

VCSBA Executive Board Meeting
August 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present:

Veronica Robles-Solis, President
Lauren Gill, VP, Legislation
Shelly Griffen, Treasurer
Darlene Bruno, Delegate
Debra Cordes, Delegate
Rachel Ulrich, Delegate
Daniel Sandoval, Delegate
Jeri Mead, Delegate
Dr. Cesar Morales, Deputy Superintendent
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Sofya Bagdasaryan, VP, Programs
Gabriela Ornelas, Secretary
Sabrena Rodriguez, Region 11 Director

Opening

Veronica Robles-Solis opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Budget Report

Shelly Griffen shared the 2021-22 proposed budget and actuals. She pointed out there was more money going out than coming in, mostly due to catering costs. Ms. Griffen said since there is a sizable bank balance, she proposed the idea of opening a money market, savings account, or CD. Rachel Ulrich mentioned Discover Bank has a money market that is giving 1.5%.

Ms. Griffen said currently, the VCSBA does not need to provide a tax return. She was not sure if earning money through interest would trigger any tax requirement.

Ms. Ulrich shared the VCSBA used to give money to school Board members who wanted to attend the Washington, D.C. Federal Advocacy Trip.

Ms. Robles-Solis said if there are Trustees interested in going to the Washington, D.C. Federal Advocacy Trip then the VCSBA should provide support if possible.

Ms. Griffen asked if the VCSBA Executive Board members want to designate an amount towards assisting Board members who attend the Washington, D.C. Federal Advocacy Trip.

Ms. Cordes asked if attendees at the VCSBA dinner meetings are paying for their meals even if they do not show up. The answer was yes. Ms. Griffen said with inflation the meals are costing more than they used to. The VCSBA Executive Board has carried the amount of \$20.00 per person to attend this meeting without ever reassessing it.

Ms. Cordes said the dinner meeting cost should be recovered. VCSBA should budget for other things like the Washington D.C. Federal Advocacy trip or reimburse more money to Board members attending the December CSBA meeting.

Ms. Robles-Solis said some of the larger school districts have funds for their school Board members to attend meetings. The small school districts do not have the funds to send their school Board members to the CSBA Conference or the California Latino School Boards Association.

Ms. Ulrich said Delegates have to be at the CSBA Conference a day early to attend the Delegate Assembly. That is where the added cost comes in for being a Delegate. The VCSBA covers that cost, but the rest of the conference the school district has to cover.

Ms. Griffen said the VCSBA has voted to spend \$350 per Delegate for the CSBA December meeting to cover that extra day for the Delegates to attend the CSBA Conference and \$800 per Delegate in May.

Ms. Cordes asked if there was any money in the VCSBA budget to cover the conference for some of the small districts. The answer was no.

Ms. Griffen said there is a small district conference that might be more beneficial for the small districts to attend rather than the CSBA Conference. Dr. Morales said the small district conference is not through CSBA. It is the Small School Districts Association Conference.

Ms. Robles-Solis suggested to get more information on the Small School Districts Association Conference to see how the VCSBA could support the small district Trustees.

Reimbursement of Expenses for Delegates

Discussion ensued on whether to increase the Delegate Assembly reimbursements. Rachel Ulrich made a motion to increase the December Delegate assembly reimbursements to \$450.00. and Darlene Bruno seconded the motion. The May delegate Assembly in Sacramento will stay at \$800.00. It was unanimous (8:0).

2022-23 Dinner Meeting Dates

The VCSBA Executive Board determined the first dinner meeting for 2022-23 would be a Zoom meeting held on October 17, 2022. The second dinner meeting would be held on January 30, 2023, in-Person. The third dinner meeting date has not been determined yet.

October 17, 2022, Topic “How Are We Doing with One Time Funds?”

Potential Presenters:

- ✓ Oxnard School District
- ✓ Moorpark Unified School District

Newsletter Articles for the first Dinner Meeting (Due September 14, 2022)

Presidents Corner – Dinner Meeting Topic	Veronica Robles-Solis
Legislation	Lauren Gill
Return to school after these current conditions	Dr. Morales

Email Articles to: csamuel@vcoe.org

January 30, 2023, - Topic “School Safety”

Potential Presenters:

- ✓ Joint Power Authorities (JPA)
- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Sheriff Fryhoff
- ✓ School District?

Possible Future Dinner Meeting Topics

1. Highlight new infrastructure of services from VCOE.
2. Learning gaps: critical thinking, reading, writing and math.
3. Workforce housing. Invite Santa Barbara County Education Office. Have a bigger joint meeting with both counties.

Dr. Morales shared that San Diego County has activity around workforce housing. Dr. Morales will bring this topic to the County Superintendents to see if there are any existing projects going on and will also speak with Santa Barbara County Education Office.

School Board Candidate Academy, Saturday, October 1, 2022, 8:30 A.M. – Noon

Presenters:

Veronica Robles-Solis	Welcome Academy Overview	Slides 1 - 2
Darlene Bruno and Debra Cordes	School Board Trustee Roles and Responsibilities	Slides 3-7
Rachel Ulrich	Qualities of a Good School Board Trustee	Slides 8 - 10
Sabrena Rodriguez	Realities of the Job	Slides 11 - 14
Sabrena Rodriguez	What to Expect when Campaigning	Slides 15 - 20
Anthony Ramos	Conflicts of Interest/Financial Disclosure Requirements	Slides 21 - 38
Dr. Chuck Weis	School District Governance Standards	Slides 39 -44

Ms. Robles-Solis listed who is speaking at the school board candidate academy and asked if anyone else would like to present.

Ms. Griffen said she will talk to Sabrena Rodriguez to see if she can share a set of slides to present so Ms. Rodriguez would not have to present twice.

Review Slides - Changes/Approval due **Wednesday, September 21, 2022, to csamuel@vcoe.org**

School Board Trustee Training (Governance and Open Meetings Act): January 7, 2023

Discussion ensued on which date to hold the School Board Trustee Training (Governance and Open Meetings Act), either January 7 or January 21, 2023. The date chosen was January 7, 2023.

Catering Options 2022-23

Ms. Robles-Solis said she would like to compare catering prices for 2022-23. Cathy Samuel will research the catering prices. Catering rates will be presented at the December 6, 2022, VCSBA Executive Board Planning meeting.

Next VCSBA Executive Board Meeting

December 6, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Location: Ventura County Office of Education
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, upstairs in the Simi Room

ADJOURNMENT: 7:01 p.m.