

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

**January 21, 2009
M I N U T E S**

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of January 21, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 4:30 p.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 4:33 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 Elementary and University Elementary Schools
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Industries, Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 6:03 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PROVISIONS

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., 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. Dr. Jeffrey Davis, Director, Secondary Education and Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education were also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini wanted to answer a question from the last meeting regarding leasing properties to religious organizations. There is nothing in the law or in our board policy which would prohibit this.

Comments from the Public

12 speakers spoke in favor of a lacrosse team at Thousand Oaks High School, 3 speakers spoke in regard to remarks made by a Board member regarding Glenwood Elementary School, 1 speaker also supported lacrosse and spoke about political comments that shouldn't be made by anyone.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mr. Dunn stated that he asked his wife, who is a special education teacher at Oxnard Unified, about teaching at a school where there are 50-60% English Language Learners (ELL). Mrs. Dunn told him that the teachers are forced to teach at the level of the lowest common denominator. He apologized for hurting anyone's feelings. Mrs. Buckles discussed her visit to Colina Middle School, and had many compliments for the students and staff, especially in the area of ELL. Mrs. Phelps mentioned her visit to the PTA Reflections program at the Ventura County Educational Offices, and stated that CVUSD students did very well. Dr. Stephens commented on the discussion session of the Board on Friday, January 17. He was very positive about the format and the fact that the public could hear the Board work through discussion of an important topic.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**Personnel Services****A. Establish a Classified Position to Staff the Adult School**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the establishment of a new classified position, Adult School Program Specialist, 11 months/3.75 hours, to staff the Conejo Valley Adult School, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Resolution #08/09-13: Reduction of Classified Positions

Mr. Dunn moved to approve Resolution #08/09-13: Reduction of Classified Positions as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**C. Approval of Outdoor Education Contract**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the expenditure of funds as presented in the contract with the Foundation for the Junior Blind, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Child Care Program Lease and amended Operations Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Valley Unified School District/Neighborhood for Learning, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. One speaker spoke in favor of the contract; three speakers spoke against the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**E. 2007-2008 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements**

Mrs. Buckles moved to accept the 2007-08 audit examination of the District's financial records were previously distributed to members of the Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Agreement to Install High-Speed Fiber Optic Network

Mrs. Phelps moved to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Time Warner Cable to install a high-speed, fiber optic network connecting the District Office to 32 District sites, seconded by Dr. Connolly. One speaker spoke about cable drops at our school sites. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Action to Continue Award of Lease of Meadows and University School Sites to a Future Meeting

Mrs. Phelps moved to continue a decision to award the lease of the Meadows and University School sites to the meeting of February 3, 2009, with a final decision to award the lease no later than the February 17, 2009 meeting, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Facilities Options for MATES Charter School

Mr. Dunn moved to reopen Meadows School in fall 2009 as a District Arts and Technology Magnet School, with the full support and participation of the MATES Charter School Board, seconded by Dr. Stephens. 10 speakers spoke to this item: 3 speakers spoke against the Charter School and/or the reopening of Meadows Elementary, 6 speakers spoke in favor of the Charter/Magnet at Meadows. Dr. Stephens provided several reasons why he favored this motion. Mr. Contini provided background and information from the staff. Motion failed 2-3 (Buckles, Connolly, Phelps voting nay). Mrs. Phelps moved to provide the MATES Charter School with facilities at Glenwood Elementary School, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Dr. Connolly stated her reasons to vote for this motion and Mr. Dunn stated his reasons to vote against this motion. Motion carried 3-2 (Dunn, Stephens voting nay).

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. Regular Meeting of January 6, 2009
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #8291
Teacher
 - 2. Classified: C-4458 to C-4466
Child Care Leader, Child Care Assistant, Child Care 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. Sequoia Middle School #16-08/09E
 - 2. Sequoia Middle School #17-08/09E
 - 3. Conejo Valley High School 18-08/09E
- D. Readmission of Expulsion
 - 1. #65-07/08E
- E. Overnight Trip Requests:
 - 1. (By Airplane) Maple Elementary School
- F. Purchase Order Report #738
- G. Addendum to the 2008-2009 Annual Signature Authorization
- H. Award of Contract – Mass Communications Service
- I. Change Order #2 – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of Junior Kindergarten Program 2009/2010. Mrs. Cosaro stated that the staff of the Junior Kindergarten Program will be providing a presentation on February 3, 2009.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.
 Report from the Superintendent: There were none.
 Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 8:12 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, February 3, 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.

 Date

 Clerk

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 Superintendent

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