

# VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION:

The Board Meeting will be held at the  
VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center

### SALONS A & B

5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo

(805) 383-1900

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### AGENDA NO. 08-25

Date: Monday, October 27, 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. CLOSED SESSION

None.

**D. PRELIMINARY**

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 8, 2008.

**E. CORRESPONDENCE**

*(Correspondence addressed specifically to the Ventura County Board of Education. Correspondence addressed to individual Board members will be delivered/mailed to them directly.)*

*All correspondence regarding Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School is included in the explanatory materials for Agenda Item K.1. No additional correspondence was received.*

**F. 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 28, 2008, 8:00 - 4:00 .....VCOE Leadership Team Retreat, Salons  
October 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m. .... VCSBA Dinner Meeting, Salons  
December 3 - 6, 2008..... CSBA Annual Conference, San Diego

**G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**H. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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

**I. CONSENT/ACTION**

1. Temporary County Certificates  
Administration recommends the Board approve 176 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
2. Disposal of Property  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008 Disposal of Property Report is presented for Board review in accordance with Education Code Section 1279(b).
3. Budget Calendar  
The tentative 2009-10 County School Services Fund Budget Calendar is provided for the Board’s information. Dates will be finalized upon adoption of the Board Calendar of Meetings for 2009 at the December Organizational meeting.

4. Williams and Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report to County Board of Education  
The Williams Coordinator for the Ventura County Office of Education presents the quarterly report for July 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008, which shows no complaints filed during this period.

**J. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**K. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. PUBLIC HEARING on Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School – INFORMATION (30 minutes)  
On August 25, 2008, the charter petition was submitted to the Ventura County Board of Education on appeal, per Education Code 47605. Per Education Code, the Board held a public hearing on this appeal on September 22, 2008. Subsequently, the Office received notification that the charter appeal filed had been modified from that submitted to the local school district, Conejo Valley Unified School District. Further research has determined that the appeal should not have been modified. The Board is therefore holding an additional Public Hearing on the original charter petition as submitted and subsequently denied by the Conejo Valley Unified School District on July 30, 2008. Correspondence regarding the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School charter appeal, sent to Board members and staff, is included in the explanatory materials for this item.
  - a. PUBLIC HEARING on Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School. Members of the public are invited to provide new information not previously shared with the Board.
2. Review of the Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School – INFORMATION (30 minutes)  
Pursuant to Education Code Section 47605, public hearings were held on the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School charter petition on September 22, 2008 and October 27, 2008, respectively. Staff has concluded its review of the Charter Petition for the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School, and will present their findings at this meeting. As part of the County Office of Education analysis, assessments and evaluations that were performed by Conejo Valley Unified School District regarding this petition were also reviewed.

3. Decision to Deny or Approve Charter Petition for Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School – INFORMATION / ACTION (20 minutes)  
Pursuant to Education Code Section 47605, public hearings were held on the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School charter petition on September 22, 2008 and October 27, 2008, respectively. Staff has concluded its review of the Charter Petition for the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School, and the findings were presented to Board. Based upon this review, staff recommends that the Board consider one of the following two options:
  - a. Deny the charter petition for the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School, and encourage the Charter petitioners and Conejo Valley Unified School District to continue negotiations; or
  - b. Approve the charter petition for the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School, with modifications subject to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding acceptable to both the Ventura County Board of Education and the Ventura County Office of Education.
  
4. Adoption of Social Science Textbooks for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools – INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)  
The high school programs at Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools have selected their social sciences textbooks. Five textbooks were initially presented for adoption. On September 14, 2008, the Board received a complaint regarding three of the Social Science textbooks. On October 8, 2008, the Board accepted the challenge for investigation and further report. The remaining two textbooks published by Pearson-Prentice Hall, Economics – Principles in Action, and World Geography, are presented for adoption. Administration recommends the Board adopt the Social Science textbooks, Economics – Principles in Action, and World Geography, for the Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools.

**L. 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.")*

**M. 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, October / November).
2. Discussion of Seatbelt requirement for buses utilized/contracted by VCOE (requested by Mr. Bates, October / November).
3. Adoption of Social Science Textbooks for Gateway, Providence and Phoenix Schools (Tabled on 10/7/08, TBD)

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

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

**O. 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.