



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 23, 2024
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Call to Order

The Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the ESC Board Room, where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment in person. Streaming of the meeting was available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict/streams>. Those in attendance were:

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. /Ed. Services	Dr. Greg Bayless
Asst. Supt/Human Resources	Ms. Gina Wolowicz

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve as amended the agenda with the following amendment: On item 17.a, items 9, 10, and 11 on the contracts list were removed.

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

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Alicia LaVere and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 4:32 p.m.

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 - 6:00 p.m.

At 6:08 p.m., Board President Dr. Jerry Dannenberg 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. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve an agreement with employee reference # 2014064.

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

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro recognized the VUSD School Board Members in honor of National School Board Recognition Month and presented them a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Castro recognized the VUSD Gratitude Award recipients for December. The Gratitude Awards are designed to recognize exceptional VUSD teachers, employees, volunteers, students, and administrators. There were a total of 17 submissions that will receive a certificate of acknowledgment. Three individuals were randomly selected to also receive an Amazon gift card.

Student Board Members Sienna Mody, representing El Camino High School, Rhea Gill, representing Foothill High School, and Elizabeth Lopez, representing VACE, gave brief updates on the exciting things happening at their school sites.

Correspondence

12.a Ventura County Office of Education

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro noted that VUSD received correspondence from Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) regarding the Eligibility for Differentiated Assistance Under California's School Accountability System.

12.b Ventura County Office of Education

Superintendent Dr. Antonio Castro noted that VUSD received correspondence from Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) stating that it agreed with VUSD's Positive Certification of the first interim report.

Public Comments

The following individual gave a general public comment:

1. Cherie Egbert shared that the Ventura Council PTA was awarded one of eight National PTA grants to enhance school and family engagement.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

15.a Request for Consideration of Revised Course: AP Computer Science Principles (First Read)

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 revised course AP Computer Science Principles as presented.

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

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

15.b Request for Consideration of New Course - PILOT Accelerated 6th Grade Math (First Read)

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 new course Accelerated 6th Grade Math as presented.

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

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

15.c Presentation of Site-Specific Prop 28 Plans for Board Approval (First Read)

No motion was made. There was Board consensus to bring this item back for consideration and approval at a future Board meeting.

15.d Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion Readmission

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 administrative recommendation for student expulsion readmission # 23-06 as presented.

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

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

ACTION - HUMAN RESOURCES - CLASSIFIED

16.a Revisions to Exempt Salary Schedule (First Read)

It was moved by Mr. Calvin Peterson, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the revisions to the Exempt Salary Schedule as presented.

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

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

ACTION - BUSINESS SERVICES

17.a Request for Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000 (First Read)

It was moved by Alicia LaVere, seconded by Mr. James Forsythe and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve as amended the contracts exceeding \$25,000 with the following amendment: Line items 9, 10, and 11, were removed from the list.

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

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

CONFERENCE ITEMS

CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

18.a 2023 California School Dashboard Presentation

Dr. Greg Bayless, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the 2023 California School Dashboard Report and noted that additional information can be found <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/>. Dr. Bayless reviewed California Dashboard Indicators comparing data from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years and comparing performance data between VUSD and the state of California. Dr. Bayless noted the scores take into consideration participation scores; any less than 95% participation and students are given the Lowest Obtainable Scale Score (LOSS) which can skew results. Dr. Bayless noted that there were two groups of students that triggered the need for differentiated assistance: foster youth and homeless. There was Board consensus to have a future study session regarding the Dashboard results and VUSD's plan to address the areas of concern.

The Board took a short recess at 7:54 p.m. and returned at 8:02 p.m.

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

19.a Report Regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report Pursuant to AR 1312.4 For Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Ms. Gina Wolowicz noted that no complaints were filed with any school in the district for the quarter ending December 31, 2023.

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

20.a Personnel Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report

Ms. Andrea Crouch, Director of Classified Human Resources, and Ms. Anne Campbell, Board

Appointee to the Commission, presented on the approved 2022-23, Personnel Commission Annual Report. The full report can be found at <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1705524913/venturausdorg/vwczaggy92toyipdx0d/Letters2023.pdf>.

***This item was moved up to follow item #13.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Alicia LaVere, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items 21 through 25 as presented.

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

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

CONSENT- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 21.a Administrative Recommendation for Education Code Section 51241 (Permanent Exemption from Physical Education) VUSD Local Graduation Requirement
- 21.b Administrative Recommendation to Waive Board Policy 6146.1 (High School Graduation Requirements)
- 21.c Ratification Request for Waiver of Administrative Regulation 6153 Requirement for Certificate of Insurance
- 21.d Overnight, Out of the Tri-County and Ratification Field Trips

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 22.a Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2023-24 School Year
- 22.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations, Retirements and Release for Certificated Personnel for the 2023-24 School Year

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

- 23.a Classified Personnel Changes
- 23.b Classified Position Changes

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 24.a Notice of Completion for C2-C4 Juanamaria HVAC
- 24.b Consideration of Balboa Middle School Mural, "Explore Balboa"
- 24.c Consideration of Continuation of Pierpont Elementary School Mural, "Coastal Wonders"
- 24.d Ratification of Purchase Orders and Contracts
- 24.e Ratification of Check Payments
- 24.f Ratification of Change Order #1, E2-23 JV Softball Field Site Improvements
- 24.g Ratification of Change Order #1, E5-24 Sand Volleyball Court Installation at Ventura High School

CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT

25.a Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Sabrena Rodriguez shared that she, along with Dr. Castro, participated in an interview for the second round of CSBA Educator Workforce Housing (EWH). If VUSD is selected, they would be part of cohort 2.0 which would provide guidance and training regarding EWH.

Trustee James Forsythe shared that he spoke at a Justice for All Women's March regarding the importance of public education and literacy.

Trustee Jerry Dannenberg noted his attendance at the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

- Teacher of the Month Celebration: January 30, 3:00 p.m. at Balboa
- Special Board Meeting: February 1, 4:00 p.m.
- LCAP Advisory Meeting: February 1, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting: February 2, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- African American Parent Committee (AAPC) Meeting: February 15, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC) Meeting: February 23, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- Historic Preservation, Washington School SBM - February 20 at 4:00 p.m.
- Arts Master Plan Update - TBD

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

None.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to go back to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Calvin Peterson and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 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



President



Secretary