



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 17, 2022  
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

A Special Board Meeting was held on Tuesday May 17, 2022, at 255 W. Stanley Ave. Suite 100, Ventura, CA, 93001, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment via the public comments email address or in-person at the address above. Those in attendance were:

Board President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Vice President	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Board Member	Ms. Amy Callahan
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Ms. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz
General Counsel	Mr. Anthony Ramos

At 2:00 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Velma Lomax, 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. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 2:02 p.m.

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), of Ms. Anna Belitski, as the new Junipero Serra Elementary School Principal.

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

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), of Ms. Courtney Johnson, as the new Cabrillo Middle School Principal,

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

**Public Comments**

The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Carol Peek thanked Dr. Rice for his service and wished him well in his retirement, and thanked all Education Support Professional's (ESP's) for what they do every day.
2. Dan Nelson read a statement from Ventura County Star regarding Dr. Rice's retirement and shared that he is also thankful for all ESP's.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**12.a Board Priorities for the 2022-23 School Year**

The Board and staff engaged in a special study session to discuss the Board Priorities for the 2022-23 school year. Superintendent Dr. Roger Rice, reviewed information from the previous special board meeting that took place on March 14, 2022, including the use of the SWOT activity (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) used with administrators, Principals, and Board Members. Dr. Rice noted that a draft Board Priorities list was shared during the April 12, 2022 Board meeting. Dr. Rice stated that the purpose of today's meeting was to narrow down the priorities, discuss budget implications and staffing implications. There was Board Consensus to keep all six goals on the Executive Summary, making minor revisions to the suggested actions listed under each goal. There was Board consensus to bring back the revised 2022-23 Board Priorities to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for consideration and approval.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went back into closed session at 4:51 p.m.

**Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**

None.

**CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

**15.a Discussion of Search for Superintendent**

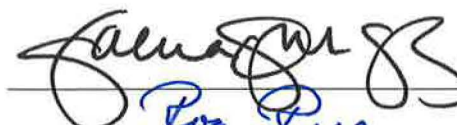
The Board led a discussion on *next steps* in the search for a new Superintendent. There was Board consensus for Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez and Trustee Velma Lomax to serve on a subcommittee for the search. The Board discussed creating a survey to distribute to staff, parents, and community members for their input on what they would like to see in the new Superintendent. The Board noted they would like to have the interview process take place at a non-VUSD location due to privacy, and to take place over the course of two days, with a staff panel, a community panel, and Board panel. The Board had consensus to open up the position to internal candidates only. The subcommittee will work to streamline the process

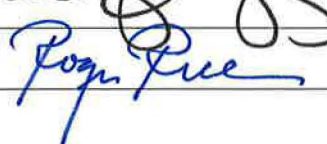
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. until the next Regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on May 24, 2022.

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

APPROVED

  
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President

  
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Secretary