



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
November 8, 2022  
ADOPTED MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the ESC Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment in person or live via Zoom. Streaming was made available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict>. 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. /Ed. Services	Dr. Greg Bayless
Asst. Supt./Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg 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.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**4.a Consideration of Resolution #22-43, 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 #22-43, 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.

**Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

The following individuals gave a public comment on closed session item #7.b, conference with labor negotiators, pursuant to government code section 54957.6:

1. Sebastien Declerck
2. Woody Maxwell
3. Leah Salcedo
4. Michael Adame
5. Michelle Garland
6. Beth Borer
7. Amanda Bowles

**Motion to go to Closed Session**

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session.

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

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

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

At 7:07 p.m., Board President Sabrena Rodriguez called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was held for a VUSD student in need of community support and for a former VUSD teacher who recently passed away.

**Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the public employment, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), of Mr. Thomas Kranzler, as the new Executive Director, Technology 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**

Dr. Castro recognized the VUSD Gratitude Award recipients for October. The Gratitude Awards were designed to recognize exceptional VUSD teachers, employees, volunteers, students, and administrators associated with VUSD. There were a total of 36 submissions that will receive a certificate of acknowledgment. Four individuals were randomly selected to also receive an Amazon gift card.

Dr. Castro gave a shout out to DATA Middle School for hosting elections today. He also thanked the VUSD schools who had events for Día de Los Muertos.

Student Board Members Blossom Van Orman (Sub) representing El Camino High School, Kelsy Randall representing Foothill High School, and Alex Castro representing VACE, gave brief updates on the exciting things happening at their school sites.

**Correspondence**

Board president Sabrena Rodriguez noted that VUSD received correspondence from the Ventura County Office of Education that included an Unaudited Actual Financial Report and letter to the Board President approving the 2021-22 Unaudited Actuals.

**Public Comments**

The following individuals gave a public comment:

1. Kai Cruz regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
2. Jade Reily regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
3. Kayla Madden regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
4. Taylor Craig regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
5. Carol Peek regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
6. Sarah McLaughlin thanking her fellow teachers at J. Serra and her friends and family; regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
7. Doug Kidwell regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
8. Tina Brett regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
9. Sebastien Declerk regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
10. Marieanne Szijj regarding concerns about resources at the Early Intervention Center and recent hires.
11. Jennifer Sullivan-Martin regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
12. Nathan Peterson, Executive Director of Conflict Resolution Institute, extending an offer to work with the VUSD Board, VUEA, and VESPA to help mediate negotiations in a fair manner.
13. Lori Walker regarding negotiations and a salary increase.

14. Mariefe Bouwmann regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
15. Kevin Downey regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
16. Jeri Nava-Maynez regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
17. Jenna White regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
18. Jaime Coates regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
19. Andrew Coates regarding negotiations, a salary increase, and requesting the removal of the VUSD negotiations lawyer.
20. Annette Taylor regarding negotiations, a salary increase, and requesting the removal of the VUSD negotiations lawyer.
21. Nathalia Bernardo regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
22. Steve Strong regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
23. Elizabeth Lopez regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
24. Jaden Elizondo regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
25. Michaela Neumann regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
26. Claudia Steele-Majer regarding fencing around Loma Vista Elementary and requesting public access when students are not present.
27. Ben Kohn regarding concerns with graduation requirements and equity for students and staff.
28. Grace Dunlevy regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
29. Shannon Fredericks regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
30. Kara Miller regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
31. Nathan Carroll regarding fencing around Loma Vista Elementary School, public access to the school, and safety issues with the design of the fencing.
32. Janice Allen regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
33. Elizabeth Mainz regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
34. Cherie Egbert regarding the fencing at Loma Vista.
35. Betsy Manninen regarding negotiations and a salary increase.
36. Dan Nelson regarding negotiations and a salary increase.

## ACTION ITEMS

**15.a Request for Approval of Provisional Intern Permits (PIP) and Waivers**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the provisional Intern permits (PIP) and waivers as presented.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Velma Lomax. Abstain: None.

**15.b Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion with Suspended Order**

It was moved by Ms. Amy Callahan, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the administrative recommendation for student expulsion with suspended order #23-03 as presented.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Velma Lomax. Abstain: None.

**15.c Consideration of Approval of Resolution #22-42 Regarding the CalSHAPE Grant**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Amy Callahan and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve Resolution #22-42 regarding the CalSHAPE grant as presented.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Velma Lomax. Abstain: None.

**15.d Ratification of ENVOLVE Agreement for 2022-23**

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez and passed on a roll call vote of 4 – 0 to approve the ratification of the ENVOLVE agreement for 2022-23 as presented.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ms. Velma Lomax. Abstain: None.

**CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES**

**16.a 2022-23 Draft First Interim Financial Report Presentation**

Fiscal Services Director Ms. Anna Campbell reviewed the 2022-23 Preliminary First Interim Budget Report which will be brought back to the December 13, 2022 Board meeting for final approval. Ms. Campbell reviewed projections from the 2022-23 Adopted Budget that took place in June and the 45 Day Budget Revision that occurred in August. Ms. Campbell shared changes to the budget that occurred in September, including an additional 6.28% COLA Augmentation and a reduction in revenue due to the first month actual student attendance and calculated ADA decline. Ms. Campbell noted that in November, the Augmentation COLA increased from 6.28% to 6.7%. Lastly, Ms. Campbell reviewed projected LCFF supplemental and concentration grants, projected LCFF base grants, and projected first interim new expenditures.

**16.b Future of the Education Service Center (ESC)**

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro shared that VUSD staff is meeting with City of Ventura staff on November 17 to discuss potential utilization of the ESC property and requested Board direction about possible uses of the property. There was Board consensus to explore potential use of the ESC for workforce housing. The Board also suggested getting feedback from members of the Westside Council.

**CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT**

**17.a Board Appointed Committees and Board Meetings Dates/Structure for 2023**

Board President Sabrena Rodriguez led a discussion regarding perspective meeting dates, the structure of the board meetings, and board-appointed committees for 2023. Two drafts of 2023 meeting dates were discussed. Draft A followed the same format as the current year. Draft B would reduce several months to one Board meeting only. The Board discussed having one Board rep serve on each committee. They also suggested the idea of including additional community organizations such as the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and Lion's Club. This item will be brought back for further discussion/approval at the December 13, 2022 board meeting.

**CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**18.a Preview of VUSD's Master Schedule and Staffing for 2023-24 School Year Timeline**

Dr. Greg Bayless, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, gave an update on the master scheduling and staffing timeline for the 2022-23 school year. Dr. Bayless noted that March 15, 2023, is the deadline to notify teachers and staff of Reduction in Force (RIF) and Notice of Termination. Therefore, secondary students' course requests in Q need to be completed by February 2023 so that preliminary staff allotments to all sites based on projected enrollment can be done before the March 15 deadline. Dr. Bayless explained the fundamentals of secondary master scheduling. He noted that all high schools receive a staffing allotment of "sections" (classes/periods) based on a 35:1 student:teacher ratio. He shared the difficulties of Master Scheduling when too few or too many students request a specific class. Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro reviewed staffing prioritization protocols that will begin in the 2023-23 school year.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 21.e was pulled for a separate vote.

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 3 – 0 to approve consent item #21.e as presented.

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

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 items #19 - 21.d and 22.a - 23.a as presented.

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

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated**

- 19.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year
- 19.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2022-23 School Year
- 19.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2022-23 School Year

**CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified**

- 20.a Classified Personnel Changes
- 20.b Classified Position Changes
- 20.c Winter Recess Leave for Classified Employees

**CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES**

- 21.a Mound Elementary Mural
- 21.b Ratification of Change Order
- 21.c Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts
- 21.d Ratification of Check Payments
- 21.e Ratification of Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Checks - Limited

**CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- 22.a Ratification and Out of the Tri-County Field Trips

**CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT**

- 23.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

**BOARD REPORTS**

None.

**COMING EVENTS**

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro noted the following coming events:

- Veteran's Day: November 11 – District Closed
- Thanksgiving Day & Board Holiday: November 24 & 25 – District Closed
- Special Education Department Advisory Committee (SEDAC): December 2 at 9:00 a.m.
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting: December 6 at 9:30 a.m.
- District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting: December 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- African American Parent Committee (AAPC): December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- School of Choice Applications due by December 2

Board President Sabrena Rodriguez shared that Buena High School and Ventura High School are having theaters productions this week.

**FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

- Board Travel & Expenses - Jan/Feb
- Emergency Preparedness - TBD
- Staffing - TBD

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

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no need 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 4 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m., until the next regularly schedule board meeting to take place on December 13, 2022.

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

APPROVED

  
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President

  
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Secretary