

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

**January 23, 2001**

**MINUTES**

(unadopted)

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 23, 2001, 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 Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; and Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Staff present during the Regular Session included Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education and Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education.

**ROLL CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Patricia H. Phelps, President. The Board discussed the appointment/employment of Certificated: administrator and teachers; Classified: health clerk, instructional assistant/bilingual Spanish, site computer technician, substitutes; Exempt: specialists, student helpers, campus supervisors, athletic coaches; discipline, dismissal and release. The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

President Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda as amended: approval of amended minutes of Regular Meeting of June 27, 2000, and move the Presentation of UACT Initial Contract Proposal to Opening Provisions after approval of the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Hal Vick, Unified Association of Conejo Teachers, reported on the initial contract proposal being submitted to the Board, the Association's interest in maintaining good labor relations with the District, and the desire to negotiate a contract that will maximize available funds appropriately for the membership. Susan Falk, President, Unified Association of Conejo Teachers, commented on the Governor's remarks last year about funding for education, the recent promotion of administrative personnel, the Special Education settlement and encroachment on the General Fund, the "me too" clause, the desire of the Association to begin negotiations immediately upon the conclusion of the sunshine process, and if necessary, to continue negotiations throughout the summer months. Mrs. Falk presented the Association's initial contract proposal to the Board. Dr. Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, reported on the negotiation process, that funding for negotiations will be dependent upon the Governor's May revise report as well as the needs of the District, the desire to establish negotiation dates with the Association on or about March 15 and to conclude negotiations by June.

**UACT INITIAL CONT. PROPOSAL**

Dr. Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, sat in for Dr. Gross, who was at a conference. Dr. Simpson 1) reported that last week the 12th District PTA provided a reception for high achieving students in the National PTA Reflections Program. Many CVUSD students were honored in the four categories of literature, music,

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photography, and visual arts. 5 of 16 students whose work is being forwarded to the State PTA are from our District. 2) mentioned the outstanding performances by the New West Symphony at the Civic Arts Plaza for over 1,600 3rd graders who have been studying all the elements of symphonic music through the Symphonic Adventure program over the past three weeks. He thanked Rockwell for their contribution to offset some of the expenses of this great program. 3) discussed the “similar schools ranks” released by the State last week based on last year’s Stanford 9 testing results. Overall, CVUSD has the highest similar school ranks for any comparison districts in the County. 4) informed the Board that CVUSD had 204 seniors who qualified for Advanced Placement Scholar Awards through The College Board. 52 of our students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award which requires an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams covering full year courses. 5) was pleased to announce that NPBS and WHS have both been awarded California Partnership Academy Grants. These are \$15,000 planning grants which will be used to implement academies next year. 6) mentioned that later this week we will have an international television film crew from Paris, France, filming the District’s elementary level Entrepreneurship Program at Walnut Elementary School. 7) informed the Board that next week the U.S. Department of Education should be announcing schools selected for Blue Ribbon site validation visits. We look forward to hearing good news about Cypress and University Elementary Schools.

Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education and Beverly Eidmann, Principal, Manzanita, offered information and background regarding the Immediate Intervention and Underperforming Schools Program currently at Manzanita. Statewide, schools that did not meet their Academic Performance Index (API) growth targets last year were invited to apply for this grant and Manzanita applied and was selected. The program provides intensive guidance in planning for improved student achievement through an External Evaluator. The External Evaluator becomes a facilitator in developing a school Action Plan for Improvement, which will ultimately be forwarded to the State for approval and funding via matching funds from the District for implementation. The formal assessment that will be used to monitor improvement will be the API. Schools that meet API growth targets are eligible for further awards.

**REPORTS**

Mr. Nate Harimoto, Chairperson, presented the Annual Report of the Personnel Commission to the Board and staff. The report details the commission’s activities such as recruitment, testing, certification, and other activities that the commission performs for the District.

Sydney Stein provided information about the Conejo Youth Orchestra and their local performances. She commended the students for their excellence and mentioned that most of the students in the orchestra are from our District.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

Mrs. Didio mentioned that Conejo Elementary School has many students who would like to be part of a musical program at school, but do not have access to instruments. She asked the community for resources or donations of musical instruments for the students. Once a student has an instrument, scholarships are available for lessons. Mrs. Phelps reported that at a recent PTA State board meeting a new program on the arts was introduced called “SMARTS.” She mentioned that she was surprised to hear how many districts statewide do not have arts programs, and was proud to announce the many arts programs offered in our District.

**BOARD REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #5466 - #5469, Classified #C-0168 - #C-0176 and #E-2300 - #E-2317, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Phelps announced the appointment of Paula Stafford, Elementary School Principal, Walnut Elementary School, on Class IX, Step A, of the certificated management salary schedule for the 2000-2001 school year, effective January 29, 2001.

**PAO's**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2001-2002 School Year Calendar, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**SCHOOL  
YEAR  
CALENDAR  
2001-02**

Mrs. Del Campo moved to readmit expelled student 18-9900E, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**READMIT  
18-9900E**

Mrs. Didio moved to accept the 1999-00 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Motimer introduced Mr. Felipe L. Quezada from the firm of Quezada, Godsey & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Quezada presented a report on the 1999-00 annual audit and records of the District. Mr. Quezada stated that the report was very favorable with no material weaknesses nor non-compliances. Mr. Quezada answered questions from the Board. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

**1999-00  
ANNUAL  
AUDIT  
REPORT OF  
DIST. FINAN.  
STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.'s filed: Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 9, 2001, and addendum to Minutes of Regular Meeting June 27, 2000; A.R. #4—Summer School/Extended Year Programs for 2001; A.R. #5—Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests; A.R. #6—Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization for Maple Elementary School Parent Faculty Association; A.R. #7--N.P.H.S. Girls' Basketball Booster Club; A.R. #8—University Elementary School Parent Faculty Association; A.R. #9—Outdoor Education Contract; A.R. #10—Purchase Order Report #577; A.R. #11—Warrant List for November-Items over \$1,000; A.R. #12—Warrant List for December-Items over \$1,000; A.R. #13--Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: Cypress Elementary School; A.R. #14--Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: Glenwood Elementary School; A.R. #15—Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: Ladera Elementary School; A.R. #16—Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: Madroña Elementary School; A.R. #17—Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: T.O.H.S.; A.R. #18—Notice of Completion-Technology Wiring: Westlake Elementary School.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

There were no information items.

**INFO.**

There were no items of legislation.

**LEGIS.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS. COMM.**

President Phelps adjourned the regular session at 7:59 p.m. to reconvene on February 9, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for the Regular Session Board Meeting.

**ADJOURN**

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Clerk

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Secretary

