



**October 5, 2023**  
**Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Mr. Calvin Peterson  
Mr. James Forsythe  
Mrs. Alicia LaVere

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Dr. Antonio Castro

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**WELCOME TO THE**  
**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

The Board of Education holds their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.

The Board may consider and act on an agenda item in a different order or an item may be considered earlier or later than the estimated time. Additionally, discussion of the agenda items may be postponed to a future meeting.

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**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2023**  
Ventura Unified School District  
ESC - Board Room  
255 W. Stanley Ave. Suite 100  
Ventura, CA 93001

1. **OPENING PROCEDURE - Board Room - 9:30 a.m.**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call:**  
**Sabrina Rodriguez, President** \_\_\_\_, **Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Vice-President** \_\_\_\_, **Calvin Peterson** \_\_\_\_, **James Forsythe** \_\_\_\_, **Alicia LaVere** \_\_\_\_, **Dr. Antonio Castro, Superintendent** \_\_\_\_

5. **Adoption of Agenda**  
Moved:  
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
LaVere \_\_\_\_, Forsythe \_\_\_\_, Peterson \_\_\_\_, Dannenberg \_\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_\_

6. **REGULAR SESSION - Board Room**
7. **Public Comments**

Public comments are welcome and encouraged by the Board within reasonable meeting time considerations in order to conduct the District's business. Public comments may only be given on agendized items for special board meetings. Persons wishing to address the Board should complete a "speaker form" and turn it into the recording secretary. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes on any agenda item with a cumulative total of five minutes for all agenda items. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Also, speakers will not be allowed to give their time to other speakers. Public Comments on **agendized items** will be heard after the relevant agenda item is presented by staff and discussed by the board; please indicate the agenda item on your speaker card. Please note, the Board is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.

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**8. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Staff presentation
2. Board questions
3. Public comment
4. Board deliberation
5. Board action

8.a [Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement \(First Reading\)](#)

On September 27, 2023, the District reached tentative collective bargaining agreements with the Ventura Unified Educators Association (VUEA) and the Ventura Education Support Professionals Association (VESPA). The membership of both associations subsequently ratified the agreements. Before the Board of Education's approval of a collective bargaining agreement, the Education Code requires school districts to prepare a Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement utilizing a format developed for that purpose. The Disclosure includes a summary of the major non-compensation changes to the current agreement, and a financial analysis of the compensation terms, including how the school district will fund the agreement in the current and future years. The Disclosure must be submitted to the County Office of Education for their review and comment. Upon reaching tentative agreements with VUEA and VESPA, District staff submitted the Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) for their review and comment. On October 2nd, 2023, the District received a letter from Dr. Cesar Morales, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools commenting on the Disclosure. The letter indicates VCOE's opinion that the District can continue to meet its financial obligations after implementation of the agreements. A copy of the Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement, and the letter from Dr. Morales follows. Staff recommends the board take action to approve the Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with both VUEA and VESPA.

Moved:  
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
LaVere \_\_, Forsythe \_\_, Peterson \_\_, Dannenberg \_\_, Rodriguez \_\_

**Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services**

8.b [Ventura Unified School District \(VUSD\) and Ventura Unified Education Association \(VUEA\) Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) - \(First Reading\)](#)

Consideration for approval of the attached VUSD and VUEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Moved:  
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
LaVere \_\_, Forsythe \_\_, Peterson \_\_, Dannenberg \_\_, Rodriguez \_\_

**Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services**

8.c [Ventura Unified School District \(VUSD\) and Ventura Education Support Professionals Association \(VESPA\) Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) - \(First Reading\)](#)  
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Moved:  
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
LaVere\_\_\_, Forsythe\_\_\_, Peterson\_\_\_, Dannenberg\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_

**Ms. Gina Wolowicz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Human Resources**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved:  
Seconded:

ROLL CALL VOTE:  
LaVere\_\_\_, Forsythe\_\_\_, Peterson\_\_\_, Dannenberg\_\_\_, Rodriguez \_\_\_