



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CVUSD Board Room  
1402 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

**A. Comments – Public**

President Fitzgerald announced that there were no public comment requests submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

**B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code §54957; Title: Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Principal(s)**

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2020120263**

**D. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Closed Session ended at 5:45 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

**A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board Members present: President Jenny Fitzgerald, Vice President Bill Gorback, Karen Sylvester, Lauren Gill, Cindy Goldberg, and Student Trustee Addie Craig. Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services and Dr. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures**

President Fitzgerald announced that the following items were discussed in Closed Session:

**B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code §54957; Title: Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Principal(s)**

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the appointment of Veronica Johnston as Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the appointment of Karla DiDomizio as Principal, Sequoia Middle School, seconded by Trustee Gorbach. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

Trustee Gorbach made the motion to approve the appointment of Michael Niemczyk as Principal, Westlake Hills Elementary School, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2020120263**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

**D. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the amended agenda, pulling agenda items 4B, G, H, I and GG for a separate vote, seconded by Trustee Gorbach. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

**E. Report from Parent Support Organization –District Advisory Council (DAC)**

Heather Skelly, DAC Chairperson, provided an update on DAC changes and topics of discussion and interest, including LCAP goals, blended and remote teaching, learning loss mitigation, California Healthy Youth Act, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Equity Task Force, and the formation of a new ad hoc committee for health education at the elementary level.

**F. Comments – Public**

President Fitzgerald announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was one (1) public written statement submitted.

**G. Comments – Board of Education**

Individual Board members provided comments.

**H. Comments – Superintendent**

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments.

**I. Business Services – Measure I Oversight Committee Annual Report and Update**

Dr. Hayek introduced Mr. Tony Gitt, Measure I Oversight Committee Chairperson, who presented the Annual Report for 2020-2021, which included information on committee responsibilities, background on Measure I and ballot language, bond schedule, committee highlights, capital allocation and expenditures summary and breakdown, technology update, program management and projects update, and COVID-19 impacts. Dr. McLaughlin, Dr. Hayek and Mr. Gitt answered questions from Board members and provided clarifications.

**J. Recognition: Tony Gitt and Marshall Denninger for their service to the community serving three full terms on the Measure I Independent Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee**

Dr. Hayek acknowledged Mr. Gitt and Mr. Denninger for their service of three full terms on the Measure I Independent Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. Board members thanked Mr. Gitt and Mr. Denninger for their hard work and dedication to representing the public.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

#### **A. Human Resources – Approval of Contract for Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services**

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.** Dr. McLaughlin introduced Dr. Veronica Johnston, who briefly addressed the Board as the new Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services effective July 1, 2021.

#### **B. Student Services – Approval/Adoption of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant (ELOG) Plan**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Dr. Miller presented information on the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant (ELOG) Plan, including a review of the AB86 stimulus funds allocation breakdown, stakeholder engagement and input, and next steps in the approval process. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, to which Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Miller answered questions and provided clarifications. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

### **4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

President Fitzgerald stated that the Board would start the approval of the Consent Agenda by addressing pulled items 4B, G, H, I and GG for a separate vote, in the order given.

#### **B. Approval of Contract with Niche.com, Inc.**

Trustee Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, to which Mrs. Gold, CVUSD Coordinator of Communications, Community Engagement, and Marketing, answered questions and provided clarifications. **Motion carried: 4-1, with Trustee Gill voting “no” and an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

#### **G. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.2 – Bullying**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Dr. McLaughlin responded to questions from a Board member, and there was no further Board discussion. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

#### **H. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination Harassment**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, including requests from Board member to revise existing verbiage in the Administrative Regulation.

*Trustee Goldberg amended her motion to approve the amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination Harassment, with the requested adjustments, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Motion carried: 4-1, with President Fitzgerald voting “no” and an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.*

#### **I. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Replacement of Administrative Regulation 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. A verbiage change was requested by a Board member, to which the Board did not object.



*Trustee Goldberg amended her motion to approve the amendments to Board Policy and Replacement of Administrative Regulation 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment, as further amended, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.*

**GG. Business Services – Child Care – Approval of Contracts**

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Dr. Hayek answered questions from a Board member, and there was no further Board discussion. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

- *Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the remainder of the amended agenda, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.*

**REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes**
- C. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders**
- D. Human Resources – Approval of Resolution #20/21-25: Elimination of Classified Supervisory Positions**
- E. Human Resources – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**
- F. Human Resources – Approval of Student Field Placement Agreement and Student Teaching Internship Agreement with Westminster College**
- J. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- K. Instructional Services – Approval of Career-Applied Technology Education Grant Application**
- L. Instructional Services – CIF/Marmonte Representatives**
- M. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Cyber High: Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**
- N. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Impact Audio Visual**
- O. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Music, Memories, and More**
- P. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Pegleg Entertainment**
- Q. Instructional Services – Approval to Obsolete and Recycle Spanish 4 Curriculum Materials and Textbooks**
- R. Instructional Services – Approval of Adult School Courses for 2021/2022**
- S. Instructional Services – Approval of Materials for High School Advanced Placement American Political Systems (Government) – Grade 12**
- T. Instructional Services – Approval of Schedule Change – Common Planning Time Schedule – Sequoia Middle School**
- U. Student Services – Approval of New Contract – Jessica Bernacki, Ph.D.**
- V. Business Services – Approval of Transfer of Funds – April 2021**
- W. Business Services – Ratification of Warrants – April 2021**
- X. Business Services – Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- Y. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- Z. Business Services – Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)**
- AA. Business Services – Approval of Contracts under \$5,000**
- BB. Business Services – Maintenance & Operations Department – Approval of Field Contract for 2020-2021**
- CC. Business Services – Business Services – Notices of Completion**
- DD. Business Services – MEASURE I – Change Order 3: Athletic Field and Parking Lot – Newbury Park High School – Marina Landscape, Inc.**
- EE. Business Services – Approval of 2021-2022 Major Project List**
- FF. Business Services – Amendment to the 2020-2021 Major Project List**

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mr. Shane Craven, who was approved on the Consent Agenda in the Personnel Assignment Orders as the new Principal at Aspen Elementary School. Mr. Craven briefly addressed the Board.

## **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL**

### **A. Student Services – Creation of African American Parent Advisory Council/Committee/Task Force**

President Fitzgerald announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was one (1) public written statement submitted for this agenda item. Dr. Miller introduced Dr. Yvette Latunde, who spoke about her experience in forming African American Parent Advisory Councils for school districts. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, and the Board reached consensus to schedule a working Board session to discuss the creation and structure of District advisory councils, committees, and task forces.

### **B. Student Services – Creation of Unity District Advisory Council/Committee/Task Force**

President Fitzgerald asked the Board if there was interest in including this topic in the working Board session to discuss the creation of District councils/committees/task forces, and the Board reached consensus to add this topic.

### **C. Business Services – Child Care Enrollment Update**

Dr. Hayek provided an update on Child Care enrollment, including current wait lists due to spacing requirements, and answered questions from a Board member.

### **D. Instructional Services – California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) Material Selection**

Mr. Loo provided an update on the CHYA material selection, stakeholder feedback, results from the Adolescent Sexual Health Work Group (ASHWG) middle and high school curricula review, teacher recommendations and accessibility ratings, and the District's curriculum recommendation. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, to which Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Loo answered questions from Board members. The Board requested that staff review the sexual health education supplemental materials for grades 4 and 5.

### **E. Instructional Services – Approval of New Middle School Core Literature Title – Hatchet**

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

### **A. Future Board Topics / Activities**

The Board added the following topic to be discussed at a future Board meeting:

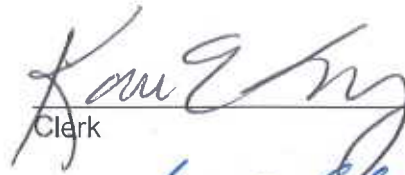
- Board Study Session on 5/27/21 – District goals/Budget Committee recommendations/future guidance to Budget Committee
- Update to Board Bylaw 9150 – Student Board Member
- Working Board Study Session on the creation/structure of District councils/committees/task forces

### **B. Adjournment**

President Fitzgerald adjourned the Open Session at 10:15 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Board Study Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

June 15, 2021

Date



Clerk

June 15, 2021

Date



Superintendent

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