



# VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VCOE Conference & Educational Services Center  
5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
(805) 383-1900

### AGENDA NO. 15-06

**Monday, March 30, 2015**

OPEN SESSION: 6:00 p.m. ±  
ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.  
(Unless extended by Board Action)

Times are approximate and are provided for convenience only.  
Open Session items may be re-ordered.

#### **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**

*(Members of the Public that wish to address the Board on an item must first complete a Speaker Form. Speaker Forms must be submitted no later than five (5) minutes prior to the topic coming up for discussion on the agenda. Members of the public may address the Board on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction; however, the Board may not discuss, deliberate or take action on items that are not on the agenda. The Board President is in charge of the meeting and will maintain order, set the time limits for the speakers and the subject matter, and will have the prerogative to remove any person who is disruptive of the Board meeting).*

#### **C. HEARINGS**

None.

#### **D. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**E. PRELIMINARY**

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2015.

**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  
Science Fair Judging Day ..... April 1, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Seaside Park  
Science Fair Awards ..... April 2, 6:30 p.m., CESC  
VCSBA Dinner Meeting ..... April 20, 6:00 p.m., CESC  
Phoenix School Night ..... April 22, 6:30 p.m., Phoenix

**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**

*(All matters specified as Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda)*

1. Travel Expense Claim  
Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent’s Travel Expense Claims for February 2015.
2. Temporary County Certificates  
Administration recommends the Board approve 27 Temporary Certificates issued by the County.
3. Board Legal Counsel Statement for Services  
Statement provided by Steven Montanez, Parker & Covert, for services rendered during February 2015.
4. 2014-15 Consolidated Application Reporting System, Winter 2014 Data Collection  
Winter 2014 Data Collection of the Consolidated Application Reporting System (CARS) lists the sources of Federal categorical funding that Ventura County Office of Education schools will use to provide programs and services to its students in 2014-15. CARS was submitted electronically to the California Department of Education.

5. School Accountability Report Cards  
Proposition 98 requires the Governing Boards of California school districts to annually issue a School Accountability Report Card for elementary and secondary schools under their jurisdiction. These Report Cards are designed to inform the public on specific items defined by legislation as well as any other data about the schools that the principal feels is important for their community to know. Once approved, the 2013-14 School Accountability Report Cards will be posted on the VCOE website.

## **K. PRESENTATIONS**

1. High School Equivalency Tests – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION (10 minutes)  
Since 1942, the GED (General Educational Development) has been the only High School Equivalency Test available to candidates in California. The GED, if passed, earns the test-taker a **California High School Equivalency Certificate**. Two new High School Equivalency Tests have recently been approved by California: the **TASC** offered by McGraw-Hill, and the **HiSet** offered by ETS. Pearson will continue to offer the **GED**. Regardless of whether a student takes the GED, TASC, or HiSet, if passed, the student earns a California HS Equivalency Certificate. VCOE staff will present information and next steps related to this changing landscape.

## **L. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION**

1. Submission of Charter Petition Renewal Request and Review of the Annual Programmatic Audit Presentation of Bridges Charter School – INFORMATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION (45 minutes)  
On February 16, 2010, the Ventura County Board of Education approved the charter petition for Bridges Charter School. The original term of the Charter expired in February 2015 and Bridges has presented its request for renewal for the Board's consideration. As a part of the VCOE's oversight responsibilities, and in accordance with California Education Code 47607, a Charter School Monitoring and Oversight template was developed and approved by the Board. Staff has completed its review and collection of relevant data and the corresponding Monitoring and Oversight Report for Bridges Charter School, along with a copy of Education Code 47607, is included in the explanatory material.

On September 22, 2014, the Board approved a new Memorandum of Understanding which included provision for the LCAP. In accordance with the VCOE Charter School Progress Report Timeline, representatives from Bridges Charter School will present information required in the annual programmatic audit detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Following this meeting's presentation of the Charter School Monitoring and Oversight Report for Bridges Charter School, the Board may choose to deny or approve the renewal of the Bridges Charter School or delay action until April 2015, due to the voluminous nature of the data collected.

2. Letter of Support to Establish an Engineering Program at California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) – DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION (10 minutes)

Assemblymember Irwin has recently requested the Assembly Budget Committee approve funding of \$500,000 per year for 3 years to support an engineering program at California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI). Ventura County currently suffers from a shortage of engineers at a time when the need for engineers is great. Establishing an engineering school would address the needs Ventura County's economy. Trustee Flores requests that the Ventura County Board of Education consider approving a letter supporting Assemblymember Irwin's request for funding for an Engineering Program at California State University, Channel Islands.

**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. Staff Presentations on Departmental work (during Budget Study Sessions).
2. Consideration of Electronic Board Agendas and Explanatory Materials (April).
3. One to Two-day VCBE Tour of VCOE Facilities
4. LCAP Information (April) / LCAP and Budget Public Hearing (May) / LCAP and Budget Approval (June).

**O. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Date: Friday, April 17, 2015 (*Budget Study Session*)  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Monday, April 27, 2015  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: Friday, May 8, 2015 (*Budget Study Session*)  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

Date: ***Tuesday, May 26, 2015***  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Location: 5100 Adolfo Road, Board Room, Camarillo  
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

## **P. ADJOURNMENT**

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The agenda for this Regular meeting is posted for minimum of 72 contiguous hours prior to Board meeting at the entrance to the Ventura County Office of Education, Conference & Educational Services Center, 5100 Adolfo Way, Camarillo. A full agenda packet, with explanatory materials, is available for public review at this location. The agenda is also posted at the following locations, and on the Internet at <http://www.vcoe.org>.

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 Unified 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.