

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
June 15, 2015**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Reflection
The Regular Meeting of the Ventura County Board of Education, Agenda No. 15-11, was called to order by Mr. Dean Kunicki, Board President, at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015, in the Board Room of the VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Kunicki, followed by a moment of reflection.

2. Roll Call
Trustees Present:
Marty Bates, Area 2
Dr. Mark Lisagor, Area 3
Dean Kunicki, Area 4
Dr. Ramon Flores, Area 5
Rachel Ulrich, Area 1 – *Absent*

VCOE Personnel Present:
Stanley C. Mantooh, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board
Dr. Roger Rice, Deputy Superintendent, Student Services
Dr. Valerie Chrisman, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Misty Key, Associate Superintendent, Fiscal & Administrative Services
Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA
Tom Etchart, Director, Internal Business

Dr. Carlos Dominguez, Director, RSDSS, LCAP Team Member
Aran Burke, Principal, East County Sites, LCAP Team Member
Brett Taylor, Principal, Triton Academy, LCAP Team Member
Emily Mostovoy, Director, Special Education, LCAP Team Member
Nancy Akkerman, Executive Assistant

3. Approval of Agenda
Mr. Bates moved the agenda be approved. Dr. Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously (4:0). Ms. Ulrich was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

While awaiting the arrival of a guest speaker, the Board proceeded with Agenda Item D.

D. HEARINGS

None.

E. CLOSED SESSION

None.

F. PRELIMINARY

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015.
Mr. Bates requested the following correction to the minutes: in Agenda Item L.1,
Ms. Ulrich made the motion and Dr. Flores seconded.

Mr. Bates moved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015, be approved as corrected. Dr. Lisagor seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a 3:0:1 vote, with Mr. Bates, Dr. Flores and Dr. Lisagor voting aye; and Mr. Kunicki abstaining.

The Board proceeded with Agenda Item C.1.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Education Partnership Agreement with Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center, Port Hueneme
Mr. Mantooth noted that on January 26, 2015, the Board approved an Education Partnership agreement with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division. The Ventura County Office of Education will now be signing an Education Partnership Agreement with the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center, Port Hueneme (NAVFAC EXWC). There are currently 30 students participating in a STEM program on the Base supported by this division. Dr. Tiffany Morse has been instrumental in pursuing these partnerships.

Captain Mark Edelson, Civil Engineer Corps, US Navy, and Commanding Officer, NAVFAC EXWC was in attendance. Captain Edelson noted that his military personnel live within the community and their children attend schools in the area, and these agreements will be instrumental in forwarding the education of all students. There are currently 150 openings at the Naval Base for engineers. Naval personnel have been authorized to offer internships to junior college students and summer internships for juniors and seniors; providing an opportunity for on the job experience. These outreach opportunities are very important. NAVFAC EXWC is very excited to be working with the Ventura County Office of Education.

Dr. Flores moved the Board authorize the Education Partnership Agreement with the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, and the motion carried upon a 4:0 vote, with Mr. Bates, Dr. Flores, Dr. Lisagor and Mr. Kunicki voting aye. Ms. Ulrich was absent.

The Board returned to Agenda Item G.1.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from NAACP, Ventura County Chapter, dated June 1, 2015. Response from Mr. Mantooth included.

H. PRESIDENT'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

1. Dr. Flores reported that he attended the Gateway graduation for 13 students.
2. Mr. Kunicki reported that the State budget was passed today, but more work needs to be done.
3. Mr. Mantooth noted the remaining graduation events and encouraged Board members to attend. Staff and students alike are very appreciative when the Board attends.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

J. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

None.

K. CONSENT/ACTION

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Public Hearing on Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (VCOE LCAP)
Dr. Rice reviewed a powerpoint presentation on the background and process of developing the LCAP. Education Code 52066 – 52077 provides the guidelines for the LCAP, including guidelines for stakeholder engagement. Surveys were distributed to parents, students, teachers, and staff, at negotiation consultations, open houses, faculty meetings, and at community meetings. In addition, the survey was posted online. In the end, VCOE had 577 responses.

The LCAP requires that LEAs increase and improve services which are aligned to the goals, that progress be demonstrated and that a three year plan be developed and reviewed annually.

Education Code requires a public hearing be held to solicit the recommendations and comments of the public regarding the proposed VCOE LCAP. School districts and County Offices of Education are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), using a template adopted by the California State Board of Education (SBE). The LCAP identifies how districts and County Offices of Education address the State's priorities and metrics, and how expenditures are in accordance with statutes. The VCOE LCAP has been developed with the input from diverse groups of stakeholders.

a. PUBLIC HEARING on the VCOE LCAP.

Mr. Kunicki opened the Public Hearing on the VCOE LCAP at 6:54 p.m. Hearing no comments, Mr. Kunicki closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The Ventura County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan will be returned for possible adoption on June 22, 2015.

2. Public Hearing on the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget

Mr. Mantooth noted that for tonight's hearing, the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget is presented on required State forms. The forms include the same information that has been presented in Board Budget Study Sessions, just in a different format.

Ms. Key noted that page 3 includes an overview of the total budget. Total revenues of \$98,834,175 are noted. The unrestricted budget is balanced and the restricted budget reflects deficit spending, primarily due to SELPA where money is being given back to the school districts. Ms. Key reminded the Board that the Office is transitioning to a fee-for-services model for revenues and this revenue is treated very conservatively and not included in the budget until contracts are signed and received.

Mr. Kunicki questioned the 17% increase in employee benefits. Ms. Key explained that this is due to both the \$1 million increase in the cost of health insurance and the increase in employer contributions to PERS and STRS pensions.

Page 93 is the combination of restricted and unrestricted funds. An ending balance of \$16 million in the general fund is projected which is adequate to respond to any upcoming fiscal crisis. Mr. Mantooth added that our office does budget conservatively and each year the projections do not materialize.

Mr. Kunicki questioned page 84, which indicates the Criteria and Standards for Salaries and Benefits are “not met.” Ms. Key explained that page 105 shows a 9.34% increase in salary expenditures for 2015-16, and therefore this criteria is “not met”. This increase is due to the addition of 7 special education classrooms and the resulting salary for staff members; the increase in salary and benefits due to the hiring of staff for the Career Education Trust Grant, a \$1 million increase in health insurance; and increases in employer contributions for STRS and PERS.

a. PUBLIC HEARING on the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget.

Mr. Kunicki opened the Public Hearing on the 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget at 7:10 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Mr. Kunicki closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

The 2015-16 County Schools Service Fund Budget will be returned for possible adoption on June 22, 2015.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Mr. Bates noted that the budget study sessions make adoption of the budget much easier, especially with all the changes this year.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Demonstration of BoardDOCS, Electronic Board Agendas and Explanatory Materials (August).
2. Approval of the Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) for No Child Left Behind (August).
3. One to Two-day VCBE Tour of VCOE Facilities (TBD).
4. Consideration of Support for Heidi Weiland for CCBE Member-at-Large, County. (June 22, 2015, requested by Dr. Flores).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, June 22, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, July 27, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved by Board Action on 8/24/15

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