

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****January 5, 2010
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of January 5, 2010, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:00p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Dr. Stephens asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal *Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- B. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release *(Pursuant to Government Code §5495)*
- C. Complaints or Changes Against a Public Employee *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957)*
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline *(Pursuant to Education Code §48918)*
- E. Pending Litigation *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3))*
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter *(Pursuant to Government Code §35146)*

The Closed Session ended at 5:58 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Also in attendance were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum, and Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology Services.

OPENING PROVISIONS

Mrs. Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the agenda with the following change: move II.E. Open Classroom Leadership Magnet-Conejo Elementary Staff, below II.F. Comments from Parent Support Organizations, and move IV. B.2. Personnel Assignment Orders Classified Employees C-4869 to C-4881 out of the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Erin Apregan, representing Westlake High School, sat with the Board. Erin, along with Edward Cruz, representing Newbury Park High School, Heather Lutz, representing Thousand Oaks High School, and Corey Prah, representing

representing Century/Conejo Valley High Schools, spoke about holiday programs, Winter Recess, athletics, various club activities, Poetry Out Loud, college workshops, talent shows, Powder Puff games, community garden, blood drives, fundraisers, choir and band activities, finals, theater, Senior Ball, school-to-career activities, field trips and guest speakers.

Comments from Parent Support Organizations

District Advisory Council (DAC): Laurie Lam, filling in for Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, reported from the meeting in December. Mrs. Buckles, Board member, explained the board's policies and vision for the middle school academies, Mrs. Cosaro presented the results of the middle school academy survey, and Lori Wall, Lead Consultant Teacher for Beginning Teachers Support & Assessment, discussed differentiation in the classroom. DAC will be visiting the Child Development Center at University next week, and will also meet to discuss marketing our schools. You may read more about DAC by visiting www.conejo.k12.ca.us under Parents & Students.

Conejo Council PTA President, Randi Dennen, announced the upcoming Reflection Program on January 20 at the Ventura County Office of Education.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Mike Soules, President, thanked the Power Family's Kenrose Kitchen Foundation's donation of \$25,000. The money will be used to support the innovative "Parents Making a Difference," program currently offered at Park Oak and Conejo Elementary, and other school site initiatives. Another donation for \$501 was made by a previous student, Dr. Anant Sahai, Professor at Berkeley, who thanked his teachers at Thousand Oaks High School. Dr. Sahai stated, "The rhetoric in this country is increasingly poo-hooing public schools, but ... the best kids I see (as well as the best I met as an undergraduate and a grad student) have largely come from a public school background."

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini welcomed everyone back after the holidays. He congratulated the Thousand Oaks High School Marching Band for their awards at the Fiesta Bowl, and Westlake High School Football Coach Jim Benkert for being selected as the Coach of the Year. Mr. Contini also announced that twelve of our schools have received 2009 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Awards as Scholar Schools for consistently high student academic achievement. The award uses longitudinal data focused on reading and math. The schools are: Westlake High School, Aspen, Banyan, Madroña, Maple, University, Weathersfield, Westlake, Wildwood, Cypress, Lang, and Sycamore. Each school has received a large banner with the announcement. Congratulations to all of these schools.

Comments from the Public

Ron Meyer, Senior Account Clerk, Assessment & Curriculum, introduced himself as the new CSEA President, replacing Stan McClain. Another speaker questioned the validity of award signs at the schools and expiration dates on the signs.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Connolly stated that she had attended the Fiesta Bowl and congratulated Thousand Oaks High School for their success as Grand Master Champions, a national competition, and First Place Marching Band in the Fiesta Bowl Parade. Dr. Connolly thanked the parents and staff who gave up so much of their time over the holiday break to support the band.

Open Classroom Leadership Magnet – Conejo Elementary Staff

Dena Seller, Principal, Conejo Elementary School, presented the focus of the Open Classroom Leadership Magnet, based on the program, "The Leader in Me." Dr. Stephens and Mrs. Buckles stated that the presentation was excellent and the name change made sense. Mr. Contini thanked the group for their research and hard work.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Board of Education and Superintendent**

- A. **Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7310 Naming of Facility**
Mrs. Buckles moved to amend Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7310, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. **Memorandum of Understanding with Conejo Valley Unified School District and the State of California for Race to the Top (RTTT)**
Mr. Dunn moved to approve the modified MOU and Preliminary Scope of Work and submit it to the State of California, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Dr. Stephens commended Mr. Contini and staff for their diligence in responding to the State regarding this program. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

- C. **Addendum to Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Addendum to Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan as mandated by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) – Program Improvement Year 1, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. **Approval of CAHSEE Exemption as a Condition of Graduation from High School for Eligible Students with Disabilities**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the CAHSEE exemption for students with disabilities who met all other graduation requirements in June 2008 or June 2009 or at the end of the extended school year (ESY), seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. **Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Course: American Sign Language 3**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the assignment of permanent status to American Sign Language 3, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. **Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Course: Digital Photography**
Dr. Stephens moved to approve the assignment of permanent status to Digital Photography, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. **Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Course: Sports and Entertainment Marketing**
Mr. Dunn moved to approve the assignment of permanent status to Sport and Entertainment Marketing, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. **(Added through agenda approval) Personnel Assignment Orders: Classified Employees: C-4869 to C-4881**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Personnel Assignment Orders Classified Employees C-4869 to C-4881, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Public speaker asked why the district is hiring Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
1. Special Meeting – Discussion Session of December 9, 2009
 2. Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
1. Certificated: #8476
Teachers

2. ~~Classified: C 4869 to C 4881~~ Moved to H. under Action Items per approval of the agenda
Child Care Assistant, Clerk, Early Care Aide, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Special Ed
 3. Exempt: E-9174 to E-9207
Advisor, Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Overnight Trip Request – Newbury Park High School Varsity Baseball
- D. Expulsions
1. Westlake High School #20-09/10
 2. Conejo Valley High School #21-09/10
 3. Sequoia Middle School #23-09/10
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
1. Newbury Park High School Boys Volleyball Booster Club
 2. Newbury Park High School Girls Volleyball Booster Club
 3. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Basketball Booster Club
 4. Thousand Oaks High School Girls Basketball Booster Club
 5. Westlake High School Cross Country & Track Booster Club
- F. Purchase Order Report #759
- G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- H. Addendum to the 2009-10 Annual Signature Authorization
- I. Notices of Completion – Los Cerritos Middle School – Water Heater Replacement – Precision Plumbing - Mechanical
- J. 2007-2008 TOPASS Agreement Annual Report
- K. 2009-2010 TOPASS Projects

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of School-Wide Title 1 Funding Model – Glenwood Elementary School. There were no comments.
- B. Name Change: Open Classroom Magnet – Conejo Elementary School. Dr. Stephens and Mr. Dunn stated their support of this name change.
- C. Approval of Extended Day Kindergarten – Lang Ranch Elementary. There were no comments.
- D. Approval of 2009-2010 School Accountability Report Cards. One public speaker asked that the District check the facts in these reports, and volunteered to proof read the drafts.

Business Services

- E. Facilities Options for a Potential BRIDGES Charter School. Dr. Baarstad presented a report on this topic. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Business Services office (805-497-9511, extension 206)

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Reports from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.
- B. Reports from the Superintendent: There were none.
- C. Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 8:39 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

January 19, 2010

Date

Clerk

January 19, 2010

Date

Superintendent