

**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Ventura Unified School District met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the City of Ventura, Council Chamber, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California. President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President:	Sabrina Rodriguez
Vice President:	Jackie Moran
Board Member:	Velma Lomax
Board Member:	Matt Almaraz
Board Member:	Jerry Dannenberg
Interim Superintendent:	Jeff Baarstad
Asst. Supt./Business:	Betsy George
Asst. Supt./Ed. Serv.	Danielle Cortes
Asst. Supt./HR.	Jeff Davis
General Counsel:	Anthony Ramos

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Abstain: None.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items - None

Closed Session

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mrs. Lomax and carried on a roll call vote 5-0 that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation, public employee discipline/dismissal/release, conference with labor negotiators, and pupil matters.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: Abstain: None

At 7:13 p.m., President Rodriguez called the regular meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Superintendent dedicated a moment of silence to the victims of the recent shooting and fire in the Thousand Oaks/Conejo area.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session - none

Good News

Interim Superintendent Dr. Jeff Baarstad is a retired and a former superintendent of Conejo Unified School District with 23 years of experience in education. He is a resident of Ventura, and as a student attended VUSD schools. He will be serving as interim for two months.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Jeff Baarstad introduced the new VUSD superintendent Dr. Roger Rice. He shared that Dr. Rice is the current associate and deputy superintendent of student services for the Ventura County Office of Education. The areas of experience include: Local Control Accountability Plan, Career and Technical Education, Special Education, Court and Community Schools, Early Childhood Learning, Charter Schools, Migrant, Foster and Homeless Student Programs, Student Competitions and Chief Negotiator. Before his years of service at the county, Dr. Rice was the assistant superintendent of human resources in Oxnard Union High School. Dr. Rice will begin as the VUSD superintendent in March 4, 2019.

Principal Karen Sanesac had the opportunity to share with the Board the exciting things happening at Junipero Serra School, home of the Padres.

Jazzman Viot-Preciado, winning essay on Cooperation won her the opportunity to be a Mayor for a Moment at a City Council meeting. Jazzman is a fifth-grade student and attends ATLAS elementary school. The Board had the opportunity to view a video produced by CAPS TV.

Student Board members; Labiba Sardar-Buena High School, Kaylan Ouerbacker-El Camino High School and Brock Donaldson-Ventura High School had the opportunity to update the Board on various school academics, sports, and student school club events.

Mrs. Moran noted she was at Ventura High School during the voluntary rain evacuation of students and staff. Although it was a little bit chaotic, all went well with the assistance of staff support.

Mrs. Moran invited all community, parents, staff and students to the next LCAP meeting on January 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Almaraz attended the Buena and Ventura basketball game, a full house, a fun night and the win went to Ventura High.

Dr. Dannenberg attended the School of Choice Information Night held at the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education facility. He noted it was a great event, informative presentation and a fabulous opportunity for parents to learn more about the schools and options. He commended Dr. Cortes and all staff for their participation and time to make this a successful night!

Mrs. Rodriguez was invited to present regarding the state of music programs in VUSD to the Board of the Ventura Music Festival. It was with great gratification to share that VUSD is doing well and offering music opportunity for all students K-12.

Mrs. Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence for VUSD employees Ms. Susie Williams and Mr. Dan Zavala.

Public Comments

Alison Carlson regarding students being left behind in subject of Math.

Correspondence

Dr. Rodriguez received a letter from the Ventura County Office of Education noting their acceptance of a positive certification of the first interim report ending October 31, 2018.

Report on Board Appointed Committees

Mrs. Lomax is the Career Technical Education Liaison, and informed staff of the annual HAAS Automation Conference in Montana.

Mrs. Rodriguez attended the Ventura County Association School Fall Counselor Conference. It was a day of education for all counselors in the county and topics included LGTBQ services and support to military families.

Mrs. Rodriguez also attended the DLAC meeting where parent discussion was held regarding need assessments. Also opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the Cal State Channel Island admissions process at their Day of the Family event.

Mrs. Rodriguez also attend the Action on Smoking and Health task force meeting. She noted the task force moment to create an ordinance to limit student access to tobacco products. She is proposing a Board resolution regarding tobacco products.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Contract Approval of Superintendent – (Action Requested)

It was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the employment contract for the incoming Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, beginning March 4, 2019. A copy of the contract was made available for review on the Board of Education, 2018-19 Agenda webpage.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

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

Board Appointed Committees - (Action Requested)

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Board Appointed Committees as noted on the revised list attached to official minutes.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

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

Proposal for a New VUSD High School Summer Session Structure

Dr. Bayles shared information regarding a new high school summer school structure whereby the school district could experience significant fiscal benefits, benefits for staff and educational benefits for students through partnering with a local charter school, in the same manner how Ventura County Office of Education, Simi Valley Unified and Oxnard Union High School District structure their high school summer school programs. This restructuring could possibly be implemented for the 2019 summer school session.

Low-Performing Students Block Grant – (Action Requested)

It was moved by Mr. Almaraz, seconded by Mrs. Moran to approve the acceptance of the block grant funds, and that the district has developed a plan describing how the funds will increase or improve evidence-based services for the identified pupils to accelerate increases in academic achievement.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran, Rodriguez

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

Presentation of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Representatives with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP of Glendora, California, made a formal presentation of the Audit Report that was provided to the Board. The Auditor's rendered an unmodified opinion which means that the VUSD financial statements taken as a whole present fairly the financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. This rating is the highest a school district can receive.

Presentation of the 2019-20 Governor's Budget Proposal

Ms. Anne Campbell, shared that each year in January, the Governor of California develops and presents his budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. She noted that the economy is outperforming expectations but downturn may be looming. All school districts will face budget challenges as the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding flattens to the cost of living adjustment only environmental and costs rise. The focus on accountability and continuous improvement will continue. LCFF targets have been achieved and no one-time discretionary funds are proposed. Higher LCFF aspirational targets have not been proposed in this budget.

Exploration and Feasibility of a Bond Measure for the Ventura Unified School District – (Action Requested)

Ms. George, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shared that Ventura Unified is committed to providing classrooms and infrastructure to allow students a safe and successful learning experience. The District needs to explore potential funding sources to improve facilities, improve technology, construct and/or modernize classrooms and school facilities at all of our campuses.

She noted that it has been over 20 years since the District embarked on a major facilities modernization initiative. In 1997, voters approved Measure M, an \$81 million General Obligation Bond to address the District's immediate needs at that time. A Long Range Facilities Master Plan (LRFMP) is currently underway. The intent of the LRFMP is to determine and prioritize the District's current facility needs.

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 for permission to engage a financial advisor to conduct a survey and explore the feasibility of a local school improvement bond measure to determine if this is something the community would support.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran. Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

ACTION AGENDA

Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Expulsion/Suspended Order and or/Expulsion

It was moved by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Dannenberg and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Administrative Recommendation regarding Student Admission for Student #'s: 18/12, 18/22 & 18/27.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran. Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Administrative Recommendation for Students Who Did Not Meet the Terms for their Expulsion /Suspended Order and/or Expulsion Agreement:

It was moved by Dr. Dannenberg, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the Administrative Recommendation regarding Student #'s: 18/11, 18/13, 18/14, 18/15, 18/16, 18/17, 18/19, 18/20, 18/21, 18/24, 18/26 & 18/28.

Ayes: Dannenberg, Almaraz, Lomax, Moran. Rodriguez
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR - 15 minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mrs. Moran and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve consent items #1 through #11 as presented.

1. Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Fieldtrips

The Board approved the ratification of the Superintendent's approval for students from Ventura High School's Girls Soccer Team to travel overnight and out of the tri-county to a Southern California Classic Tournament on December 27-19, 2018. This event was held at Oceanside High School, Oceanside, CA, San Diego County. Fourteen students and five chaperones attended.

The Board approved Pierpont Elementary School's request to send 49 students and six chaperones from their school to travel overnight and out of the tri-county to the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, CA, Orange County for a Marine Science field trip. The trip will take place on January 31-February 1, 2019.

The Board approved Buena High School's request to send fourteen students and two chaperones from their German Foreign Language class to travel overnight and out of the country to Elmshorn, Germany. The trip will take place on June 21-July 15, 2019. The trip will provide students with a cultural understanding, language skills, and history. Transportation to LAX will be provided by private vehicles. The airline for the trip will be Lufthansa.

No student will be excluded due to lack of funds.

2. Request for Disposal of Obsolete, Surplus, or Unusable Books

Buena High School has a variety of books that have become obsolete and will be disposed of in accordance with Education Code Section 60510. A list of titles was made available in the Educational Services Department.

3. Ratification of District's Approval of Miscellaneous and Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2018-19 School Year

Ratification of District's Approval of Miscellaneous and Part-Time Certificated Assignments on attached lists.

4. Ratification of District's Approval of Resignations & Retirements for Certificated Personnel

Last Name	First	School	Position	Effective	Last Work Day	Reason
Murillo	Vanessa	J. Serra	Teacher/LT Sub	1/18/19	1/18/19	Return to School
Hewitt	Louise	El Camino HS	Teacher	7/19/19	7/18/19	Retirement

5. Ratification of District's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2018-19 School Year

Ratification of District's approval of employment and reemployment of substitute teachers listed below for the 2018-19 School Year:

Name	Credential Or Program	Ref /Date
Anderson, Mary	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019
Davis, Christopher	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019
Langston Luna, Ryan	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019
Patricio, Susana	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019
Randolph, Kaitlyn	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019
Rowton, Cynthia	Multiple Subject Credential	1/22/2019
Sherr, Reuben	Single Subject Credentials: Social Science, Mathematics	1/22/2019
Usherwood, Casey	Emergency 30-Day Substitute Permit	1/22/2019

6. Ratification of District's Approval of Employment Through Various Education Codes

Current statutes and regulations recognize that there may be situations of a temporary nature in which a teacher with the appropriate credential is not available to the School District or the assignment is part-time and not conducive for recruitment. Senate Bill 435 has made it possible to assign staff with their permission to these areas in several ways:

Education Code Section 44831 allows an individual who holds a master's degree in communication disorders; meets the basic skills requirement; has a valid license from the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board; and has the criminal record summary according to EC §44332.6 to provide speech and language services.

The board approved the individual listed below:

Last Name	First Name	Site	Subject	Ed Code	Units
Scrivner	Tiffani	ESC	Speech Therapist	44831	n/a

7. Establishment of Classified Positions

The Board of Education approved the establishment of the following classified positions:

Classification	Location	Time Base	Funding
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3684)	ATLAS	13.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3686)	ATLAS	1.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*4 days/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3746)	Blanche Reynolds	6.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3747)	Blanche Reynolds	13.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3748)	Blanche Reynolds	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds

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Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3679)	Citrus Glen	8.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3680)	Citrus Glen	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3681)	Citrus Glen	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3682)	Citrus Glen	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3683)	Citrus Glen	8.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3700)	Elmhurst	9.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3701)	Elmhurst	16.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3703)	Elmhurst	9.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3704)	E.P. Foster	15.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3705)	E.P. Foster	23.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3708)	E.P. Foster	18.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3696)	Juanamaria	17.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3697)	Juanamaria	6.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3698)	Juanamaria	6.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3699)	Juanamaria	13.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3713)	Junipero Serra	2.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3714)	Junipero Serra	13.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3715)	Junipero Serra	8.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3731)	Lincoln	10.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3732)	Lincoln	17.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3733)	Lincoln	13.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3735)	Montalvo	15.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3736)	Montalvo	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds

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Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3737)	Montalvo	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3689)	Pierpont	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3690)	Pierpont	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3691)	Pierpont	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3692)	Pierpont	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3693)	Poinsettia	7.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3694)	Poinsettia	7.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3695)	Poinsettia	7.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3676)	Portola	9.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*4 days/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3724)	Portola	2.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*1 day/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3725)	Portola	19.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3726)	Portola	6.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*3 days/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3727)	Portola	19.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3728)	Portola	9.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*4 days/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3729)	Portola	9.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar* (*4 days/week)	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3665)	Sheridan Way	20.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3666)	Sheridan Way	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3667)	Sheridan Way	16.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3668)	Sheridan Way	11.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3669)	Sheridan Way	12.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3670)	Sheridan Way	13.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds

Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3671)	Sheridan Way	10.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3672)	Sheridan Way	3.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3673)	Sunset	5.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3674)	Sunset	8.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3675)	Sunset	8.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3717)	Will Rogers	13.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3718)	Will Rogers	15.00 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3719)	Will Rogers	15.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3720)	Will Rogers	12.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3721)	Will Rogers	15.50 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3722)	Will Rogers	11.25 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds
Noon Duty/Playground Supervisor (3723)	Will Rogers	13.75 Hrs per week / 180 Calendar	Site Funds

8. 2018-19 Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) Various Agreements

The Board approved the ratification of the agreements listed below.

Services Provided/Received	VCOE Department	Term
Boswell School Food Services	Internal Business Svcs.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Penfield School Food Services	Internal Business Svcs.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Hearing Conservation & Audiology Services #19-007	Internal Business Svcs.	November 14, 2018 – open ended
Quality Rating & Improvement System #C19-00182	Early Childhood Pgms.	October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019
CA Career Pathways Trust (CCPT) – VC Innovates	Internal Business Svcs.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG)	Internal Business Svcs.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
Career Technical Education	Internal Business Svcs.	July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

9. Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. SS20181015

The Board approved the ratification of the final settlement agreement and release of all claims regarding Case No. SS20181015.

10. Gifts to Ventura Unified School District

Listed below are donations made to Ventura Unified School District.

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Rosi Cortez	Gift Cards	Homeless & Foster Youth Program	\$90.00
FC Juice Partners CA, LLC	Cash	Blanche Reynolds	\$22.40
Grace Church	Cash	Cabrillo	\$5,000.00
Junipero Serra PTA	Cash	Junipero Serra	\$16,500.00
Kroger	Cash	Montalvo	\$82.50
M. Lisa McGuirk	Science Equipment	DATA	\$57.00
Nash Exchange	Cash	Indian Education Consortium	\$75.00
Cathy Pucetti	Gift Cards	Homeless & Foster Youth Program	\$60.00
T. Mark Senning	Drums	Cabrillo	\$300.00
STEMbassadors	Spark cart	Junipero Serra	\$5,000.00

11. Ratification of Purchase Orders (December 27, 2018 – January 8, 2019)

The Board approved the following purchase orders and change orders. A list was made available for review, as an attachment, on the District Superintendent/Board webpage.

97 Purchase Orders	=	\$390,158.29
PO Changes	=	3,923.43
GRAND TOTAL	=	\$394,081.72

COMING EVENTS

- January 30, 2019 – Cabrillo Middle School Showcase

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Moran and Mr. Almaraz regarding sports committee.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Lomax, seconded by Mr. Almaraz and carried on a roll call vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

APPROVED

_____ President

_____ Secretary