

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****February 2, 2010
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of February 2, 2010, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 4:34 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Phelps asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 4:36 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. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release *(Pursuant to Government Code §5495)*
- C. Complaints or Changes Against a Public Employee *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957)*
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline *(Pursuant to Education Code §48918)*
- E. Pending Litigation *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3))*
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter *(Pursuant to Government Code §35146)*

The Closed Session ended at 5:58 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

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, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Also in attendance were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum, and Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology Services.

OPENING PROVISIONS

Mrs. Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Presentation

Janet Cosaro and Jenny Jones, School Psychologist, presented information regarding the Response to Intervention program.

Recognitions

- Ladera Elementary School was presented with Angel's Wings from the Soldiers' Angels organization. Ladera contributed many materials for the soldiers over the holidays.

- LensCrafters was honored for their generosity of free eye exams and eyeglasses to needy students.

Reports from Student Board Members

Corey Prah, representing Conejo Valley and Century High Schools, sat with the Board. Corey, along with Edward Cruz, representing Newbury Park High School, Heather Lutz, representing Thousand Oaks High School, and Maria Miranda, representing Westlake High School, spoke about athletics, various club activities, fundraiser events for Haiti, ASG events, choir and band activities, theater events, Prom activities, school-to-career activities, field trips and guest speakers.

Comments from Parent Support Organizations

District Advisory Council (DAC): Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, reported from the meeting in January, which was held at the Child Center at University. Cheryl Freitas, Administrator, presented the vision and services at the Center, which currently holds an NFL preschool, adult school classes and a multi-purpose room that gets extensive use for meetings and conferences around the district. This site will also be the location for the Wonder Program, Special Education preschool programs, speech and language therapy as well as counseling services. DAC members spent a lot of time discussing marketing opportunities for our district. Dr. Baarstad presented updated budget information. You may read more about DAC by visiting www.conejo.k12.ca.us under Parents & Students.

Conejo Council PTA President, Randi Dennen, discussed the Reflections Gallery on January 20. Many of the 93 students honored in the categories of Literature, visual arts, photography, film production, dance choreography, and musical composition were from CVUSD. Seven of 24 students being sent to the state for judging are our students. Ms. Dennen stated that all around the district, schools have been collecting shoes, money and other supplies for Haiti. Ms. Dennen introduced Darlene Butcher, PTA President, Colina Middle School, who reported on several key people at Colina who help make the environment so special at the school.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Mike Soules, President, thanked Dianne McKay and David Kreinces for their work on the *Acorn* article about the Foundation last week, and David Kreinces for his Letter to the Editor in the *Star* regarding the importance of public education. He also thanked Darlene Butcher, new Foundation board member, for her efforts of outreach to the community, including joining the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce. Speaking of community outreach, please know that the coins that are thrown into the fountain at the Oaks Mall are gathered and donated to the Foundation! Please visit conejoschoolsfoundation.org for more information.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini provided brief highlights from the Superintendents' Symposium he recently attended, including information from the general sessions and networking opportunities. Most of the sessions centered on technology and discussions were about the importance of training on new technology, for the students and teachers.

Comments from the Public

Nine speakers praised the Adult School programs such as the adult ESL program, the Learning Center for GED and Independent Study, and pre-school programs at Horizon Hills, two speakers discussed the many services the school counselors provide, one speaker discussed Bridges' preference for classrooms at the University Center, and one speaker asked that the district reevaluate the admission policy for the Discover Academy. Nine Public Written Statement Forms were submitted in support of programs at the Adult School.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Stephens mentioned that whenever he visits the Adult School or Horizon Hills, the parking lots are filled with cars. He praised the successful programs offered at both sites. Mrs. Buckles discussed the tour of the University

Center with DAC and her visit to the Horizon Hills and Adult School. Mr. Dunn proudly displayed the thank you card from Park Oaks Elementary for the Board helping to keep the school open.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Instructional Services

A. Approval of Online Courses for Summer Session 2010

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the CVUSD online Health Education course and the UCCP online United States History course for the 2010 CVUSD summer session, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Amendments to BP5121 and AR5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

Mr. Dunn moved to amend Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Amendments to BP5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Dr. Stephens moved to amend Board Policy 5127, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 6000 Series

Mrs. Buckles moved to amend Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 6155, 6164.6, 6174, and 6200, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of After-School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Grant to Glenwood Elementary School

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Grant at Glenwood Elementary School, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Outdoor Education Contract

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the expenditure of funds and contract with The Foundation for the Junior Blind, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Dr. Connolly thanked Mrs. Cosaro for all her research and work to get the best program for the students. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

G. 2008-2009 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements

Mrs. Phelps moved to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Audit Report of the District's Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Approval of Contract with AT&T for School Site Network Equipment

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the contract with AT&T for school site network equipment, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of Contract with Time Warner for High Speed Connection to VCOE

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the contract with Time Warner for a high speed connection to VCOE, second by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Approval of Contract with VCEDNET to Increase Internet Bandwidth

Dr. Connolly moved to approve the contract with VCEDNET to increase internet bandwidth, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
 - 1. Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #8488-8489
Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-4910 to C-4909
Administrative Assistant, Child Care Assistant, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Early Care Teacher, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Senior Clerk Typist
 - 3. Exempt: E-9248 to E-9270
Advisor, Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Overnight Trip Requests
 - 1. Thousand Oaks High School Competition Cheer
 - 2. Colina Middle School Jazz Band
- D. Expulsions
 - 1. Redwood Middle School #19-09/10E
 - 2. Westlake High School #27-09/10E
 - 3. Thousand Oaks High School #28-09/10E
 - 4. Conejo Valley High School #29-09/10E
- E. Readmission of Expelled Student #19-08/09E
- F. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
- G. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #2-09/10
- H. Purchase Order Report #761
- I. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- J. Acceptance of Cash and/or Equipment Donations
- K. Award of Contract-UCP Restroom Upgrades – Conejo Valley Adult Education

INFORMATION ITEMS

Personnel Services

- A. Resolution #09/10-15: Ordering of Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day. The Board members questioned the issue of not counting previous experience prior to employment at CVUSD. After much discussion, the Board requested that when the resolution returns to the Board for action on February 16, it will include as one of the criteria previous teaching experience in a public school, K-12, with a valid teaching credential.
- B. Resolution #09/10-16: Determination of Competency Among Employees Possessing the Same Credential

Instructional Services

- C. Approval of New High School International Baccalaureate Course: Psychology IB Higher Level 1

Business Services

- D. Janss Road Property – Easement Agreement with CRPD
- E. Budget Committee Update (for discussion only)

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 10:02 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, **at 4:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 5:00-5:30 p.m. for Open Session** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. Public Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes total as the Board wishes to attend the Ventura County Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Date

Clerk

Date

Superintendent