

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

February 13, 2001

MINUTES

(unadopted)

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 13, 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 Jerry C. Gross, Superintendent; 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 certificated administrators and teachers; classified health clerks, instructional assistant/bilingual Spanish, site computer technician, substitutes; exempt specialists, student helpers, campus supervisors, proctors, athletic coaches. The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Student vote: Aye. Motion carried 5-0. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Carly Maygren, Thousand Oaks High School, was seated with the Board. Carly, Melissa Kindschi, Newbury Park High School and Megan Shirey, Westlake High School reported on current school activities at their respective schools including elections for next year, sport team playoffs, Winter Ball, school rallies and class projects. Alejandra Pinto, Century/Conejo Valley High Schools, was unable to attend. **STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Gross 1) reported that Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media, and several high and middle school teachers are developing a proposal to the National Center for Civic Education to establish a pilot instructional program emphasizing citizenship in a democracy. 2) commented on the visit by Dr. William Glasser, psychiatrist, author, and educational leader, to Conejo Elementary School's Alternative Education Program, on Friday, February 9. He also experienced the "Bubble Event" at Conejo Elementary, an event coordinated by the teachers to introduce scientific principles to the students. Dr. Glasser later addressed parents, staff and community members during his presentation at the District Office. 3) would like to encourage Congressman Elton Gallegly's efforts to run a bill through Congress designed to attract math and science teachers. 4) remarked that the Madroña Elementary School campus is looking great with its new modular classrooms, which fit well with the existing structures. He also thanked the Madroña neighbors for their patience during the construction phase. 5) discussed the Anna Kournikova virus that invaded the District offices for a while Monday morning. 6) congratulated the five **SUPT. REMARKS**

Conejo Valley Unified School District students who are heading to the State level of the Reflections Recognition Program. The students are Madison Schwarz of Cypress Elementary and Bethany Estrada of Redwood Middle School for Literature; Michael Nott of Park Oaks Elementary for Photography; Alissa Pang of Los Cerritos Middle School and Julie Hui of Thousand Oaks High School for Visual Arts.

**SUPT.
REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Beth Doupe, Chairperson, Bond Facility Projects District Advisory Committee, reported that the modernization projects at several of the elementary schools, restrooms at Thousand Oaks High School and air conditioning at Newbury Park High School are near completion. She mentioned the pouring of the new building slabs at Westlake Hills Elementary School and the four middle school gymnasiums, and excavation of the new Thousand Oaks High School track. The final plans for the pool and tennis courts at Westlake High School are waiting for State approval. Play equipment at Conejo and Madroña Elementary Schools has been installed while other schools are waiting for theirs to arrive or are still in the planning stage. Mrs. Doupe thanked Larry Birdsell, Principal, Conejo Elementary and Dr. Gross for coming to the last Bond DAC meeting. The next meeting will be March 1.

**DISTRICT
COMM.**

Cheryl Heitmann, Chairperson, District Advisory Committee, reported that Dr. Simpson provided information regarding the classroom set of textbooks provided at the middle schools. She thanked Dr. Linda Calvin, Associate Director, Pupil Services and Claudia Spelman, Coordinator, Pupil Services, for presenting an overview of the many services provided through the Pupil Services Department. She also thanked Brenda Coleman, Teen Services Director at the Teen Center, for providing information about the services provided to children grades 7 through 12 at the Teen Center. DAC has developed a survey for each school to determine how fund raisers are managed at the schools. Dr. Simpson updated DAC on the API awards. The next meeting will be February 20.

There was no report from the Conejo Council PTA.

Laura Lee Custodio questioned the Board regarding the building of new schools, the decision about middle schools, whether there will be a new high school, how the District will handle crowded classrooms, and asked for a master plan for a fifth middle school and a new high school.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

Joy Meade asked that the Board address the issue of class size reduction, overcrowding in the classrooms and the need for more schools, particularly the fifth middle school.

Suzanne Duckett mentioned how pleased she was with Acacia Elementary School, asked about the building of new schools and questioned enrollment projections.

Dr. Gross announced that there will be a Special Study Session regarding Facilities at the next Board Meeting, February 27. Dr. Gross also responded to the comments about new schools that Lang Ranch Elementary School was built two years ago and that Sycamore Canyon Elementary School will be open next year.

Carrie Smith, Scout Committee Chairperson for Boy Scout Troop #751, came forward with Scout Kyle Bradley to thank the Board for the elevator installation at Newbury Park High School. Kyle gave a special thanks to Dr. Simpson for his assistance with this project.

Mrs. Del Campo commented that she attended the Academic Decathlon last weekend, and that all three of our high schools were represented in the awards program. She commended the students, parents and coaches for their efforts.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Dr. Stephens discussed the API bonus awards and the fact that our District ranks fifth in the amount of award dollars in the State; mentioned that University Elementary School will be receiving a Department of Education Blue Ribbon visit soon; remarked that Westlake High School and Newbury Park High School will both be receiving California Partnership Planning Grants in the amount of \$15,000 for the first year, \$42,000 in the second year and \$60,000 for the third year. Dr. Stephens commended the staff and students for their excellence in regard to these "good news" items. He asked if there were any follow-up meetings to Dr. Glasser's presentation planned in the future and questioned some items in the recently published the Pupil Performance Profile compiled by the Pupil Services Department.

Mrs. Didio remarked that she had attended Dr. Glasser's presentation and that she had attended many of his program presentations in the past. Mrs. Didio offered her collection of Dr. Glasser's books on "quality schools" to those who would be interested in his program. She also mentioned that she had visited the Teen Center during a speech presentation by middle school students and was impressed with their efforts.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #5470 - #5477, Classified #C-0177 - #C-0219 and #E-2318 - #E-2372, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Mrs. Del Campo moved to adopt Board Policy 725.2.4.1 District Assets and Inventory (First Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**POL. 725.2.4.1
DIST. ASSETS
AND
INVENTORY**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt Board Policy 725.2.4.2 Sale and Disposal of Personal Property (First Reading), seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**POL. 725.2.4.2
SALE AND
DISP. OF
PERS. PROP.**

Mrs. Phelps opened a public hearing on UACT's Initial Contract Proposal. There were no speakers and the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC
HEARING:
UACT
INITIAL
CONT. PROP.**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the Read Across America Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mrs. Susan Falk, President, UACT, gave the audience a brief history of the Read Across America program and encouraged everyone to read to children. She also thanked Dr. Simpson for supporting the program, and the Board for approving the resolution. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Didio moved to expel Conejo Valley High School student 13-0001E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 16, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated January 16, 2001; readmit student 13-0001E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 13-0001E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 15, 2001, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**EXPULSIONS
13-0001E**

A.R. #4 filed.

Mrs. Del Campo moved to expel Thousand Oaks High School student 14-0001E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 22, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the “Voluntary Consent to Discipline” signed and dated January 22, 2001; readmit student 14-0001E to the District’s Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County’s Community School Program; and permit student 14-0001E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 15, 2001, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

**EXPULSION
14-0001E
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Dr. Stephens moved to expel Westlake High School student 15-0001E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 24, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the “Voluntary Consent to Discipline” signed and dated January 24, 2001; readmit student 15-0001E to the District’s Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County’s Community School Program; and permit student 15-0001E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 15, 2001, seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

**EXPULSION
15-0001E**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to expel Westlake High School student 16-0001E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 23, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the “Voluntary Consent to Discipline” signed and dated January 23, 2001; readmit student 16-0001E to the District’s Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County’s Community School Program; and permit student 16-0001E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 15, 2001, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

**EXPULSION
16-0001E**

Mrs. Del Campo moved to expel Westlake High School student 17-0001E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 17, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the “Voluntary Consent to Discipline” signed and dated January 17, 2001; readmit student 17-0001E to the District’s Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County’s Community School Program; and permit student 17-0001E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 15, 2001, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #8 filed.

**EXPULSION
17-0001E**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.’s filed: Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 23, 2001; A.R. #9—K-12 Block Grant Budgets; A.R. #10—Overnight Trip Request for Thousand Oaks High School Journalism; A.R. #11—Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Newbury Park High School Boys’ Volleyball; A.R. #12--Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Newbury Park High School Girls’ Volleyball; A.R. #13--Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Thousand Oaks High School Band; A.R. #14--Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Westlake High School Choral; A.R. #15--Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Westlake High School Dance; A.R. #16—School Choice Capacity Limits; A.R. #17—Education Technology Grant Program for High Schools (AB2882); A.R. #18—Addendum to the 2000-01 Annual Signature Authorization; A.R. #19—Purchase Order Report #578; A.R. #20—Acceptance of Equipment and/or Cash Donations; A.R. #21—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #22—Rejection of Insurance Claim (Tillman); A.R. #23—Notices of Completion: Park Oaks Elementary – Technology Wiring; A.R. #24--Notices of Completion: Redwood Middle School – Mod Craft, Inc.; A.R. #25--Notices of Completion: Redwood Middle School – Technology Wiring; A.R. #26--Notices of Completion: Westlake High School – Roofing Project.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(CONT.)**

INFORMATION

The Board received information regarding Certification: Core Reading Program Instructional Materials. Dr. Stephens questioned whether the materials had been ordered. Dr. Simpson responded that they had been.

**CERT: CORE
READING
PROGRAM
INST. MTLs.**

The Board received information regarding the 2000-01 Second Quarter Financial Statements. Dr. Stephens questioned items from the Adopted Budget which Gary Mortimer answered. Mrs. Didio inquired about the lottery funding being part of the contingency fund and asked if we could list the lottery funds separately. Gary Mortimer responded that the District could look at this possibility, but it would have a profound effect on the General Fund. Mrs. Didio requested that this possibility be reviewed with the Board.

**2000-01
SECOND QTR.
FIN. STMTS.**

There were no items of Legislation.

LEGIS.

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

PERS. COMM.

President Phelps adjourned the regular session at 8:05 p.m. to reconvene immediately to Closed Session.

ADJOURN

Date

Clerk

Date

Secretary