

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. 08-23

Date: Monday, September 22, 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

C. HEARINGS

None.

D. CLOSED SESSION – Hueneme Room

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 496.
2. Expulsion Appeal Case No. 08-03.

E. PRELIMINARY

1. Action on Closed Session on Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 496.
2. Action on Closed Session on Expulsion Appeal Case No. 08-03.
3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 25, 2008.
4. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 5, 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.)
None.

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

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 County Certificates
Administration recommends the Board approve 94 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
2. Resolution No. 08-06 Gann Limit Recalculation for 2007-08 and Estimated Limit for 2008-09
Administration recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 08-06, identifying the 2007-08 actual Gann appropriation limit and the 2008-09 estimated appropriation limit calculations, as presented.
3. 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.

K. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. PUBLIC HEARING on Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School – INFORMATION (60 minutes)
On August 25, 2008, the charter petition was submitted to the Ventura County Board of Education on appeal, per Education Code 47605. The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees had denied the charter petition of the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School on July 30, 2008. Education Code stipulates that the Board must hold a public hearing no later than 30 days after receipt of a charter petition.

Representatives of the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School will be given an opportunity to provide a brief overview of the charter school petition (20 minutes). The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees will also be given an opportunity to provide the reasons for their denial of this petition (20 minutes). Following the presentations, members of the Board may ask questions of the Petitioner or District regarding the charter school petition.

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING** on Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School. Members of the public are invited to comment.

Staff will conduct a review of the Charter Petition for the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School and present a report to the Board at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 27, 2008. It is anticipated that the Board will take action on the charter petition at their October 27, 2008 meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING and Approval of Resolution 08-05 Regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials – ACTION (10 minutes)
The adoption of Resolution 08-05 and the accompanying certification needed in order to continue to receive State textbook and instructional materials funding. Resolution 08-05 reflects VCOE's determination to provide its students with sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education in the core subjects of English/Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Science and Science. Education Code Section 60119 requires each school district to take the following steps to meet the requirements of law:
 - a. PUBLIC HEARING on Resolution 08-05 regarding the sufficiency/insufficiency of instructional materials per Education Code Section 60119 and 60422(b).
 - b. Adoption of Resolution 08-05 regarding sufficiency/insufficiency of instructional materials.

Administration recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 08-05 regarding Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, and the accompanying Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials.

3. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services – INFORMATION (5 minutes)
Statements provided by Mr. Henry Kraft, Board Legal Counsel, for services rendered during August 2008, including general educational issues and Expulsion Appeal Case No. 08-01, and Fillmore Unified School District litigation, are presented for the Board's information and review.

L. PRESENTATIONS

1. Discussion with Dr. John Bedell, President, California County Boards of Education (CCBE) – DISCUSSION (10 minutes)
California County Boards of Education's (CCBE) President, Dr. John Bedell, has requested to address the Ventura County Board of Education. CCBE Presidents periodically make presentations to individual county boards. Dr. Bedell would like to dialogue with the Board and solicit their opinions and advice as to how the CCBE may better serve the Ventura County Board of Education.

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. Adoption of Social Science textbooks, additional Social Science textbook and Science textbooks for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools (10/8/08).
3. Review of the Charter Petition; and Decision to Deny or Approve Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (10/27/08).
4. Discussion of Seatbelt requirement for buses utilized/contracted by VCOE (requested by Mr. Bates, TBD).

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

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

Date: ***Friday, November 7, 2008***
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, November 24, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo
Purpose: Organizational Meeting of the Board

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.