

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****January 25, 2005  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 25, 2005, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Board members Dorothy L. Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, were in attendance. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education, were also present. Dr. Robert Fraisse was not present due to his attendance at the State Superintendent's Symposium.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Timothy Stephens, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Child Care Assistants, Paraprofessionals/Special Ed; Substitute; Exempt: Specialists, Student Helpers, Campus Supervisors, Athletic Coaches. The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephens read announcements that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public could find agendas and Board procedure information.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: replacement pages 16 and 46, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF NIKE GRANT**

Graham Watts, Disaster Services Coordinator from the City of Thousand Oaks, presented the District with a \$25,000 check through a Nike Grant, which was funded by a program through Nike that recycles tennis shoes. This recycled material, "Nike grind," is used in as an ingredient in field turf – much like what we used in our stadiums. Dr. Stephens and the Board thanked Mr. Watts.

**RECOGNITIONS****Redwood Middle School 2005 All-State Jr. High School Honor Band**

Edward Yates, student at Redwood Middle School, was recognized for being chosen to participate in the 2005 All-State Jr. High School Honor Band. Edward performs on a string base.

**Los Cerritos Middle School and Westlake High School – National Blue Ribbon Schools**

Principals Elly Love, Los Cerritos Middle School, and Ron Lipari, Westlake High School, presented

the Board with the National (No Child Left Behind) Blue Ribbon Schools Plaques.

Dr. Stephens commented that in Ventura County, Los Cerritos and Westlake High School were the only two schools to achieve this award. We are in the top 5% of school districts in the State that have been awarded the National Blue Ribbon award.

### **REPORTS**

Dr. Linda Calvin, Associate Director, Pupil Services, presented information regarding the "Adventures" (in Math and Science and the Arts) Programs that are offered to student grades 3-10 for hands-on experiences.

### **PERSONNEL COMMISSION**

Nate Harimoto presented the annual report to the Board of the Personnel Commission. Mrs. Shirley Koertz, Chairperson, was introduced.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Wilson, Thousand Oaks, stated that while he was on the City Council, the City and District built a positive and strong relationship, and he thanked the Board for their participation.

Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks, stated her displeasure and concerns about the National (NCLB) Blue Ribbon awards and API scores.

### **BOARD - REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien commended the Westlake Rotary group for their commitment to work at our Title 1 schools.

Mr. Dunn requested information regarding children not being allowed to leave our campuses; Dr. Simpson explained the process for a high school student to obtain an off-campus pass. Mr. Dunn thanked Thousand Oaks High School for inviting him to the Tsunami relief rally to be held next Wednesday, but he cannot attend.

Mrs. Didio thanked Bob Wilson for his part while he was on the City Council for approving the \$3.1 million for high school stadium improvements. As a result, our high schools hosted games for other schools whose stadiums were flooded by the recent rains!

Dr. Stephens reiterated Bob Wilson's remarks about the relationship between the City and the School District, and thanked Superintendent Robert Fraise, as well as the City Council, for this partnership. Dr. Stephens discussed a rally at the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Office last week, which the Board and Superintendent attended to join others around the County. The rally was to take issue with the Governor's cuts in educational funding and suspension of Proposition 98. Dr. Stephens asks that our community band together to oppose these cuts in educational funding by contacting the Governor's office via phone calls, email or letters.

### **PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #7008 - #7009, Classified #C-2446 - #C-2459, and Exempt #E-5683 - #E-5693 seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONTRACT REOPENERS – CSEA**

Mrs. Phelps moved to increase the salary schedule of Chapter 620, CSEA, by 1% effective January 1, 2005, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**RESOLUTION**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring February 7-11, 2005, as “National School Counseling Week,” seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mrs. Phelps recognized counselors in the audience. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**FEE INCREASE – CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the fee increase for the CVUSD Child Care program for 2005-2006, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mr. Dunn mentioned that this is the first time that the fees have been raised in eight years; Dr. Stephens added that even with the raise, the prices are far below private childcare costs and commended staff for their excellent program. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

**POLICY AMENDMENT**

Mrs. Phelps moved to Amend Policy 433 (Intradistrict Attendance – School Choice) [First Reading] as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens asked if teachers/staff who had children could be moved up the priority list; Dr. Simpson stated that the only higher priority would be neighborhood students. Public speaker Kindi Vizulis stated her concerns about the amendment; Dr. Simpson responded, assuring Ms. Vizulis that the amended should not affect lower sibling priority. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of January 11, 2005. A.R.s filed: A.R. #A.R. #5 Expulsion: Colina Middle School #15-04/05E; A.R. #6 Expulsion: Colina Middle School #16-04/05E; A.R. #7 Expulsion: Newbury Park High School #17-04/05E; A.R. #8 Expulsion: Los Cerritos Middle School #18-04/05E; A.R. #9 Expulsion: Colina Middle School #19-04/05E; A.R. #10 Readmission of Expelled Student #32-03/04E; A.R. #11 Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests; A.R. #12 Overnight Trip Request – Westlake Instrumental Music; A.R. #13 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Westlake Hills Elementary Parent Faculty Association; A.R. #14 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Football Booster Club; A.R. #15 Purchase Order Report #657; A.R. #16 Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #17 Notice of Completion: Indefinite Masonry and Concrete Contract Mendez Concrete, Inc. – Redwood Middle School.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Instructional Services**

1. Amend Board Policy 431.7.1 Transfer to Continuation High School. There was no discussion.

**Business Services**

1. Policy 834.9 State and Federal funded Programs Uniform Complaint Policy. Dr. Stephens inquired as to whether the Governor’s budget would have an impact on this policy (Williams lawsuit) since this complaint was initiated by schools being under funded; Dr. Simpson responded that overriding this decision would require a higher court on appeal or legislative

action.

- 2. District Surplus Property Advisory Committee’s Recommendation for the Kelley Road Site as District Surplus Property. Mrs. Beaubien commented on the thoroughness of the report by the committee; Dr. Baarstad responded that the committee took their roles very seriously. Public speaker John Anderson commended the relationship between the District and City; complimented the committee on their work and findings; and asked the District to be assertive in asking the City to preserve some of the buildings as historical on the Kelley Road site.

Dr. Stephens announced the upcoming Study Session on Tuesday, February 1, at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room, which will address the above-mentioned, and other facility issues around the District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stephens adjourned the regular session at 7:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into Closed Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Closed Session ended at 8:05 p.m.

The Board will reconvene for the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

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