

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

January 6, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of January 6, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Beaubien asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:05 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. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
- C. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)
- D. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
- E. Real Estate Negotiations: Kelley Road Site, Meadows and University Elementary School Sites
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Industries, Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PROVISIONS

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

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, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, and Marina Mahilevsky, Director, Classified Personnel, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda with the following correction: Agenda Item IV. C.1, Westlake High School #11-08/09E should be changed to Conejo Valley High School #11-08/09E, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Corey Prah, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, was seated with the Board of Education. Corey, along with Jordan Dizon, Newbury Park High School, reported on campus events such as club activities, athletics, theater,

band and choral activities, art shows, assemblies and rallies, fund raisers, academy programs, school-to-career, and others. Jordan congratulated teacher/coach Nori Parvin for her 500 wins in girls' basketball.

Presentations

Boeing: Representatives Bob Yaegar and Christine Felinger from Boeing presented a grant check in the amount of \$25,000 for the EARTH Magnet School.

Open Classroom Magnet School: Dena Sellers, Principal of Conejo Elementary School, and Lori Peters, Teacher for the Open Classroom Magnet School, offered information about the Open School.

Women in History: Students Evelyn Truong, 7th grader at Los Cerritos, and Brook Stuart, 7th grader at LaReina, presented a personal history of Oprah Winfrey.

Recognitions

- Sycamore Canyon Lego League Tournament Winners
- Newbury Park High School Geography Bowl Champions
- Thousand Oaks High School Marmonte League and CIF Cross Country Champions
- Thousand Oaks High School Girls Volleyball Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Girls Golf Marmonte League Champions

Reports from Support Organizations

Randi Dennen, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported that the December Toys for Tots and Manna collections were successful. Future events are January 8, Westlake High School is holding a financial aid night for seniors and their parents, January 12 Lang Ranch will have an assembly "Bully No More," January 20 is the Ventura County Reflections Gala at the Ventura County Office of Education, and January 21 Thousand Oaks High School will have a parent education program.

Sue Wells, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), reported on the presentations at the December meeting: Janet Cosaro spoke about the new Child Development Center and the homework policy, Dr. Baarstad provided an update on the budget. DAC will be providing a priority list of budget cuts for the Board to consider. All school site councils will provide input on the list. The January meeting will DAC will hear about a program from Conejo Elementary School called Women in History, along with the school merger transition team and a marketing plan for the District.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini commented on all the positive presentations and recognitions during the evening, and asked that the community remember these while we move through some very tough times ahead. The students are still doing many great things to make us very proud of our District. Mr. Contini congratulated Dennis Carpenter, who has served as Police Chief for Thousand Oaks for the past four years, and was recently promoted to Chief Deputy. He will oversee the Sheriff's patrol services for Ventura County beginning February 8. He also welcomed the new Police Chief, Jeff Matson.

Comments from the Public

One speaker questioned why the Open Classroom presentation was not more publicized; one speaker offered openers for the CSEA negotiations; one speaker spoke to the closure of University Elementary School and possibility of having the continuation school placed at that site; one speaker discussed the school closure issue and thanked the public for being at the meeting to discuss it; one speaker spoke about the possibility that NFL may be eliminated by the Governor.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Phelps commented on the morning's assembly of PTA Council and Principals. It was a very positive experience and an opportunity to discuss collaborative programs and plans. Dr. Stephens mentioned that the list

of Board committee assignments will be announced at the next meeting. Mrs. Buckles mentioned that she had toured the NfL sites, and also visited Weathersfield Elementary and Horizon Hills. She was very impressed with the programs at all those sites.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Personnel Services

A. Resolution #08/09-10: National School Counseling Week, February 2-6, 2009

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring February 2-6, 2009, as “National School Counseling Week,” seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

B. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5116.1 and Administrative Regulations 5116.1 – Intradistrict Attendance

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend Board Policy 5116.1 and Administrative Regulations 5116.1 – Intradistrict Attendance, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Mrs. Phelps and Dr. Connolly had several questions and asked for some portions to be clarified. Mrs. Cosaro agreed and will make the recommended changes. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Recommendation of Family Life Materials Review Committee

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the DVD video as recommended by the Family Life Materials Review committee, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of the Child Care Program Lease and Operations Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Valley Unified School District/Neighborhood for Learning.

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Child Care Program Lease and Operations Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Valley Unified School District/Neighborhood for Learning, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Two public speakers expressed their concern about protection against expenditures exceeding income, especially when NfL may be eliminated. Mrs. Cosaro provided background about the contract with the City. Mr. Dunn questioned the affiliation with First 5, and stated his concern about future funding from that source, too. Mrs. Cosaro stated that she could discuss inserting a clause in the contract with the City regarding the District's responsibility if programs are cut at the State level. Mrs. Connolly questioned the enrollment of City employee's children and whether those funds would be affected, Mrs. Cosaro said no. Mrs. Connolly wanted to clarify: the City center facility has slots for the children of employees of the City, and is that portion paid by the City? Mrs. Cosaro said the funds are private and would not be affected by State cuts. Dr. Baarstad stated that NfL funds being cut would affect the program at the administration level and we could be looking at a program that is not self-sufficient. Dr. Baarstad stated that the District could go back to the City and propose if funds are cut at the State level and the program begins to cost the District money, we can close the program.

Mrs. Buckles restated her motion to approve the Child Care Program Lease and Operations Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Valley Unified School District/Neighborhood for Learning; seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion failed 0-5. Dr. Stephens asked that staff contact the City to include a clause to protect the District in the event funds are cut at the State level and bring this item back on the January 21 agenda. Mrs. Connolly asked about salary obligations if the program closed; Dr. Baarstad stated if the funding leaves us, we would have to consider closing the NfL program if the First 5 money was eliminated.

E. Receipt of Proposals for the Lease of Meadows and University Schools

Mrs. Phelps moved to formally receive proposals to lease the Meadows and University Sites and direct staff and the District's consultant to evaluate the proposals and provide the Board with recommendations at a future meeting, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, the District's representative for Assets and Real Property, provided a chronology of the stewardship of where the District is going in regard to property assets. Mr. Dunn questioned the Board's policy regarding leasing to religious entities. Mr. Contini stated that Mr. Dunn was

referring to obsolete policy, and that leasing to religious communities is not prohibited by District or Education Code. Two speakers spoke against having a Continuation School at the University site.

Mrs. Phelps moved to adjourn the item to the January 21, 2009, Board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as corrected, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
 - 1. Regular Meeting of December 16, 2008
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #8291
Teacher
 - 2. Classified: C-4458 to C-4466
Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education
 - 3. Exempt: E-8513 to E-8569
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Expulsions
 - 1. ~~Westlake~~ Conejo Valley High School #11-08/09E
 - 2. Conejo Valley High School #12-08/09E
 - 3. Los Cerritos Middle School #13-08/09E
 - 4. Sequoia Middle School #14-08/09E
 - 5. Sequoia Middle School #15-08/09E
- D. Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests
 - 1. Newbury Park High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team
 - 2. Thousand Oaks High School Dance Team
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations
 - 1. Redwood Band Booster Club
 - 2. Newbury Park High School Boys' Aquatics Booster Club
 - 3. Newbury Park High School Girls' Aquatics Booster Club
 - 4. Newbury Park High School Parent Faculty Association
 - 5. Newbury Park High School Umbrella Booster Club
 - 6. Thousand Oaks High School Girls' Basketball Booster Club
- F. Purchase Order Report #737
- G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- H. Quarterly Report on Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of Outdoor Education Contract. There was no discussion.

Business Services

- B. 2007/08 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements. (This report may be reviewed by contacting the Business Services Office.)
- C. Facilities Options for MATES Charter School. Dr. Baarstad presented a report with several options. (This report may be reviewed by contacting the Business Services Office.) Eight speakers addressed the issue of schools closing and the options presented to the Board.

- D. Agreement to Install High-Speed, Fiber Optic Network. Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology Services, presented information about the high-speed, fiber optic network. He recommended that the Board consider Time Warner for the installation. Discussion included the fact that a lot of curriculum provided by publishers cannot be run on the District's current, antiquated system, and that much of the District's equipment cannot be replaced if there is a problem.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 9:58 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 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 21, 2009

Date

Clerk

January 21, 2009

Date

Superintendent