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REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 24, 2021

Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
Ventura Adult and Continuing Education
Ron Halt Classroom Via Teleconference

Public Access

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURE - Ron Halt Classroom - 5:30 p.m.

2. Call to Order

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

5. Motion to go to Closed Session

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6. CLOSED SESSION - Ron Halt Classroom

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

a. District Negotiators:	Rebecca Chandler Brett Taylor Anthony Ramos
Employee Organizations:	Ventura Unified Education Association (VUEA) Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA)

6.b Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)

a. Number of cases: Two

6.c Pupil Matters, Pursuant to Education Codes 35146, 48916, 48918

a. Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Expulsion/Suspended Order, Expulsion and/or Stipulated Agreement #'s: 20-10 and 21-01.

- 6.d Pupil Matters, Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48916, 48918
a. Administrative recommendation for student expulsion #'s: 22-01 and 22-03.

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

9. Roll Call:

Velma Lomax, President ____, Matt Almaraz, Vice-President ____, Sabrena Rodriguez ____, Amy Callahan ____, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg ____, Dr. Roger Rice ____

10. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

11. Superintendent's Report

11.a Good News

- New Teacher Orientation
- Community Meeting at DATA Middle School

12. Correspondence

13. Public Comments

14. CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT

14.a [Board Meeting Processes and Protocols](#)

Staff will lead a discussion around board processes and protocols to consider opportunities for increased efficiencies and discuss location of meetings.

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

15. CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

15.a [Presentation on Staffing Update for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

Human Resources will be presenting a staff update for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources; Ms. Anne Campbell, Personnel Commission

16. CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

16.a [Consideration of Resolution #21-22, 2021 General Obligation Refunding Bonds \(GORBs\) \(Action Requested\)](#)

In 1997, District voters authorized the issuance of up to \$81,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds, which were issued through nine series of bonds. On July 29, 2014, the District issued its 2014 general obligation refunding bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$17,570,000, and on July 30, 2015, the District issued its 2015 general obligation refunding bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,140,000, all in order to refinance certain of the bonds authorized under the 1997 authorization. Pursuing the optional advance redemption prior to maturity of certain of the outstanding 2014 general obligation refunding bonds and 2015 general obligation refunding bonds will result in savings to taxpayers.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

The refunding bonds will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$14,500,000. The maturity date will not be extended past the maturity date of the bonds to be refinanced, and the refunding bonds will mature in full on the date the refunded bonds would have matured.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no impact on the District's general operating fund.

Board approval of Resolution #21-22, attached for your consideration, is requested.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

16.b [Declining Enrollment Committee Update](#)

Staff will provide an update on the status of the Declining Enrollment Committee.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

16.c [Consideration for Approval of Contract of Agreement Between the Ventura Unified School District and the Ventura Education Support Professionals Association 2018-2021 \(Action Requested\)](#)

Board approval of the attached tentative agreements between Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA) regarding Article 16 - Contracting Out, Article 38 - Safety, Article 46 - Term, and Article 20 - Total Compensation is requested.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

17. ACTION ITEMS

17.a [Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsions](#)

Administrative recommendation regarding Student Expulsion #22-01 and #22-03

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services

17.b [Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Expulsion and/or Suspended Order](#)

Approval for Administrative Recommendation regarding Student Re-Admission Student #'s: 20-10 and 21-01

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Ms. Cynthia Frutos, Director, Student Support Services

17.c [Approval of Changes to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations related to Educational Services](#)

- BP 6175 Distance Learning (Delete)
- BP/AR 6158 Independent Study (Revise)

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dr. Antonio Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

17.d [City of San Buenaventura School Resource Officer Agreement for 2021-22](#)

During the August 10, 2021 board meeting, the Board reviewed the agreement with the City of San Buenaventura Ventura Police Department for school resource officer services during the 2021-22 school year . Approval of the attached agreement is requested.

Moved:
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that the department item numbers **18 to 20** 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:
Dannenberg ____, Callahan ____, Rodriguez ____, Almaraz ____, Lomax ____

18. CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a [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.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.b [Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

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

Last Name	First Name	Site	Assignment	Lv FTE	Lv Begin	Lv End	Reason
DeAlba	Brittany	VHS	Teacher	1.00	8/25/21	11/23/21	Parental/FMLA
Rivera	Michelle	Balboa	Teacher	.33	8/19/21	11/17/21	FMLA
Rivera	Michelle	Balboa	Teacher	.33	11/18/21	6/16/22	Personal/Medical
Bundy	Jennifer	Loma Vista	Teacher	1.00	8/19/21	6/16/22	Personal
Starn	Carly	Cabrillo	Teacher	.17	8/19/21	6/16/22	Personal/Study
Fowler	Veronica	Balboa	Counselor	.20	8/19/21	6/16/22	Personal

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.c [Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the administration's approval to employ the individuals on the attached list for certificated positions as indicated. All will have temporary status unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Brett Taylor, 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
Roman	Kerry	Loma Vista	DHH Teacher	Resign Other Position	8/6/21
DeAlba	Brittany	VHS	Teacher	Reduce to 60%	11/24/21
Osborn	Christine	ATLAS	Counselor	Retirement	6/10/21
Guenther	David	Cabrillo	Teacher	Resign; Other Position	7/30/21
Eakin	Katherine	Itinerant	Substitute	Resign; Other Position	3/5/21

Mr. Brett Taylor, 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 on the attached list.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.f

[Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments 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 44256(b) states that the holder of a self-contained type credential may be assigned, with his or her consent, teach any subject in departmentalized classes, below grade 9, in which the teacher has 12 semester hours of coursework in the subject area.

Education Code 44258.2 authorizes holders of secondary-type credential to be assigned to teach classes in middle school, grade 5-8; Requires 12 semester units or 6 upper division units and teacher’s consent.

Education Code 44258.7(b) allows full-time teacher who holds a credential in a subject other than physical education to coach a competitive sport for which the students receive physical education credit for one period a day.

Education Code 44258.7(c) & (d) (COA) allows a full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside of his or her credential authorization to be assigned to teach in the area.

Education Code 44263 states that the holder may be assigned, with his or her consent, to teach any single subject class in which the teacher has 18 semester hours of coursework or a self contained classroom with 60 semester hours distributed among four of the following subjects: language studies, literature, mathematics, science, social science, history, humanities, the arts, physical education, and human development.

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 is asked to approve the individuals on attached list per the Education Code noted.

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.g

[Ratification of Administration's Approval of Reemployment for Adult Education Teachers & Substitutes](#)

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

Last Name	First Name	SSN	Assignment	Credential
Clyne	Bridgette	1384	ESL Teacher	SS: Spanish

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.h [Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Speech - Language Credential](#)

Due to the shortage of Speech Pathologists, the district has employed the following individuals, who are currently enrolled in a Master's Speech & Language Program. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name: Megan K. Vereb
Credential Type: Speech -Language Pathology Service Credential
School: Itinerant
Class: Speech & Language Pathologist
Waving: EC44265.3 – Professional Preparation Program for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

Name: Puccetti, Michelle
Credential Type: Speech -Language Pathology Service Credential
School: Itinerant
Class: Speech & Language Pathologist
Waving: EC44265.3 – Professional Preparation Program for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

Name: Marivel Garza
Credential Type: Speech -Language Pathology Service Credential
School: Itinerant
Class: Speech & Language Pathologist
Waving: EC44265.3 – Professional Preparation Program for the Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential & 44252(B) CBEST

Mr. Brett Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

18.i [Approval of Variable Term Waiver for BCLAD Spanish Permit](#)

Due to the shortage of Bilingual Spanish Elementary School Teachers the district has employed the following individual. Mindy Barrera is a native Spanish Speaker and is willing to serve in our bilingual program at Sheridan Way Elementary and work towards the BCLAD authorization. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver for:

Name: Mind Barrera
Credential Type: BCLAD Spanish Certificate
School: Sheridan Way Elementary
Class: Teacher
Waving: EC44253.3 – Certificate or Credential to provide instruction to Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

Mr. Brett Taylor, 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 changes are needed; see attached list.

Note: Positions being reduced or abolished are 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 changes for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources

20. CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

20.a [Ventura County Indian Education Consortium Agreements for 2021-22](#)

The District, as the Local Education Agency (LEA) for the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium, has entered into agreements with the school districts listed below for a continued partnership to maintain efforts to preserve the heritage of Native American students in Ventura County and the rural history of our region. The agreements are effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Ratification of the listed and attached agreements is requested.

- Camarillo Academy of Progressive Education (CAPE)
- Conejo SD
- Fillmore USD
- Hueneme SD
- Moorpark USD
- Ojai USD
- Oxnard SD
- Oxnard Union High SD
- Rio SD
- Simi Valley USD
- Ventura Charter School of Arts & Global Education
- Ventura USD
- Vista Real Charter

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Dr. Soledad Molinar, Director, Multilingual/Multicultural Education

20.b [CDE Consolidated Application for Funding, Categorical Aid Programs \(Part I and II\), 2021-22](#)

The Consolidated Application (ConApp) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various federal programs to county offices, school districts, and direct-funded charter schools throughout California. Program entitlements are determined by formulas contained in the laws that created the programs.

The District is requesting Board approval of Ventura Unified School District's 2021-22 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part I and II). This is a standard annual application request for all districts who wish to receive Federal Title program funding. Ventura Unified participates in Federal Title Program funding and submits these applications each year. Part I must be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) by August 31, 2021, and Part II of this application will be due February 2022. Parts I & II of the Consolidated Application may be reviewed and approved for submission by the Governing Board at the same meeting per CDE guidelines. Administration requests approval to submit the Consolidated Application, which is attached for your consideration.

Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

20.c [Disposition of Obsolete and Surplus Items](#)

Board approval for disposal of district-owned personal property that has become obsolete or surplus is required under Board Policy 3270. Attached is the list of items that became obsolete or surplus during the period of July - August 2021.

Any items considered obsolete or surplus will go through a disposition process which may include resale, donation, reuse by other public entities, recycling, e-waste certified recycling, or disposal. All reasonable and appropriate effort is made to reallocate surplus items across the district before entering the disposition process. Unless otherwise directed, any proceeds from the sale of items will be deposited to the general fund.

It is recommended the Board approve the attached list of obsolete and surplus district-owned property, and authorize the District to advertise, sell, auction, dispose or donate the listed items as indicated.

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

20.d **Ratification of Purchase Orders**

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. Ratification of the attached purchase orders and changes is requested.

Period: **July 28, 2021, to August 17, 2021**

Purchase Orders:	\$8,732,761.87
Change Orders:	+ _____ .00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$8,732,761.87

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Anna Campbell, Director, Budget and Finance

21. BOARD REPORTS

22. COMING EVENTS

23. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Chaperone/Overnight Fieldtrips - September
- Redistricting - October
- Student Voice - September/October

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

25. CLOSED SESSION

26. ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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