



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 22, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, June 22, 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 Mr. Matt Almaraz 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 6:00 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 - Ron Halt Classroom - 7:00 p.m.

At 7:01 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.

Superintendent's Report

11.a Good News

Superintendent Dr. Roger Rice gave a shout out to the Principals, Assistant Principals, Site Administrators and Support Staff for the amazing job they did with the end of the year drive through promotions and in-person High School graduations. Additionally, he thanked VACE and Ventura College for their support.

Dr. Rice thanked our Athletic Directors who have worked diligently throughout this past year to navigate through COVID and the uncertainty of whether or not they would get a season. Dr. Rice turned it over to Dr. Greg Bayless, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, who introduced Principals and Athletic Directors from Ventura, Buena and Foothill High Schools who gave a brief update on the amazing things that happened over this past year at their respective sites.

Dr. Rice gave a shout out to Mr. Dave Hess, who was a recent recipient of the Teacher of the Month award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Board President Velma Lomax shared that she attended the VUSD Retirement Celebration held at VACE and extended her thanks to everyone involved that made it so successful.

Trustee Amy Callahan thanked everyone for their hard work putting on the promotions and graduations, sharing that they were spectacular.

Board Vice-President Matt Almaraz shared that it was an honor to preform the turning of the tassels during graduation and thanked Facilities and TDC for their amazing work. Mr. Almaraz also thanked the Athletic Director's for their outstanding work this past year.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comments

None.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

14.a 2019-20 Annual Measure R Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report Presentation

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, introduced Mr. Michael Richards and Ms. Danny Brook, from the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee, to present the 2019-20 annual report to the Board in compliance with the Parcel Tax Committee Bylaws, Section 3.2. Other Committee members in attendance include Mr. John Walker, Mr. Jorge DeLeon, Ms. Harmony Maldonado and Dr. Jerry Dannenberg.

Measure R, passed in 2016 by Ventura voters, extended a yearly parcel tax assessment of \$59.00 per parcel. Total revenue raised was \$2,429,388 and total expenditures were \$2,422,663. The largest portion of the budget went to Technology (\$ 986,107), followed by Arts, Music and Performing Arts (\$694,510), then Class Size Reductions (\$689,629), followed by Administrative Costs (\$52,417).

14.b Ventura Unified Music Program Presentation - Measure R Parcel Tax

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Mr. Paul Browne, Elementary Music Educator, Mr. James Rumenapp, Buena High School Music Director, and Mr. Paul Hunt, Ventura High School Music Director, who showcased their programs that are funded in part through the Measure R parcel tax.

Mr. Browne shared that pre-COVID, all VUSD elementary schools received eight, half-hour lessons per class. During COVID, they continued servicing students through Zoom with drop-in class lessons

and through asynchronous video lessons. Mr. Browne was happy to report that next year they plan to have a combination of in-person and weekly all-class Zooms for all grade levels. Mr. Rumenapp and Mr. Paul Hunt shared information on parcel- tax funded music education expenditures including a new sound system for the Marching Band, replacement of 50 year old marching band instruments, and additional orchestra instrument purchases. They thanked everyone for making music and the arts a priority.

Superintendent Dr. Rice gave a shout out to Mr. Rumenapp for also being a Teacher of the Month recipient from the Chamber of Commerce this year.

14.c Approval of Civic Center Rates for 2021-22 (Action Requested)

Ms. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, shared information regarding the new Facilities Use Fee Schedule proposed for the upcoming 2021-22 due to rising costs. The new Fee Schedule includes two prices, Direct Cost Groups (at cost) for all non-profits, and a Fair Rental Value for anyone that is not a non-profit.

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 Civic Center Rates for 2021-22.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

15.a Approval/Adoption of the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) as presented.

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

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

15.b 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (PLAN) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum as presented.

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

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

15.c 2021-22 Original Budget Financial Report

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 2021-22 Budget as presented.

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

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

15.d Consideration for Approval of a Textbook: Calculus for the AP Course

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the Textbook Calculus for the AP Course.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item # 16.a was pulled for Board discussion; Item's 16.a & 19.c were then pulled to be voted on separately; and item 19.i was pulled completely to be placed on a future Board meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Consent items 16.b through 19.b, 19.d through 19.h, and 19.j through 20.a.

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

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

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0* to approve Consent items 16.a and 19.c.

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

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

*Trustee Callahan recused herself from this vote.

CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 16.a Consideration to Pilot Elementary Diagnostic Assessment program for 2021-22
- 16.b Ventura Adult and Continuing Education's 2021-22 Course Approvals and Program Fees
- 16.c Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 17.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year
- 17.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments for 2021 Extended Year - Summer School Programs
- 17.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2020-21 School Year
- 17.d Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year
- 17.e Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes
- 17.f Approval of Administration's Recommendation of Employment Status Changes for 20-21 School Year

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

- 18.a Classified Position Changes
- 18.b Classified Personnel Changes

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 19.a The Arc of Ventura County Agreement for 2021-22

- 19.b County of Ventura Sheriff's Office MOU for 2021-22
- 19.c Ellevation, Inc. 2021-24
- 19.d Ventura County SELPA Agreements for 2021-22
- 19.e Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. JC202106
- 19.f Resolution #21-15, Adoption of the 2021-22 Education Protection Account (EPA) Budget Allocation
- 19.g Award of C5-22 Sa'aliyas Ranch at Pacific High School
- 19.h Permission to Utilize Piggyback and California DGS Contracts for 2021-22
- 19.i Disposal of Obsolete and Surplus Equipment
- 19.j Gifts to School District
- 19.k Ratification of Purchase Orders (May 12, 2021 to June 7, 2021)

CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

- 20.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Dr. Jerry Dannenberg congratulated all of our High School graduates this year. He shared that he enjoyed attending the Retirement Celebration last week at VACE. Dr. Dannenberg congratulated all recipients of the Teacher of the Month award this year, especially Mr. Dave Hess. Lastly he noted his attendance at the Eastside Community Council meeting.

Trustee Amy Callahan shared her excitement for all of the promotions and graduations that took place this year. Ms. Callahan thanked the VUSD staff and families for everything they have done this year.

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez shared that she attended many of the promotions and graduations and stated that they were fantastic.

Trustee Matt Almaraz thanked the staff for the amazing job they did for the promotions and graduates. Mr. Almaraz also thanked Ms. Dahm and Ms. Quiroz for their hard work.

Trustee Velma Lomax apologized for having missed the promotions and graduations this year, noting that he husband has been very ill.

COMING EVENTS

- Independence Day Observed, District Closed: July 5th
- Special Board Meeting on District Properties: July 16th at 8:00 a.m.
- Fall 2021 Webinar: July 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- Celebrate 2021 - VUSD All Staff Welcome Back: August 24th at 8:00 a.m.
- First Day of School: August 25th

Dr. Rice took a moment to remind the public that we will be open in-person, full-time, 5 days a week in the fall.

Trustee Velma Lomax shared that this Saturday, the *Rusty Sailors*, Cabrillo Middle School's Robotics Team, will be competing in their virtual international competition this Saturday at 6:00 a.m. Communications Coordinator, Ms. Marieanne Quiroz, shared that they will not only be competing with their robots, but will be presenting their invention of a locker system that could be used at parks, where adults/children could check-out sport equipment for free. The locker would then have a way to sanitize the equipment once it is put back.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Study Session District Properties - July 16
- Facilities Update - July

- Reviewing Board Policy - Naming of Facilities - July
- HR Updates - August
- SRO's - August

There was Board consensus to add the following to future Board Meetings:

- Chaperone Policy – Overnight Fieldtrips
- Board Meeting Processes & Protocols

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

Trustee Rodriguez expressed her gratefulness for the VUSD staff who have been working tirelessly to get us through this past year and for the amazing job they have done on the end of the year promotions. Additionally she thanked her fellow Board Members and the community for working together to get through this very difficult year.

Trustee Almaraz echoed Ms. Rodriguez and thanked the VUSD teachers who only had two days off before returning to teach summer school. Mr. Almaraz also wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Trustee Lomax shared that she is proud of where we are and what we have accomplished. She shared her excitement for the new Team that has been created and looks forward to seeing what we can do over this next year.

Superintendent Dr. Rice echoed everyone's sentiments. He shared that he is very appreciative of the staff and the work of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no reason to return to closed session.

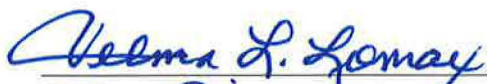
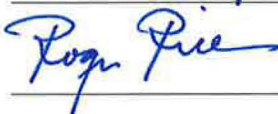
ADJOURNMENT

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 adjourn our meeting at 8:51 p.m., to the next Regularly Board Meeting to be held on July 20, 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