



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 2, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the Special Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 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 Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87499912938?pwd=MHRTWjJObGphMjVsZU1VeXdzUnRzQT09>.

Those in attendance were:

Board President	Mr. Matt Almaraz
Board Vice President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
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 Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve as Amended the agenda, pulling item 6.b to be rescheduled for a later date.

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 Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 9:05 a.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

At 9.29 a.m., Board Vice President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

None.

Public Comments

The following individuals gave a public comment via email or live via Zoom*:

1. Dan Nelson thanked the district for giving the public the opportunity to help fund public education through the General Obligation Bond.

ACTION ITEMS

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

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the administrative recommendation for student re-admission from expulsion and/or suspended order #20-19

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

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

12.b Consideration for Approval of Resolution #22-04, Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Mr. Jon Isom, Financial Advisor, led a discussion regarding whether VUSD should place a General Obligation (GO) Bond on the ballot this year and if so, if it should be placed on the June 2022 or November 2022 ballot. The funds from the GO Bond would be used for capital improvements to classrooms and school facilities. Mr. Isom shared the results of a tracking poll survey that was conducted January 18, 2022 through January 23, 2022 to assess support for the proposed bond measure. The tracking poll included over 400 households and tested voter attitudes regarding the district and tax tolerances for a possible school facilities improvement bond program. The results of the poll showed that support was below the 55% voter approval threshold. Therefore, it was recommended to the Board that the District continue to reach out to and educate the community and consider placing a bond measure on the November ballot. Mr. Isom also recommended doing another tracking survey in May. The board requested to receive the anticipated costs of a second poll in a Friday Memo.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to return to closed session.

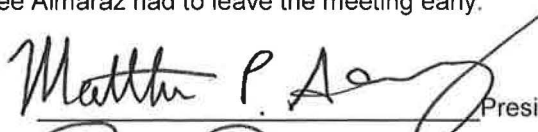
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. to the next Regular Board Meeting on February 8, 2022.

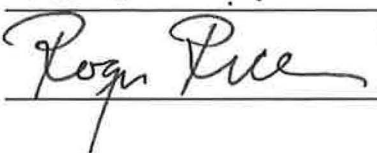
Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan
Noes: None. Absent: Mr. Matt Almaraz* Abstain: None.

*Trustee Almaraz had to leave the meeting early.

APPROVED



President



Secretary