

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
South Building Board Room
1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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1. DISCUSSION SESSION

A. Dual Language Immersion/Global Studies

The Discussion Session began at 4:15 p.m.

Board Members present: President Mike Dunn, Vice President John Andersen, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Sandee Everett and Pat Phelps. Administration present: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Victor Hayek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Dr. Michelle Morse, Director, Special Education; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; Dr. Jim Garza, Director, Secondary Education; and Hyonchin Im-Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant.

President Dunn announced there was one public speaker card submitted.

The speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke in opposition of a Dual Immersion program and shared experiences as a linguist.

The public comments ended at 4:18 p.m.

Dr. Bonitatibus explained the purpose of the discussion session as an opportunity for staff to present to the Board their research findings to include: innovative program ideas, budget priorities and ways to engage families. Mrs. Valentine provided a broad definition of Dual Language Immersion/Two Language Immersion and introduced Dr. Deborah Martinez, Coordinator, English Learner Services. Dr. Martinez spoke about a California researcher who developed seven guiding principles that are widely used in developing new Dual Immersion programs and gave examples of designs. Dr. Boone spoke about global studies, language enrichment and the GATE enrichment model. Mrs. Valentine went on to speak about staff's visit to schools and gave examples of anticipated needs such as classroom libraries, startup technology, pathways and timelines. Board members asked questions regarding the projected costs and staffing the program, as well as which schools staff considered to which staff responded. Board members made suggestions such as starting with two schools to focus on, prioritizing the search for highly qualified staff and possibly changing related policy to which staff acknowledged. The Board and staff continued discussion on cost comparisons of innovative programs, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM), robotics and school uniforms. The Board acknowledged the many different factors involved in a program kickoff and spoke about opportunities for partnerships. Dr. Bonitatibus summarized the session by confirming the Board's interest in staff continuing on in finding schools that would be appropriate for this program, the possibility of starting the program as soon as the next school year, the piloting of changes in school choice and magnet school development.

President Dunn adjourned the Discussion Session at 5:16 p.m. and announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

There were no public speaker cards submitted.

B. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

C. Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Claim Number VCBA0756681

Closed Session ended at 6:01 p.m.

3. REGULAR SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

President Dunn commenced the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Presentation - Demographic Study

Dr. Hayek introduced David Lopez from Cooperative Strategies. Mr. Lopez presented on CVUSD's geographic profile, attendance boundaries, historical enrollment and intra-district transfer trends. He then went on to speak about the inputs and methodology including cohorts survival factors, birth rates, future residential development and concluded with district wide enrollment projections. Board members and staff asked questions pertaining to the presentation data on birthrates and projected growth in enrollment to which Mr. Lopez and Dr. Hayek responded.

F. Comments - Public

President Dunn announced there were five speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Christina Acosta, yielded her time to Cristy Warner.
- The 2nd speaker, Cristy Warner, along with Weathersfield students, spoke about the upcoming Relay for Life event, the American Cancer Society and fundraisers the Kiwanis Club's K-Kids have been involved in.
- The 3rd speaker, Cathy Carlson, suggested the power lines be put underground when the fencing is installed behind South Building and spoke about the district's lease with the City of Thousand Oaks.
- The 4th speaker, Karen Gorback, spoke about the City of Thousand Oaks' Council on Aging's Senior of the Year currently accepting nominations and gave details on the awards ceremony.
- The 5th speaker, Susan Hanscom, thanked the district for supporting the Outdoor Education program and shared her family's recent positive experience with it.
- The 6th speaker, Shelly Mason, voiced concerns about staff's proposal to hire a Child Care Leader for Wonder preschool and spoke about the Infant/Toddler program at City Center.

G. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus began by recognizing Dr. McLaughlin's recent academic achievement. She then introduced Kimberly Gold, Coordinator, Communications, Community Engagement and Marketing, who then announced the debut of the district's first video content. Mrs. Gold introduced Aaron Roher and David Chong, Newbury Park High School students in the Advanced Digital Video Production course and Virginia Beck, Director, Child Nutrition. Aaron and David pressed the inaugural play button and presented their video, which highlighted Mrs. Beck and Child Nutrition. Board members and staff asked questions to which the students responded.

H. Comments - Board of Education

Mrs. Everett spoke about attending the Teacher of the Month ceremony and recognized Newbury Park High School's Janet Conner as the March awardee. Vice President Andersen spoke about the kick-off session of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation process and also spoke about attending the Teacher of the Month ceremony. Dr. Connolly spoke about recently attending the Ventura County dinner meeting along with other Board members and Dr. Bonitatibus, the presentation there on unconscious biases and concluded by stating her appreciation for the opportunity.

4. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD MEMBER

A. Approval of the Relocation of Conejo Valley High School (CVHS) to the CVUSD Office South Building

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Dr. Connolly then thanked the Planning department's staff for their efforts at the special discussion session and stated she is confident they will address all challenges and looks forward to seeing the process. Mrs. Everett expressed the importance of having had CVHS at the discussion session and that she was especially impressed by the CVHS student's input into the discussion. Mrs. Everett confirmed staff presented information the Board needed to feel confident in voting for this relocation. Motion carried 5-0.

5. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items.

6. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 1230 - School-Connected Organizations

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice President Andersen. President Dunn announced there was one speaker card:

- The speaker, Cathy Carlson, reminded the Board of their oath and voiced her opinion on the Administrative Regulation policy.

Dr. Connolly spoke about the Conejo Council PTA, the thorough vetting process and how this policy provides clarifications to control intent. Mrs. Phelps stated her understanding of this policy as asking parent organizations and PTAs to abide by the same rules as booster clubs. Mrs. Everett spoke about parents asking for direction and the need for a concrete policy. She then thanked Dr. Connolly for taking the lead and meeting with PTAs and volunteers for input and concurred with Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of 2016-2017 Comprehensive Safety Plans

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

8. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

A. Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2017

B. Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2017

C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability #23-16/17

D. Personnel Assignment Orders

E. Preauthorization of Overnight Trips

F. Overnight Trip Request - Los Cerritos Middle School Odyssey of the Mind

G. Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

H. Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

I. Overnight Trip Request - Thousand Oaks High School Ethos Entrepreneurship Academy

J. Approval of Utilizing Cooperative and Piggyback Contracts for Technology Purchases

K. Approval of Agreement with the Ventura County Office of Education

L. Approval of Purchase Order Report #918

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items.

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of New Secondary School Pilot Courses

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Connolly commended staff on piloting great ideas for students.

B. Presentation - California School Dashboard and CVUSD Data

Dr. Boone spoke about the district's results on the Dashboard by describing the methodology for state indicators, the equity report, suspensions, graduation, college and career readiness, English language arts, mathematics, the student group report and next steps. President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Board members commented on the new information available and asked how it ties in with accountability & tracking improvement. Dr. Boone addressed the questions and confirmed that this report does not affect funding and is a tool they are using to track growth. She also spoke about the data reflecting the district's need to especially focus on students who receive English Learner services.

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Resolution #16/17-22: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of 2017-2018 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Mrs. Everett asked for more clarification to which Dr. Hayek responded.

B. Approval of Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311 - Bids

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion, which there was none.

C. Approval of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311.1 - California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Hayek explained this is reflective of the updates in law on purchasing, lease-leasebacks and bidding.

D. Approval of New Administrative Regulation 3311.2 - Lease-Leaseback Contracts

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Connolly asked if staff expect the changes in law to affect any upcoming projects to which Dr. Hayek responded.

E. Approval of New Administrative Regulation 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion, which there was none.

F. Approval of New Administrative Regulation 3543 - Transportation and Safety Emergencies

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion, which there was none.

12. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD MEMBER

A. Resolution #16/17-23: Resolution in Support of Equity and Against District of Choice

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Connolly explained the process she and Vice President Andersen went through to make changes to highlight the strengths of CVUSD and affirming the district's willingness and commitment to keep the current District of Choice (DOC) students at their current schools of choice and extend that to their siblings. Board members affirmed parents make the best choices for their children. Dr. Connolly asked fellow Board members to recognize their fiscal interest in the district and for their consideration, as there is greater weight from the entire Board rather than by individual members. The Board went on to ask questions about DOC to which Mr. Iezza responded. Board members and staff spoke about the revised wording, advocacy efforts and staff involvement with local legislators. Mrs. Everett suggested including in the letter to Assemblymember Irwin an invitation to speak with the Board to which Vice President Andersen responded by asking if an invitation to the Assemblymember's staffer would be acceptable. Mrs. Everett confirmed that it would be.

13. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM- GENERAL- BOARD & STAFF

A. Conejo Valley High School and District Office Relocation Projects

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Bonitatibus explained this agenda item would be an opportunity for staff to give a status update on the relocation project. She recapped the related discussion session and the resulting efforts involved. Dr. Hayek then gave a brief update on the following: North and South building, sketches on how to locate staff to maximize space, anticipating the need of additional furniture, best possible layouts, effective workflow, planning and preparedness of staff and when the Board can expect to see a preliminary budget. Board members asked questions to which Dr. Hayek responded that an August deadline is what staff will aim for, but that unknowns may come up during the process. The Board asked about program changes and when the list would be complete to which Mr. Iezza responded that it would be within the next couple of weeks once there is better information on space layout.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 8:34 p.m. **The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

Date: March 21, 2017  Clerk

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