

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. 08-22

Date: Friday, September 5, 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.
4. Swearing-In of Stanley C. Mantooth, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools
(15 minutes)
On August 16, 2008, the Ventura County Board took action to appoint Stanley C. Mantooth as Ventura County Superintendent of Schools for the remainder of the current term. Mr. Mantooth took office effective September 1, 2008. Mr. Mantooth will be sworn in by Gregory D. Totten, Ventura County District Attorney.

B. RECEPTION FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (30 minutes)

The Ventura County Board of Education will host a reception for the County Superintendent of Schools immediately following the swearing-in ceremony of Mr. Mantooh. The reception will be held at the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, Salon A, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, California.

It is anticipated that the Board meeting will be called back to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

D. CONSENT / ACTION

1. Certification of Signatures

In accordance with Education Code Sections 42632 and 42633, the Board will take action to certify the signatures of those persons authorized to sign orders drawn on the funds of the Ventura County Office of Education, notices of employment, contracts, etc.

E. HEARINGS (Approximately 9:00 a.m.)

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 494 and 495.

ASHER and EZRA SMITH (Fillmore Unified School District)

On August 25, 2008, the Ventura County Board of Education took action to postpone the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 494 and 495 until September 5, 2008. Per the parent's request, and with approval of the district, the cases will be heard together.

F. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

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

The high school programs at Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools have selected another social science textbook that is presented to the Board for review and future adoption. The textbook recommended is published by Pearson-Prentice Hall. The title presented for adoption is:

World Geography.

Copies of the textbook 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 September 5, 2008, and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of October 8, 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. Review of Science Textbooks for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools – INFORMATION (10 minutes)

The high school programs at Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools have selected their science textbooks and are presented to the Board for review and future adoption. The textbooks recommended are all published by the Wright Group - McGraw Hill. The titles presented for adoption are:

Biology – Exploring the Science of Life

Physical Science – Exploring Matter and Energy

Earth & Space Science – Exploring the Universe

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 September 5, 2008, and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of October 8, 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.

G. 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.")

H. 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. Adoption of Social Science textbooks (9/22/08); additional Social Science textbook (10/8/08) and Science textbooks (10/8/08) for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools.
3. Public Hearing on Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (9/22/08); Review of the Charter Petition (10/8/08); and Decision to Deny or Approve Charter Petition (10/27/08).

I. FUTURE MEETINGS

Date: Monday, September 22, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

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

Date: Monday, October 27, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

J. 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.