



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
August 23, 2022  
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the ESC Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment in person. 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
Board Member	Mr. Calvin Peterson
Superintendent	Dr. Antonio Castro
Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services	Ms. Rebecca Chandler
Asst. Supt. /Ed. Services	Dr. Greg Bayless
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax,  
Mr. Calvin Peterson  
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 Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 5:02 p.m.

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

**REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 p.m.**

At 7:30 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the public employment/appointment, pursuant to government code section 54957(b), to approve Dr. Soledad Molinar as the new Executive Director of Educational Services.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax,  
Mr. Calvin Peterson

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

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro noted that VUSD's Celebrate event took place this morning at Ventura High School. He expressed his gratitude to the Facilities Department and Food and Nutrition Services Department for all they did to make the event a success.

### Correspondence

None.

### Public Comments

The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Kara Miller regarding current salary negotiations.
2. Michelle Garland regarding current salary negotiations.
3. Carol Peek thanking all ESP's, especially transportation, FNS, and facilities for making today happen.
4. Matt Cherrie regarding current salary negotiations.
5. Sebastien De Clerck regarding current salary negotiations.
6. Dan Nelson regarding current salary negotiations.
7. Steve Strong regarding current salary negotiations.
8. Kevin Downey regarding current salary negotiations.

### ACTION ITEMS

**14.a Request for Board Approval of Proposed Changes, Deletions or Additions to Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit related to Educational Services**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to approve the revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6158 and Exhibit 6158 as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson

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

**14.b Approval of Annual Resolution #22-34 Regarding Independent Study for the 2022-2023 School Year per Board Policy 6158**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Resolution #22-34, regarding Independent Study for the 2022-23 school year, per Board Policy 6158.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson

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

**14.c Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Expulsion**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the administrative recommendation regarding student re-admission for student #22-03 as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson

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

**14.d Administrative Recommendation for Student Re-Admission from Out of District Expulsions**

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the administrative recommendation regarding student re-admission for student #23-A02 as presented.

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

**14.e Nomination for California School Board Association (CSBA) Directors-at-Large, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the nomination of Ms. Amy Callahan for the CSBA Asian Pacific Islander Directors-at-Large position.

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

**CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

**15.a Ventura County Office of Education Quarter 4 Williams Report 2021-22 Fiscal Year**

Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, noted that there were no visits conducted in Quarter 4 for the following schools: Lemon Grove, E.P. Foster, Montalvo, ATLAS, Sheridan Way, and Will Rogers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Trustee Amy Callahan recused herself from consent item #18.e, therefore a separate vote was required.

Trustee Dr. Jerry Dannenberg abstained from item #19.a as he was absent from one of the Board meetings, therefore a separate vote was required.

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve consent item 18.e as presented.

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

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve consent item 19.a as presented.

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

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items 16.a through 18.d and 18.f as presented.

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

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

- 16.a Approval of Variable Term Waiver for BCLAD Spanish Permit
- 16.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year
- 16.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 School Year
- 16.d Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year
- 16.e Approval of Provisional Intern Permits

- 16.f Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2022-23 School Year

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified**

- 17.a Classified Position Changes

**CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES**

- 18.a Ratification of Change Order #1, C3-23 HVAC at Various Sites (Junipero Serra)
- 18.b Ratification of Change Order #1, C2-23 ATLAS K-8 Conversion
- 18.c Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts
- 18.d Ratification of Check Payments
- 18.e Ratification of Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Checks - Limited
- 18.f Donations to Ventura Unified School District and Schools

**CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT**

- 19.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

**BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Mr. Calvin Peterson shared that he attended the freshman orientation at Ventura High School and noted that they did a great job.

Trustee Velma Lomax noted her attendance at the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance meeting where they discussed grant opportunities for up to \$30,000. Ms. Lomax shared that she would forward the PowerPoint from the meeting to the other Trustees.

Trustee Amy Callahan apologized for missing the Celebrate event that took place earlier in the day as she had a family commitment. She noted that she would be attending the upcoming California Latino School Board Association conference this upcoming weekend.

Trustee Dr. Jerry Dannenberg noted his attendance at the recent Eastside Community Council meeting. He shared that he was joined by Dr. Castro who gave an update about Measure E. Dr. Dannenberg also attended a production of Mama Mia at Thatcher school, which included students from VUSD.

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez shared that she met with Ms. Vanessa Rauchenberger, General Manager at Gold Coast Transit. She noted that all students in Ventura County can now ride the bus for free including those attending community college. Ms. Rodriguez also attended the California School Board Associations, Workforce Housing Workshop. She shared that we are waiting to find out if VUSD will be a finalist. Lastly, Ms. Rodriguez will be attending a meeting this Friday at the Ventura SoCal Gas Compressor Station along with other members of the community.

**COMING EVENTS**

- VUSD Celebrate Event: August 23 at VHS
- First Day of School: August 24
- Sa'aliyas Ranch Grand Opening: August 29 at 4:00 p.m.
- ATLAS – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: August 3 at 3:00 p.m.
- Declining Enrollment Committee Meeting: August 31 at 5:00 p.m.
- September 5: Labor Day – School Closed
- Back-to-School Nights:
  - August 30: Poinsettia & Loma Vista
  - August 31: ATLAS, Homestead & Portola
  - September 1: Lincoln, Will Rogers, & Juanamaria

- September 7: Anacapa & Balboa
- September 8: Cabrillo & DATA
- September 12: Montalvo

**FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

- Good Beginning's Workshop - August 30
- Grant Writer & CTE Update - September 27
- Board Conference & Travel - TBD
- Emergency Preparedness - TBD

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

Trustee Lomax shared that she appreciated Dr. Castro and noted that did a great job at today's Celebrate event. Ms. Lomax stated that she enjoyed the student music groups and then commended Dr. Castro on his speech.

Trustee Callahan shared that she is happy about the upcoming Back-to-School nights. She also commented to VUEA and VESPA that we listen and are *Ventura Strong*.

Trustee Rodriguez shared that today's celebration was very moving and a great way to showcase staff and students. Ms. Rodriguez gave a shout-out to the Facilities Department.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reason 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 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to be held on September 13, 2022.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Amy Callahan, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Calvin Peterson

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

APPROVED  President  
 Secretary

