



**WELCOME TO THE VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
7-11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, August 29, 2024  
3:00pm  
Ventura USD- ESC- Board Room  
255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite 100  
Ventura, CA 93001**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
  - A. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Daniel Flores, at 3:05pm.
2. Roll Call
  - A. Members present: Stephanie Caldwell, Cherie Egbert, Daniel Flores, Brad Golden, Jorge DeLeon and Tanner Shelton.
  - B. Members absent: Louis Cunningham and Christina Montero.
  - C. Support staff present: Dr. Ahsan Mirza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Board President; Sabrena Rodriguez, Board Member; Stephen McLoughlin, Legal Counsel; Vicki Cortez, Executive Assistant.
3. Adoption of Agenda
  - A. Motion made by: Jorge DeLeon  
Motion seconded by: Cherie Egbert  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
4. Public Comments
  - A. The following individuals gave public comment:
    - 1) Liz Campos in support of the proposed special needs trade school.
    - 2) Davina Decant shared her support of the waiver request and in favor of supporting the community with her plan of providing a special needs trade school.
    - 3) Helen Eloyan, in favor of economic development, fair and safe housing, and supports Industry Horror's special needs trade school on the Avenue.
    - 4) Kim Vander Linden shared a story/ rhetoric that stated the importance of seeking answers by being hands on.
    - 5) Ricardo Torres from the Housing Authority shared that they have an interest in surplus properties.
    - 6) Spencer Noren stated that his focus is community enrichment and noted that he values park space and open space.

- 7) Natalie Oman stated that the Washington School and Avenue School were built for educational purposes. She states that Avenue School should be used as a work study program and supports the proposed special needs trade school program for Avenue School.
- 8) Ashley Stutzman stated that she is for green space for the community and supports VCCS. She notes that she is in support of the proposed special needs trade school plan for Avenue School.
- 9) Ellen Henderson shared that she is in support of VCCS and noted the importance of green space and the historic merit of Washington School.
- 10) Doug Kidwell agrees with open space. He noted that he would support an idea like Kellogg Park within the community.

5. Conference

- A. Discuss Waiver Request to the State Board of Education for the Potential Disposition of the Following Surplus Properties:
  - 1) Committee Member Tanner Shelton recused himself due to his new employment as to not be a conflict of interest.
  - 2) Mr. Stephen McLoughlin began discussion regarding the request for the waiver. Mr. McLoughlin shared that the purpose of this committee meeting is to report back to the State that the committee is in consensus with the request of the waiver. He shared that the VUSD Board of Education opted to apply for the waiver so that the Request for Proposal (RFP) process could be initiated. A committee member stated that he supported the waiver but would be open to the two surplus properties that are not school sites going the traditional route and not utilize the waiver if necessary to save time.
  - 3) Mr. McLoughlin made a final request for consensus of the committee to recommend the waiver process to proceed and asked if any members objected to the waiver. All members concurred and supported continuing to seek a waiver for the following properties:
    1. the Education Services Center, located at 255 West Stanley Avenue, Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001
    2. the former Avenue Elementary, located at 2647 North Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001
    3. the Jewett Estate property, located south of Telephone Road, north of Bristol Rd., east of Tamarin, Ventura, CA 93003,

4. the Sudden Estate property, located between Foothill Road and Telegraph Road, west of Saticoy Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004.

5. the former Washington School Site, located at 96 MacMillan Avenue, Ventura CA 93001

6. Adjourned at 4:10pm.

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Motion seconded by: Jorge DeLeon  
Voting: Unanimously Approved