

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board Meeting will be held at the
VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center
Board Room
5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo
(805) 383-1900

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AGENDA NO. 08-07

Date: Monday, March 24, 2008

OPEN SESSION 6:00 p.m. ±

Times are approximate and are provided for convenience only.
Open Session items may be re-ordered.

**Speaker requests will be accepted 5 minutes prior to the item coming up on the agenda.
Adjournment will be no later than 9:00 p.m. (Unless extended by Board Action)**

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
Moment of Reflection.
2. Roll Call and Acknowledgment of Guests.
3. Approval of Agenda.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Speaker request forms will only be accepted up to 15 minutes after opening call to order.)

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. PRELIMINARY

1. Second Reading and Possible Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 13, 2008.
Suggested revisions are noted in Bold, Italics.
2. Second Reading and Possible Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of February 25, 2008.
Suggested revisions are noted in Bold, Italics.
3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008.

E. INTERVIEWS FOR PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT, TRUSTEE AREA #5

1. Candidate Interviews, Nominations, and Selection of Provisional Appointee to Board Seat for Trustee Area #5 – DISCUSSION / ACTION
Effective February 1, 2008, Mr. Ron Matthews, Trustee Area #5, resigned his seat on the Ventura County Board of Education. On January 28, 2008, the Board took action to fill the vacancy for Trustee Area #5 by provisional appointment. The Provisional Board Trustee, Area #5, will serve until November 28, 2008.

In accordance with the adopted timeline, the position was advertised in the local media, and application packets were made available beginning February 4, 2008. One qualified application was received by March 7, 2008, the initial deadline for submission of applications. The Board President then extended this deadline to 12:00 p.m., March 24, 2008. Candidate packets have been reviewed to determine that all eligibility requirements were met – applicant must be a registered voter, resident of the Trustee area, and must not be an employee of the Ventura County Office of Education or any school district in Ventura County.

All eligible candidates that are in attendance will be interviewed, and nominations will be reviewed. Candidates will be seated in sequential order according to a number drawn upon arrival. Candidates will be allowed to make a three-minute timed presentation on their resume and/or reasons for desiring to be a provisional appointee to Trustee Area #5. The Board President will then ask questions of the candidates, with candidates having two minutes to respond. Board members may elect to ask follow-up questions based upon specific information provided by an individual candidate. The following candidates (in alphabetical order) will be interviewed:

- **Leon Elder**
- **Edward Vega**
- **Other Candidates submitting applications by Noon, 3/24/08**

At the completion of the interview process, the Board may take action to select and approve the provisional appointee for Trustee Area #5 – Major portions of Oxnard / El Rio / Colonia area. The duties and powers of the position will be conferred upon the appointee immediately upon selection.

F. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subdivision (a)
Case No. 56-2007-00303071-CU-WM-VTA
Petition for Writ of Administrative Mandamus and Complaint for Declaratory Relief, filed by Fillmore Unified School District.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence addressed specifically to the Ventura County Board of Education. Correspondence addressed to individual Board members will be delivered/mailed to them directly.)

1. Correspondence of the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization (requested by the Board of Education): March 14, 2008 e-mail from Ken Prosser to the County Committee titled, “State board of Education Action Relating to Camarillo Unification.”

H. PRESIDENT’S AND BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

(Reports by Board members regarding their individual activities affecting the Office pursuant to Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(a)).

1. Upcoming Events
April 30, 6:00 p.m. VCSBA Dinner Meeting, CESC
May 4, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ROP Car Show
May 28, 7:40 a.m., 12:50 & 3:00 p.m. ROP Student BBQs
June 4, 6:00 p.m. ROP Graduation, Camarillo High School
June 10, 6:00 p.m. Phoenix Graduation & Banquet, CESC
June 11, 12:00 p.m. Phoenix Moorpark, Culmination / Graduation
June 13, 5:30 p.m. Gateway Graduation, CESC
TBD..... Boswell Graduation
TBD..... Dwire Completion Ceremony

I. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

(The Superintendent will report on the activities of the Office since the previous Board meeting.)

J. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff, may discuss current legislation of particular interest to the Ventura County schools.)

K. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Travel Expense Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's Travel Expense Claims for February 2008.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. First Reading and Possible Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 9121, Official Duties – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)
On February 25, 2008, the Board requested Board Legal Counsel research Board Policy 9121, items 10 and 11, which have been interpreted as restricting access to the contracted services of legal counsel to the Board President or his or her designee. Board Legal Counsel will provide input / has drafted possible revisions to this Policy. The Board will review the suggested revisions of Legal Counsel and take action as appropriate.
2. First Reading and Possible Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 9250, Compensation – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)
On February 25, 2008, the Board discussed possible revisions to Board Policy 9250, Compensation, as it relates to reimbursement for Board travel. Board Legal Counsel has drafted possible revisions to this Policy. The Board will review the suggested revisions of Legal Counsel and take action as appropriate.
3. Continued Review of Board Policy Series 9000, Board Bylaws, with Board Legal Counsel – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION (15 minutes)
On February 25, 2008, the Board began a review Board Policy Series 9000, Board Bylaws. The Board will continue their review of this Board Policy series. Individual Board members may request additional input and discussion on any of the Policies contained within this series, or request additional research by Board Legal Counsel. The public may address this agenda item.
4. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
The February statements for services, provided by Board Legal Counsel, John Hayashida and Henry Kraft, pertaining to the pending case with Fillmore Unified, and review of Board Policy Series 9000, Bylaws, is attached for the Board's information and review.

5. School Safety Plans – INFORMATION (10 minutes)
All Ventura County Office of Education operated schools have established Comprehensive School Safety Plans. In accordance with Board Policy No. 0450, safety plans are reviewed on an annual basis by the school safety planning committee, modified as needed, and changes are approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Changes will be reviewed at the Board meeting. Complete school safety plans will be available for review in the Superintendent's Conference Room for the next 30 days.

6. School Accountability Report Cards – INFORMATION (20 minutes)
Beginning with the 1989-90 school year, Proposition 98 required the governing board of California school districts to annually issue a School Accountability Report Card for elementary and secondary schools under their jurisdiction. These Report Cards are presented in a State directed format, and are designed to inform the public on specific items defined by legislation as well as any other data about the schools that the principal feels is important for their community to know. The 2006-07 School Accountability Report Cards are presented for information.

M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2(a) states: "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.")

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Per Board Policy 9320, the Superintendent [as Ex-Officio Secretary of the Board], in conjunction with the Board President, shall prepare the Agenda for each regular and special meeting of the Board. Board members may request items be placed on the agenda by notifying the Superintendent of the request at least 12 days prior to the date of the next scheduled meeting. The Superintendent and the Board President shall review the requested agenda items and determine the items to be placed on the agenda. Any requested agenda item not placed on the agenda by the Superintendent and Board President may be brought to the next Board meeting. The majority vote of the Board shall determine if the item will be placed on a future agenda.)

1. Posting of Board Policies and other Board information on website (Requested by Mr. Valenzano, TBD).

2. Request for Letter to State Board of Education addressing Accuracy in Textbooks (Requested by Mr. Olson on 1/28/08, Public Comments. TBD).

3. Subcommittee on Teacher Housing (Requested by Mr. Kunicki on 2/13/08, TBD).

4. Board-Hosted Event for Countywide Business Owners to Highlight VCOE Regional Occupational Program, to be held at the Conference Center (Requested by Mr. Kunicki, TBD).
5. Discussion and/or Possible Adoption of Resolutions in Support of HR4355 (Boozman) and HR1017 (Dingell), Medicaid; HR2925 (Gallegly), Gifted and Talented Education, and other Proposed Legislation. (Requested by Mrs. Peterson on 2/13/08, TBD).

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2008 (*Budget Study Session*)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, April 28, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Monday, May 12, 2008 (Budget Study Session)***
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Monday, May 19, 2008***
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Bold, Italics Denotes Modified Schedule

P. ADJOURNMENT

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1. Conejo Valley Unified School District, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks
2. Ojai Unified School District, 414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai
3. Oxnard School District, 1051 S. A Street, Oxnard
4. Santa Paula School District, 201 S. Steckel Drive, Santa Paula
5. Simi Valley Unified School District, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley
6. Ventura Unified School District, 255 West Stanley Avenue, Ventura

Copies of specific explanatory materials can be requested by contacting the office at (805) 383-1900.