

# 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. 08-19

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2008

OPEN SESSION: 8:00 a.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 10:00 a.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**

None.

**E. PRELIMINARY**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 28, 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. E-mail notification from Vista Real Charter High School of upcoming Board meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. July 1, 2008 letter to Mr. Valenzano from Mr. Prosser, VCOE School Business and Advisory Services, pertaining to proposed Camarillo Unification measure and November 4, 2008 ballot arguments. Also included are the Impartial Analysis prepared by County Counsel; Statement of Official Information and Statistics prepared by VCOE; and Arguments “for” and “against” the recommendation.
- 3. July 28, 2008 letter from Parker & Covert, LLP, regarding payment of sanctions award.
- 4. August 1, 2008 letter from CSBA requesting nominations for Directors-at-Large, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic.

**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  
December 3 – 6, 2008. .... CSBA Annual Conference, San Diego

The CSBA Annual Conference Guide was mailed to Board members in late July. The CSBA Housing Bureau will begin accepting housing reservations on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. This year’s headquarter hotel, the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, will have limited rooms available for early reservation. Reservations are non-refundable. Board members should contact the Office by August 18, 2008 if they plan to attend the CSBA Annual Conference.

**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**

None.

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. Review of Social Science Textbooks for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools – INFORMATION (10 minutes)

The high school programs at Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools have selected their social sciences textbooks and are presented to the Board for review and future adoption. The textbooks recommended are all published by Pearson-Prentice Hall. The titles presented for adoption are:

World History – The Modern World  
United States History – Modern America  
Magruder’s American Government  
Economics – Principles in Action

Copies of the textbooks and recommended support materials will be available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Administrative Services Center, Upstairs Lobby, 5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, beginning August 13, 2008, and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of September 22, 2008. In addition, copies of the recommended textbooks will be given to each Board member at the meeting. The Board and general public are encouraged to view these items.

2. Request to Approve a Student Waiver for the Math Portion of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)

Student No. 5060324, a senior special education student attending Phoenix School, took and passed the math portion of the CAHSEE with modifications. Education Code Section 60851(c) establishes a waiver process for students who take one or both parts of the CAHSEE with a modification and have received the equivalent of a passing score. If a student takes one or both parts of the CAHSEE with an accommodation and earns a score of 350 or higher, then the student has passed that part of the exam. As long as all other graduation requirements have been met, the student is eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Student No. 5060324 has met the all requirements previously listed, as well as meeting the graduation requirements of the State of California and the Ventura County Office of Education. Administration recommends the Board approve a student waiver for the Math portion of the CAHSEE for Student No. 5060324.

3. Awarding of Contract for Completion of Unimproved Space at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference & Educational Services Center – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)  
Public Contract Code Section 20111 requires any contract for a public project, involving an expenditure of \$15,000 or more, to be competitively bid. Bids for completion of unimproved space at the Conference & Educational Services Center were opened at 3:00 p.m. on July 16, 2008. The name of the lowest responsible bidder, the bid amount, and the award recommendation from staff are included in the Board packet. The Board has the option to either award the contract for completion of unimproved space at the Conference & Educational Services Center to the lowest responsible bidder or to reject all bids.
4. First Reading and Possible Approval of Revisions to Board Policy No. 2126, Setting and Adjustment of Salary for Superintendent of Schools – DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)  
At their July 9, 2008 meeting, the Board approved setting a salary range for the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools at \$165,000 - \$225,000. Per the Board's request, Board Policy No. 2126 has been revised to reflect this range. The Board may waive the second reading and approve revisions to Board Policy No. 2126, Setting and Adjustment of Salary for Superintendent of Schools.
5. Resolution No. 08-03 in Opposition to SBX13 (Cox), Diverting Proposition 10 Early Childhood Funds – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)  
In 1998, the people of California passed Proposition 10, a tax on tobacco, which created the California Children and Families First Commission to provide an unprecedented investment in our youngest children, aged 0-5, and their families, focusing on early childhood development. It has been reported that legislators in Sacramento are looking at "borrowing" up to \$2.5 billion meant for childhood education to help cover the State budget deficit. Mr. Kunicki and Mrs. Peterson have submitted resolutions for the Board's consideration. The Board will review and discuss the possible adoption of Resolution No. 08-03 in Opposition to SBX13 (Cox), diverting Proposition 10 Early Childhood Funds.
6. Resolution No. 08-04 in Opposition to Proposed Prison Hospital – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)  
Per the Board's request on July 28, 2008, Mr. Kunicki and Mr. Valenzano have investigated the issues regarding a proposed prison hospital to be located at the California Youth Authority facility in Camarillo, which is being closed. Mr. Kunicki and Mr. Valenzano have provided Resolution No. 08-04 in

opposition to this proposed facility. The Board will review and discuss the possible adoption of Resolution No. 08-04, Opposition to Proposed Prison Hospital to be located at California Youth Authority facility in Camarillo.

7. Capitol Venture, LLC Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)  
Statement provided by Capitol Venture, LLC, regarding expenses incurred by Joe Yocca on behalf of the Ventura County Board of Education for a June 3, 2008 meeting with WalMart regarding ROCP. This statement 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. Discussion of School Districts of Choice, including correspondence F.2 from 7/28/08 (requested by Mr. Valenzano, TBD).
2. Review of Board Expenditures on Memberships in CSBA, CCBE and CSBA Legal Alliance (requested by Mr. Kunicki to allow for Public Comments, TBD).
3. Letter in Support of SB606 (Perata), School District Accountability (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 8/25/08).
4. Letter in Support of Secure Rural Schools funding (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 8/25/08).
5. Letter in Support of Federal Reading First funding (requested by Mrs. Peterson, 8/25/08).

**O. FUTURE MEETINGS *Bold, Italics Denotes Modified Schedule***

Date: ***Friday, August 15, 2008***  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Special Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Saturday, August 16, 2008***  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Special Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Monday, August 18, 2008 (Could Continue to Aug 19, 20)***  
Time: TBD  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Special Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, August 25, 2008  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Board meetings are recorded by audio tape pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.5(b). Auxiliary aids and services include a wide range of services and devices that promote effective communication for individuals with disabilities. If you require such assistance, please notify this office at (805) 383-1900 as soon as possible or ***at least 48 hours prior to any meeting.*** We will make every effort to give primary consideration to expressed preferences or provide equally effective means of communication to ensure equal access to Ventura County Office of Education programs and events.

The agenda is posted for minimum of 72 contiguous hours prior to Board meeting dates at the entrance to the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Way, Camarillo. A full agenda packet, with explanatory materials, is available for public review at this location. The agenda is also posted at the following locations, and on the Internet at <http://www.vcoe.org>.

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.