

# 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. 08-24

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 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

#### C. HEARINGS

None.

#### D. CLOSED SESSION

None.

**E. PRELIMINARY**

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 22, 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. The following correspondence regarding the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School charter appeal were sent to Board members and staff:
  - E-mail dated September 23, 2008, from Marlo Hartsuyker, "MATES Public Hearing"
  - E-mail dated September 23, 2008, from Tim Perry, "Education in Thousand Oaks"
  - E-mail dated September 23, 2008, from Michelle Kallman, "Thanks from a MATES rep"
  - E-mail dated September 23, 2008, from Cheryl Kitahata, "Thank You!"
  - E-mail dated September 23, 2008, from John Hollister, "VCOE Board Members"
  - E-mail dated September 24, 2008, from Paisley Pijuan, "MATES Charter School" and "Charter Schools"
  - E-mail dated September 24, 2008, from Anita MacDonald, "M.A.T.E.S. charter petition"
  - E-mail dated September 25, 2008, from Barry Weiss, "MATES Charter"
  - E-mail dated September 25, 2008, from Renee Dake, "MATES CHARTER OUTREACH"
  - E-mail dated September 25, 2008, from Christine Schrupp, "cvusd"
  - E-mail dated September 25, 2008, from Mr. & Mrs. Moloian, "M.A.T.E.S. charter school"
  - E-mail dated September 25, 2008, from Cathy Nealon, (no subject)
  - E-mail dated September 26, 2008, from Dr. Dale Applebaum, "Meadows Charter"
  - E-mail dated September 26, 2008, from Carlos de los Rios, "M.A.T.E.S. Financial Impact to CVUSD"

- E-mail dated September 27, 2008, from Mr. & Mrs. Primm, “K-5 charter support in conejo valley”
  - E-mail dated September 29, 2008, from Jodai Saremi, “MATES charter”
  - E-mail dated September 29, 2008, from Mr. Hedges, “My Wholehearted Support for the MATES Charter”
  - E-mail dated September 30, 2008, from Mrs. Hartsuyker, “M.A.T.E.S. Petition”
2. Letter from Mr. Carl Olson to the Simi Valley Unified School District Board of Education, dated September 26, 2008, regarding Williams notices and deficient classroom spending.
  3. VCSBA Newsletter and Announcement of October 29, 2008 Dinner Meeting.

**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  
 October 8, 2008, 1:30 p.m. .... Providence Graduation  
 October 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m. .... VCSBA Dinner Meeting, Salons A-C  
 December 3 – 6, 2008. .... CSBA Annual Conference, San Diego

**H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

*(The Superintendent will report on the activities of the Office and/or other pertinent issues in education.)*

**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. Travel Expense Claim  
 Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent’s Travel Expense Claims for September 2008.

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION

1. Adoption 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. 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 have been available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Administrative Services Center, Upstairs Lobby, 5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, since September 5, 2008, and Board members received a copy of each textbook. The Board's adoption of this curriculum will allow the use of state textbook funds to purchase these materials. Administration recommends the Board adopt the Science textbooks listed above for the Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools.

2. Determination of Next Steps regarding Textbook Complaint – DISCUSSION / ACTION (10 minutes)

On September 14, 2008, the Board received a complaint regarding three of the Social Science textbooks recommended for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools. Administration, and the teaching staff, continue to support these recommended textbooks. Board Policy 6144 stipulates that the Board shall act upon a challenge by either rejecting the challenge or accepting it for investigation and further report.

3. Adoption 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. 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

World Geography

Copies of the textbooks and recommended support materials have been available for review in the Ventura County Office of Education, Administrative Services Center, Upstairs Lobby, 5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, beginning August 13, 2008 (World Geography was put on display September 9, 2008). Board members received a copy of each textbook. The Board's adoption of this

curriculum will allow the use of state textbook funds to purchase these materials. Administration recommends the Board adopt the Social Science textbooks listed above for the Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools.

4. Adoption of Resolution No. 08-07, Temporary Interfund Transfers –  
DISCUSSION / ACTION (5 minutes)

Due to the delay in the adoption of the 2008-09 California State Budget, the VCOE general fund (Funds 001-019), may need to temporarily borrow from its other funds in order to meet cash flow obligations. We assume that the State will catch up and resume normal their normal cash distribution practices soon after the Budget is passed. Administration recommends adoption of Resolution No. 08-07, Temporary Interfund Transfers.

**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 the Charter Petition; and Decision to Deny or Approve Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School (10/27/08).
3. Discussion of Seatbelt requirement for buses utilized/contracted by VCOE (requested by Mr. Bates, TBD).

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

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.