



**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CVUSD Board Room
1402 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

President Sylvester announced that there were no public comment requests received, and the Board then convened into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2021100092

D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 1335 Calle Bouganvilla, Thousand Oaks, California 91360. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; BRIDGES Charter School

E. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 2000 La Granada Drive, Thousand Oaks, California 91362. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; MATES Charter School

F. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT) and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

Closed Session ended at 5:25 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Board President Karen Sylvester, Board Vice President Lauren Gill, Board Clerk Rocky Capobianco, Board Trustees Cindy Goldberg and Bill Gorback, and Student Trustee Catherine Xu.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services; and Kenny Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

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

B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve Stipulated Agreement #5-21/22, seconded by Trustee Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2021100092

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

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D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, pulling items 4B and G for a separate vote, seconded by Trustee Gill. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

E. Reports from Student Board Reporters

Century Academy – Harry Esau (absent)
Conejo Valley High School – Anneth Carrillo
Newbury Park High School – Edyn Stepler
Thousand Oaks High School – Sara Nguyen
Westlake High School – Samantha Wildman (absent)

Students reported on: winter sports competitions and accomplishments; senior sports recognitions; visual/performing arts competitions and accomplishments; yearbook preparations; Random Acts of Kindness activities; Black History Month activities; school site celebrations, assemblies and spirit weeks; future high school student preview nights; Unified Sports soccer game; honor roll BBQ; class registration for the 2022-2023 school year; CVHS student graduates; guest speakers; and school fundraising opportunities.

F. Comments – Public

President Sylvester announced that there were five (5) public comment requests submitted (2 via telephone; 3 via Zoom), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Loo provided clarifications to a Board member's questions regarding comments from public speakers.

G. Comments – Board of Education

Individual Board members provided comments.

H. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments, including clarifications to comments from public speakers.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Board of Education – Approval of Amendment to the Scheduled Regular Board Meeting Dates for June 2022

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

B. Instructional Services – Approval of New High School Core Literature Title – Cold Mountain

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

C. Human Resources – Approval of Resolution #21/22-11: National School Counseling Week – February 7-11, 2022

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gill. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

D. Student Services – Adoption of Resolution #21/22-35 in Recognition of the Lunar New Year

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

President Sylvester stated that the Board would start the approval of the Consent Agenda by first addressing the following pulled agenda items:

B. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Trustee Capobianco recused himself from the discussion and vote on this agenda item, and there was no Board discussion. **Motion carried: 4-0, with a recusal from Trustee Capobianco and an abstention from Student Trustee Xu.**

G. Instructional Services – Approval of New Contract – UCLA Center X

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gill. President Sylvester announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted (via telephone), and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

- *Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.***

REMAINDER OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes**
- C. Human Resources – Approval of Resolution #21/22-34: Ordering of Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day (Annual/No Changes)**
- D. Human Resources – Approval of Student Field Placement Cooperative Agreement – Pepperdine University**
- E. Human Resources – Approval of Student Field Placement Agreement with Emerson College for Speech-Language Pathology**
- F. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- H. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten**
- I. Instructional Services – Overnight Trip Request – WHS Dance Team**
- J. Instructional Services – Overnight Trip Request – TOH Dance Team**
- K. Student Services – New Contract with Cortica Behavioral Health, Inc.**
- L. Student Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Reality Improv Connection, Inc. – BRITE**
- M. Student Services – Approval of Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement**
- N. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- O. Business Services – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- P. Business Services – MEASURE I – Notices of Completion**
- Q. Business Services – MEASURE I – Award of Contract – Various Trades – Exterior Site Improvements – Century Academy**
- R. Business Services – MEASURE I – Change Order 2: Underground Utilities – Westlake High School – R-Help Construction Co., Inc.**

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Board Member Request – Instructional Services: Visual and Performing Arts Update

President Sylvester announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted (via Zoom), and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Mr. Loo then introduced Mr. Brian Peter, Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Teacher on Special Assignment, who presented information on the history of creating the VAPA position; the work, duties and responsibilities of the position; the status of VAPA with regard to performances, ESSER III funds, achievement and learning loss, and PPE; areas of growth needed; the CVUSD Strategic Arts Plan and Committee; successful structures for Arts Education; and the Pillars of Arts Plan based on Committee input. Board members provided comments on the presentation, and Mr. Peter responded to a Board member’s question regarding surprises he realized during the creation and coordination of this position.

B. Board Member Request – Presentation by Student Services: Newcomer Academy at Newbury Park High School

President Sylvester announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted (via Zoom), and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. Miller presented information on the Newcomer Academy, including acknowledgements of those that helped launch this Academy; the definition of “Newcomer,” the purpose of this Academy; how students are identified, informed, and enrolled; current enrollment; parent/guardian and family outreach and supports; academy success metrics, and testimonials from a social worker, teacher and student involved in the Newcomer Academy. Dr. Miller responded to questions from Board members regarding options and services available for newcomer students that have not opted into the program, transportation services for Newcomer Academy students, the option for Newcomer Academies at the elementary and middle school levels, and whether credit reduction options are available for students that have not opted into the program.

C. Board Member Request – Open School Facilities – Playgrounds on Nights and Weekends

President Sylvester announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted (via telephone), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. Hayek presented information on the possibility of opening school facilities and playgrounds at night and on the weekends, including current protocols, custodial staffing hours for elementary, middle, and high schools, and survey results from principals and operations staff of the pros and cons of opening school facilities after hours. Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Hayek responded to questions from Board members regarding liability issues, shared responsibility and possible collaboration with our community partners (City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Recreation and Park District), conflicts with facility rental agreements, breakdown of facilities available for rental/use by outside groups, and history of hours of availability for facilities. The Board reached consensus to provide direction to District staff to contact our community partners to engage in discussion on possible collaboration opportunities and funding sources, and to receive more information on the current facilities available for rental/use by outside groups.

D. Student Services – Approval of New Board Policy 5141.5 – Mental Health

Dr. Miller provided background on the adoption of this new Board policy. Trustee Gill recommended alternative language in paragraph one, to which the Board reached consensus to approve. Dr. Miller responded to a Board member's question regarding a future administrative regulation to accompany this new board policy. There was no further discussion on this agenda item.

E. Human Resources – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 4020 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

Mrs. Valentine provided background on the amendments to this Board Policy and responded to a Board member's question regarding whether this policy covers all District employees, including exempt employees. There was no further discussion on this agenda item.

F. Board of Education – Adoption of New Board Policy 1313 – Civility

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the creation and adoption of this new Board Policy. After brief Board discussion, the Board reached consensus to move forward with the proposed adoption at the next Board meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members did not add any topics for future Board meetings. Dr. McLaughlin stated that the list of future Board topics now included presentations that staff are working on to present to the Board.

B. Adjournment

President Sylvester adjourned the Open Session at 8:55 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. Open Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 1, 2022

Date



Clerk

March 1, 2022

Date



Superintendent

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