

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. 08-09

Date: Monday, April 28, 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. CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 --
One Potential Case

E. PRELIMINARY

- 1. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
- 2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 9, 2008.

F. 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. Letter, dated April 14, 2008, from Dr. Glen Thomas, former Executive Director of CCSESA, offering his services in the process to replace Dr. Chuck Weis.
- 2. Letter, dated April 4, 2008, from Capitol Venture, LLC., providing reports filed with the Secretary of State for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2007 on behalf of the Ventura County Board of Education.
- 3. E-mail, dated April 20, 2008, from Mr. Valenzano, to Board members, titled, “Resignation” and appointing a subcommittee to begin the process of appointing a new Superintendent of Schools.
- 4. E-mail, dated April 20, 2008, from Mrs. Peterson, responding to Mr. Valenzano’s e-mail titled, “Resignation”. Mr. Bates’ response is also included.

G. 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 20, 5:45 p.m. BTSA Gala, Reagan Library
 May 28, 7:40 a.m., 12:50 & 3:00 p.m. ROP Student BBQs
 June 3, 6:00 p.m. Boswell Graduation, Boswell
 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, 10:00 a.m. Triton Graduation, Triton Academy
June 13, 5:30 p.m. Gateway Graduation, CESC
TBD..... Dwire Completion Ceremony

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

I. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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

J. CONSENT/ACTION

1. Temporary Certificates
Administration recommends the Board approve 210 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
2. Travel Expense Claim
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent’s Travel Expense Claims for March 2008.

K. PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Process to be Used to Appoint a County Superintendent of Schools – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (30 minutes)
On April 17, 2008, Dr. Charles Weis, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools since 1993, tendered a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2008. Per Education Code 1042, the County Board may fill by appointment any vacancy that occurs during the term of office of the County Superintendent of Schools. The County Superintendent has developed a list of suggested criteria that the Board is invited to utilize in their appointment process. This criteria is included in the explanatory materials for this item. Action of the Board to be determined.

2. Resolution of the Ventura County Board of Education Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering Consolidation with Other Elections, and Constituting “Specification of the Election Order” to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 – INFORMATION / ACTION (5 minutes)
Pursuant to Election Code Section 1302(b) and Education Code Section 5340, a consolidated election is required to be held for Governing board Members and County Office of Education trustees who terms expire on the first Friday in December. The purpose of the election is to elect two regular term vacancies to the Ventura County Board of Education – Trustee Area # 3 and Trustee Area #5. Mr. Valenzano and Mr. Elder will be up for election on this date. Administration recommends that the Board adopt the resolution as presented.
3. Ventura County Plan for Career & Technical Education Course Sequencing – INFORMATION (15 minutes)
AB2448 (Hancock) and Education Code 52302 requires that the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), school districts, and community colleges develop a plan for sequencing Career and Technical Education courses. ROP has been working with districts and the community colleges to develop the plan which will be presented to the boards of each educational institution for public hearings and adoption. At the May 19, 2008 Board meeting, staff from the ROP will make a presentation on the Ventura County Plan for Career & Technical Education Course Sequencing followed by a public hearing and a recommendation for adoption.
4. Williams and Valenzuela / CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Education Code 35186 stipulates that the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. Effective January 1, 2008, the requirements of the Valenzuela /CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement, that applicable students are to receive appropriate CAHSEE intensive instruction and services, was added to this report. The report includes the number of complaints, by general subject area, with the number resolved and unresolved complaints. The report shall be conveyed publicly, on a quarterly basis, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Williams Coordinator for the Ventura County Office of Education presents the quarterly report for January 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008, which shows no complaints filed during this period.
5. First Reading and Possible Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 9250, Compensation – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION (15 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.

6. 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.
7. Discussion of Possible Letters to Legislators and Governor's Office regarding the school funding issues – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)
Board Member Kunicki requested this agenda item, with possible action to be taken by the Board.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on SCA 17 (Simitian), Parcel Taxes – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)
At their April 9, 2008 meeting, Mr. Kunicki requested that the Board agendize a discussion of whether the Board supports SCA17 (Simitian), Parcel Taxes, and its proposed dropping of the percentage of votes needed to approve parcel taxes. A resolution could then be adopted that would be forwarded to Senator Simitian. Action of the Board to be determined.
9. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
The March 2008 statements for services, provided by Board Legal Counsel, Henry Kraft, pertaining to both general services requested and pending litigation, is attached for the Board's information and review.

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

O. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Monday, June 30, 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.