



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 1, 2024
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Special Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, 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:

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| Board President | Dr. Jerry Dannenberg |
| Board Vice President | Mr. Calvin Peterson |
| Board Member | Mr. James Forsythe |
| Board Member | Ms. Alicia LaVere |
| Board Member | Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez |
| Superintendent | Dr. Antonio Castro |
| Asst. Supt. /Bus. Services | Mr. Ahsan Mirza |
| Asst. Supt/Human Resources | Ms. Gina Wolowicz |

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Alicia LaVere, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe, Alicia LaVere
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

REGULAR SESSION - Board Room

At 4:00 p.m., Board President Dr. Jerry Dannenberg called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments

The following individuals gave a public comment regarding item # 8.a:

1. Ryan Grau would like VUSD to have open bidding in order to stretch bond money.
2. Russell Johnson against a PLA.
3. Laurie Bennett against a PLA.
4. Kasey Lorange in favor of a PLA.
5. Joshua Merano in favor of a PLA.
6. Daniel Ford in favor of a PLA.
7. Anthony Ventura Jr. in favor of a PLA.
8. Anthony Ventura Sr. in favor of a CWA.
9. Scott Zimmerman in favor of a CWA.
10. Rich Niday in favor of a PLA.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

8.a Project Labor Agreement Discussion

Mr. Brent Garrett, Esq. from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, and Romo (aalrr), presented background information on Project Labor Agreements (PLA's), also known as a Community Workforce Agreement (CWA). Mr. Garrett discussed who can enter into a PLA, the typical terms in a PLA, and the pros and cons of entering into a PLA. He noted that if the district decided to move forward with a PLA, the district would need to hire a coordinator to monitor bond projects and local hires.

The board took a recess from 5:32 p.m. to 5:38 p.m.

There was Board consensus to move forward in negotiating a PLA to be brought back for Board consideration and approval. The Board noted there would be an additional opportunity for community members to provide feedback. The Board also stressed the importance of hiring local utilizing Measure E monies to benefit our community.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled board meeting to be held on February 13, 2024.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Mr. Calvin Peterson, Mr. James Forsythe, Alicia LaVere

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

APPROVED *David Dannenberg* President
 Calvin Peterson Secretary