



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 9, 2022
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, August 9, 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. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan 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 (three minutes per speaker)

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 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 5:32 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 - ESC, Board Room- 7:00 p.m.

At 7:29 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for Ms. Mable Askay, kindergarten student at Juanamaria, and Ms. Jennifer Wigg, Office Assistant at E.P. Foster.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

None.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro introduced Dr. Greg Bayless, new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Dr. Elena Garcia-Yoshitomi, new Principal at Portola Elementary School. Dr. Bayless and Dr. Garcia-Yoshitomi, thanked Dr. Castro and the Board, then introduced their families.

Dr. Castro recognized the VUSD Gratitude award recipients for the months of June and July. There were a total of 14 submissions who will receive a certificate of acknowledgment. Four of the individuals were randomly selected and will also receive an Amazon gift card.

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez noted that the Board recently completed a Board Self-Evaluation at the Special Board Meeting held earlier today. She shared that she is thankful for her team and looks forward to continuing to grow together.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comments

The following individual gave a public comment:

1. Ms. Deborah Meyer-Morris congratulated Dr. Castro and Dr. Bayless on their new roles. Ms. Meyer-Morris also discussed the need to include students with disabilities in Advanced Placement courses.

ACTION ITEMS

15.a Certification of Signatures (amended)

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 amended Certification of Signatures as presented.

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

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

15.b Consideration of Resolution #22-33, Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Resolution #22-33, continuing Board of Trustees authority to hold virtual meetings, pursuant to AB361.

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

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

15.c Request for Consideration of a New Course; CTE Con Commercial Photography (FIRST READING)

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 new course: CTE Con Commercial Photography.

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

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

15.d Request for Consideration of the following Revised Courses; String Ensemble II Honors, String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble Honors, and Wind Ensemble (FIRST READING)

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the following revised courses: String Ensemble II Honors, String Ensemble, Wind Ensemble Honors, and Wind Ensemble.

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

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

15.e Equal Opportunity Schools Collaboration Agreement

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the Equal Opportunity Schools Collaboration Agreement as presented.

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

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

15.f Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Services Agreement

Trustee Amy Callahan recused herself from this vote.

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the Northwest Evaluation Association Services Agreement as presented.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Amy Callahan. Abstain: None.

15.g Ratification of Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

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 ratification of the employment contract for Dr. Greg Bayless as the new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services beginning August 1, 2022.

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

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

15.h Consideration of Approval of Increasing the Daily Rate of Certificated Substitute Salary Schedule

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve increasing the daily rate of Certificated Substitute Salary Schedule as presented.

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

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

15.i Substitute Teacher Incentive Rate

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the substitute teacher incentive rate as presented.

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

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

15.j Request for Board Approval of Proposed Changes, Deletions or Additions to Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit related to Educational Services (First Reading):

This item was pulled at the time of the vote and will be brought back to the next Board meeting on August 23, 2022.

15.k 2022-23 Adopted Budget Revisions - 45 Day Update

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the 2022-23 Adopted Budget Revisions - 45 Day Updated Financial Report as presented.

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

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

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

16.a Architect Fencing RFP

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave a brief update on the RFP process and noted that they are currently going out for a bid on the fencing project.

16.b Joint Educational Technology (JET) Review Results

Dr. Rebecca Chandler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave a brief update on recommendations made by the JET review. Dr. Chandler noted that an important first step is to hire an Executive Director of IT, so that the person in that position can work on the best process for tackling all of the other recommendations made by the JET review. She noted that the proposed new position is in the consent items on tonight's agenda

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Item # 21.a was pulled for a separate vote as Trustee Dannenberg was absent from one of the meetings.

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# 21.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 Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items 17 - 20 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- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

17.a Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years

18.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years

18.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 School Year

18.d Ratification of Administration's Approval for Leave of Absence for Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year

18.e Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year

18.f Approval of Variable Term Waiver for BCLAD Spanish Permit

18.g Approval of Variable Term Waiver for CLAD Authorization

18.h Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes

18.i Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Speech - Language Credential

18.j Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Administrative Credential

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

19.a Classified Position Changes

19.b Classified Personnel Changes

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

20.a Resolution #22-32, Authorization to Apply for a Grant From the California Energy Commission for the (CalSHAPE) Program

20.b Ratification of Change Order

20.c Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts

CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

21.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez noted her attendance at the CSBA Leadership Institute in July. She shared that VUSD is one of ten finalists for the Workforce Housing Grant.

Trustee Amy Callahan shared that she would like to attend the upcoming CLSBA conference and will follow up with Dr. Castro.

COMING EVENTS

- District Leadership Team Meeting: August 11
- New Teacher Orientation: August 16
- VUSD Celebrate Event: August 23 at VHS
- First Day of School: August 24
- Sa'aliyas Ranch Grand Opening: August 29
- ATLAS – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: August 30

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Good Beginning's Workshop - August 30
- Grant Writer & CTE Update - September 13
- Board Conference & Travel - TBD

There was Board consensus to add Emergency Preparedness.

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

The Board congratulated Dr. Castro for completing his first Board meeting as Superintendent. They also thanked staff for getting VUSD through these past few difficult years.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no reason to return to closed session.

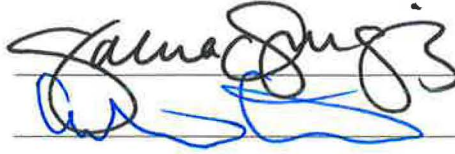
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting to be held on August 23, 2022.

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

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

APPROVED

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President

Secretary