resolution for the calling of Trustee Elections in November.

Public Comments

1. Carol Peek wished all Education Support Professionals (ESP's) a happy summer. Ms. Peek also thanked the VESPA and VUEA negotiation team for reaching a Tentative Agreement. Lastly, Ms. Peek shared that she begins a new two-year term as VESPA President beginning on July 1, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

14.a Approval/Adoption of the 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Dr. Castro, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, noted that the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is brought back annually for Board approval. Dr. Castro took a moment to recap stakeholder feedback that was previously shared at the June 7 Board meeting. He noted that more money has been allocated for school counselors, SAP Counselors, and Social Workers.

The Board shared that they would like to have a Communications Plan, encouraging our site leaders to report out how LCAP funds are impacting their students. Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, noted that part of the Board's goals and priorities was to have Ms. Marieanne Quiroz, Director of Communications and PIO, move away from crisis communications and towards marketing and getting information out to our community.

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the adoption of the 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) as presented.

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

14.b Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion Readmission

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the administrative recommendation regarding student expulsion/readmission #22-07 as presented.

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

14.c 2022-2023 Original Budget Financial Report

Ms. Anna Campbell, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the 2022-2023 Original Budget Financial Report. Ms. Campbell highlighted pending grants and funding, including a K- 12 Arts and Music Education initiative on the November ballot. Superintendent Dr. Roger Rice shared that the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) has indicated that there will be relief on ADA and attendance issues.

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the 2022-2023 Original Budget Financial Report as presented.

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

14.d Presentation of the 2021-22 Annual Measure R Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report and Consideration for Approval of Resolution #22 -23, Requesting Board of Supervisors of Ventura County to Include the Voter-Approved Parcel Tax on the 2022-23 Tax Roll.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, introduced Mr. Jorge DeLeon, Committee Chair, and Mr. John Walker, Committee Member, from the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee, to present the 2020-21 annual report to the Board, in compliance with the Parcel Tax Committee Bylaws, Section 3.2

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve Resolution #22-23, requesting the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County to include the voter-approved Parcel Tax on the 2022-23 Tax Roll.

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

14.e Consideration of a Textbook (First Reading)

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the approval of the textbook: *Biology for the AP Course* as presented.

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

14.f Consideration of Supplemental Novels Recommended by the Supplemental Novel Adoption Committee (First Reading)

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Educational Services, noted that 10 novels were being brought to the Board for approval. Two of the novels were approved by the novel committee and eight of the novels were "Fast Tracked," meaning that they are on the California Department of Education (CDE) approved list. There was Board consensus to pull this item, and bring it back at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting, allowing the books to be made available to the public to review for two weeks before taking a vote.

14.g Contract Approval of Superintendent

Board President, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, read a summary of the approved contract for the new Superintendent, Dr. Antonio Castro, which begins on August 1, 2022 through Jun 23, 2026. The Board took a few moments to congratulate Dr. Castro and shared that he and his family would be invited to our next Board meeting on July 12, 2022 for a more formal introduction.

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the employment contract for the incoming Superintendent, Dr. Antonio Castro, beginning August 1, 2022 as presented.

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

14.h Consideration of Resolution #22-28, Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve Resolution #22- 28, continuing Board of Trustees authority to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 as presented.

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

CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

15.a Informational Update on Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation

Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director of Elementary Education, shared an update on Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation. Dr. Molinar led a discussion around Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELO-P), and Universal Prekindergarten (UPK). She noted that the plan includes expanding TK to all four-year-olds by the 2025-2026 school year, by reducing the age requirements by two month annually. Dr. Molinar stated that UPK focuses on five areas: Vision and Coherence; Community Engagement and Partnerships; Workforce Recruitment and Professional Learning; Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; and LEA Facilities, Services, and Operations.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

16.a Health Benefits Update

This item was pulled and will be brought back to the August 9, 2022 Board meeting as the presenter was unable to make it to the meeting. There was Board consensus however to form a Health Benefits Committee, with Mr. Mr. Calvin Peterson and Dr. Jerry Dannenberg as the Board representatives. The Board requested that Dr. Chandler reach out to Ms. Carol Peek and Mr. Dan Nelson to be part of the committee. The Board requested additional information in an upcoming Friday Board memo and to add a consent item to the July 12, 2022 Board meeting ratifying the Board representatives to this committee.

16.b Summer Projects Update

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Ms. Terri Allison, Director of Facilities, gave an update on all facility 2022 summer construction projects. Dr. Chandler noted that repairs are being highlighted on the website or via social media so that families are aware.

16.c School Safety Update

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented a list of VUSD schools, which showed whether they currently have fencing. Dr. Chandler shared that the more schools we work on at one time, the better the pricing will be. Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, noted that it is possible to pay yourself back through a future Bond Measure, pending you do it 60 days in advance. Dr. Rice also noted that there is currently over 4.7 million dollars in the building fund, and that 3 million of that has been set aside for a Westside Community Pool that has been sitting there for 15 years. There was Board consensus to move forward with adding fencing to all VUSD schools and to schedule a Special Board meeting to approve the RFT needed to start the 60 day window to borrow from the future bond.

Additional school safety items discussed include cameras and lock blocks, egress information on the school sites once the fencing is installed, and a screening process for volunteers to be included in a future Board memo.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve consent items #17-20 as presented.

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

CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 17.a Ventura Adult and Continuing Education's 2022-23 Course Approvals and Program Fees
- 17.b Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 18.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments for 2022 Extended Year-Summer School Programs
- 18.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Year
- 18.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2021-22 School Year

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 19.a Juanamaria Buddy Benches Mural
- 19.b ATLAS Mural Update
- 19.c Approval of the Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2022-23 Application for Funding.
- 19.d County of Ventura Sheriff's Office MOU for 2022-23
- 19.e The Arc of Ventura County Agreement for 2022-23
- 19.f Resolution #22-24, Authorization to Apply for a Grant From the California Energy Commission for the (CalSHAPE) Program
- 19.g Resolution #22-25, Adoption of the 2022-23 Education Protection Account (EPA) Budget Allocation
- 19.h 2022-23 Annual Fiscal Resolution Adoptions - Business Services
- 19.i 2022-23 Annual Approval of Civic Center Facilities Use Rates
- 19.j Annual Request to Board for Budget and Finance Documents Destruction
- 19.k Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts
- 19.l Ratification of Check Payments

CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

- 20.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD REPORTS

Board President Sabrena Rodriguez, noted her attendance at the City/VUSD/College Liaison Meeting last week where they discussed: a future employee of VCCD that felt discriminated against trying to find housing and ended up turning down the job; collaboration on transportation for our VUSD students; the Cannabis dispensary locations which allow for public comment in July; and an update on VUSD properties that we are interested in selling where the City is requesting more density.

Trustee Mr. Calvin Peterson shared that he attended a new Trustee orientation with members of VUSD's Executive Cabinet and Board President Rodriguez.

COMING EVENTS

- VUSD Summer Programs:
 - June 20 – June 30
 - July 5– July 29
 - August 1st – August 12
- District Leadership Team Meeting: August 11, 2022
- VUSD Celebrate Event: August 23
- First Day of School: August 24

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- IT Program Report - August 9
- Board Self-Evaluation - August 9
- New Beginner's Workshop - August 30
- Grant Writer & CTE Update - TBD
- CPRA Updates

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

The Board shared their appreciation for Dr. Roger Rice and stated they look forward to celebrating him in the future.

CLOSED SESSION



None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on July 12, 2022.

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

APPROVED

 President
 Secretary