

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

January 8, 2002

MINUTES

(Adopted)

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 8, 2002, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Present were Board members, Dorothy L. Beaubien, Mary Jo Del Campo, Dolores Didio, Patricia H. Phelps and Timothy G. Stephens. Also present were Neil Schmidt, Interim Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, were also in attendance.

**ROLL
CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of Certificated: teachers; Classified: clerk typists, instructional assistants/Bilingual Spanish, instructional assistant/Special Education, principal account clerk, substitutes; Exempt: specialists, campus supervisors, student helpers, proctor, athletic coaches. The closed session ended at 6:50 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

President Del Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance and read announcements for the Board meeting that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public can find agendas and Board procedure information.

**PLEDGE
AND
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

President Del Campo presented Mrs. Phelps with her commemorative gavel for her year of service as president; Mrs. Phelps presented Mrs. Del Campo with her new gavel.

On behalf of the Board, President Del Campo expressed deepest sympathy for the families of the tragic automobile accident on December 28, 2001. She commended the entire Westlake High School staff on the outstanding job of helping the families and students come to terms with the tragedy.

President Del Campo asked for a moment of silence to remember former Mayor Alex Fiore, who passed away.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

Jordan L. Gershman, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Jordan discussed the memorial services held for students Jordan Bass and Kenneth Glass who

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REPS.**

were killed in the car accident of December 28, and the grievance counseling services available for students at the school. Trees have been planted on the campus in honor of both students, and scholarships have been set up in their names. Jordan mentioned that one of the other students involved in the accident returned to school, and the fourth student will be returning soon. Jordan, along with Taniale Rohde, Thousand Oaks High School, and Nathalie Estrada, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, reported on events at their campuses such as winter sports, ASB and ASG elections, Golden State and SAT tests, Senior Ball, fund raisers for various events, college applications, Mock Trial preparations, choral presentations, game day at Conejo Valley High School. Nathalie Estrada distributed copies of the new school brochure to the Board members. Corey McMahon, Newbury Park High School, was not able to attend the meeting.

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The Board recognized Nathalie Estrada, Conejo Valley/Century High School student, for her representation at the Board meetings since September. Nathalie will be return to her home school for the second semester.

Tim Carpenter, principal, Redwood Middle School, gave a video presentation of events and programs available to students at Redwood. He thanked the many students who helped with the video, especially 8th grade student Taylor Butler.

REPORTS

Nate Harimoto, Chairman, presented the annual report of the Personnel Commission.

Patti Yomantas, Chairperson, Conejo Council PTA, discussed the many donations students made to Manna over the holidays; participation in the *Reading by 9* program; the Reflections 12th District awards program on January 21; and fund raisers at the schools for instructional resources.

**ADVISORY
GROUPS**

Dr. Schmidt: 1) extended his condolences to the families of the two Westlake High School students who were killed in the December 28 automobile accident on Westlake Boulevard, and to the families of the two students who were injured in the same accident. Dr. Schmidt stated that this type of tragedy reminds us how fragile life is, and that we need to take time, reach out, and let our families know how important they are to us, and to tell them that we love them. He commended the Westlake High School staff for the support they offered the families and friends of the students, and to all students who needed consoling. He said that Mr. Lipari commended Mr. Lou Lichtl for the caring and sensitive manner in which he coordinated the support efforts. 2) stated that four of the most visible bond projects will be opening soon – the middle school gymnasiums! This Friday, Colina will have a special opening of the gym on their campus. Each of the middle schools will have a celebration when their gymnasiums open, thanking the public for their support of the bond. He also reminded us that the gymnasiums are available to not only the schools but the entire community through the Civic Center process; 3) held up the new Annual Report for 2001 and congratulated the staff for the excellence of the report. Additional reports may be obtained through the Superintendent's office. 4) thanked the anonymous donor for the second installment of a three-year, \$10,000/year, donation to elementary art education.

**SUPT.
REMARKS**

Nick Quidwai commented on his disappointment that the Board continues to meet on the same day as the City Council, that the Board continues to meet at 7:00 p.m., that the Board only gives public speakers three minutes to speak, and that Dr. Schmidt did not personally attend Alex Fiore's funeral. He commended Mr. Fiore's service to the public.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

Mrs. Beaubien thanked the staff for the excellent work on the Annual Report and thanked Martha Mutz for inviting Board members to participate in the *We the People* program at California Lutheran University.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Dr. Stephens commended Tim Carpenter on his video presentation and the excellent programs at Redwood.

Mrs. Del Campo announced that the District had a response to CSEA's initial contract proposal received by the Conejo Valley Unified School District at the November 13, 2001, meeting. Robert Fowler, CSEA Vice President, received the response.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6032 - #6037, Classified #C-0736 - #C-0760 and Exempt #E-3076 - #E-3115, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the proposed amendment to Board Policies 739, 739.1, 739.2 and 739.3, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed. Mrs. Phelps commented that the only change in the policies is the change of the department name from Food Services to Child Nutrition.

**AMEND
POLICIES**

Dr. Stephens moved to expel student #13-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective December 11, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated December 11, 2001; and readmit student 13-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 13-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #02 filed.

EXPULSIONS

Mrs. Phelps moved to expel student #14-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective December 21, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated December 21, 2001; and readmit student 14-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 14-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #03 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mrs. Phelps asked if one of the schools was working on an umbrella organization; Dr. Simpson responded yes, but the individual groups still require approval for insurance purposes. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2001; A.R. #4—Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Chorus; A.R. #5—Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests; A.R.

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#6—Outdoor Education Contract; A.R. #7—Parent/Support Booster Organizations: Newbury Park High School Girls’ Basketball; A.R. #8—Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests: Thousand Oaks High School Lady Hoopsters; A.R. #9—Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests: Westlake High School Cross Country and Track; A.R. #10— Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests: Westlake High School Boys’ Volleyball; A.R. #11— Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests: Westlake High School Wrestling; A.R. #12—Purchase Order Report #596; A.R. #13—Notice of Completion: Westlake Elementary A/C Project – Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc.; A.R. #14—Notice of Completion: Westlake High School – Century Constructors, Inc.

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INFORMATION

INFO.

The Board received information regarding High School Course and Text Modification. Mrs. Phelps asked if by extending the classes to a full year, would this eliminate one-semester classes? Dr. Simpson explained that in many elective classes, students may take only one semester.

The Board received information regarding Resolution #0102-09 California State University Channel Islands Professional Development Charter School Participation. Dr. Stephens commented that this school would be a great help to the County for both students and teachers. He asked if there was representation on the planning committees from our District; Martha Mutz responded that at this point there are only planning committees – Jody Dunlap is on the personnel committee, she is on the instruction committee and both she and Linda Vranesh are on the steering committee. At some point there will be a school advisory council, which will be made up of parents, teachers, and university staff in addition to staff from districts around the County. Mrs. Del Campo asked how the teachers from the County districts would be paid; Dr. Dunlap stated that teachers would be paid according to their individual contracts at their schools. None of the funds will come from District funds. Dr. Stephens asked who would be making selections for the teachers; Dr. Dunlap responded that there would be a panel to make those choices.

The Board received information regarding High School English Reading Adoption Augmentation; there was no discussion.

Items of legislation: Dr. Schmidt stated that the legislature is currently meeting with the Governor for the next few weeks to discuss budget reductions for this year. Decisions made will greatly impact education and this District. We will know more about the impact on our District in the next few weeks. The District plans to come before the Board with recommendations based upon that information.

**ITEMS OF
LEG.

PERS.
COMM.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

President Del Campo adjourned the regular session at 7:55 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

Date January 22, 2002 _____
Clerk

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Secretary