

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****February 13, 2007  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of February 13, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:01 p.m. Mrs. Didio asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:02 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)(3)*
- D. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters  
*Pursuant to Education Code §35146*
- E. *Labor Negotiations*  
*Pursuant to Education Code §54957.6*
- F. Conference with Real Property Negotiations  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m. with no action to follow.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION****OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education, Janet Cosaro, Director, Curriculum, and Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Presentation by Conejo Robotics Club**

Teachers Alan Grant, Westlake High School Industrial Arts teacher, Abel Magana, Thousand Oaks High School Industrial Technology teacher, and Michael Weingarden, Newbury Park High School math teacher, with their students, demonstrated the robot they put together for a robotics competition in Los

Angeles.

### **Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Lily Xia, Thousand Oaks High School, was seated with the Board. Lily, along with Heather Higgins, Westlake High School, Larissa Avisov, Newbury Park High School, and Paige Kundert, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, reported on events at their schools such as ASB/ASG activities, rallies, athletics, blood drives, band events, Job Shadow Day, Academic Decathlon, Future Freshman Night, club activities, school-to-career activities, field trips, testing, and others. Congratulations to Century High School for recognition as a California Model School.

### **Reports from Parent Support Organizations**

Peggy Buckles reported for the Conejo Council PTA, stating that February is celebrated throughout the United States as the month to celebrate the founding of PTA in 1897, and its subsequent impact on education. Katheryn Walters, Wildwood Elementary PTA, shared highlights from the Wildwood PTA.

Betsy Connolly, District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairperson, reported from the January meeting where declining enrollment was discussed. Ms. Connolly commended Nicole Funfar, Westlake High School Dean of Activities, for the "Connecting Students" program at the school. The next meeting will be February 20, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Lorraine O'Neill, Chairperson, Bond District Advisory Council, reported from the January 25, 2007, meeting, where the 2005-2006 Annual Report was approved, and held discussion about the May election slate of officers, the possible formation of an ad hoc committee to inform the community about the "unseen" Measure R projects around the District, declining enrollment, and Sycamore Canyon's construction areas. The next meeting will be May 24, 2007. Mrs. Didio asked about legislation regarding putting districts that are funding their own construction on a fast track in the State Architect services. Dr. Baarstad replied that he was not aware of any. However, the delays at the State Architect office have been increasing every year. Recent legislation required a review of the General Services Agency to try to speed up the agency. Mr. Dunn asked for clarification of state matching funds.

### **Report from the Conejo Schools Foundation**

Mr. Contini reported for Foundation President, Pam Garvin, who was out ill. The Foundation thanked Amgen for their gift, which included meaningful professional development and continuing education for teachers to attend conferences, engagement of high school and middle school science teachers in an all-day workshop, and hiring of college interns to assist high school science teachers. The Foundation is also organizing the All-District Band Festival and will be opening (elementary enrichment) Summer School registration on March 1.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) announced that the City, Recreation and Park, and School District are preparing for an Intergovernmental meeting; 2) congratulated Jim Martin, principal, and staff and students of Century High School, for being chosen by California Department of Education for their California Model School status; 3) congratulated the students, staff, and parents involved in the Academic Decathlon for their hard work with this event; 4) commended those involved with the "Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop," which was presented through the County offices and attended by several CVUSD staff; 5) enjoyed his visit to the WHS anatomy class where guest speaker Ginny Gremillion, Memorial Hermann Hospital, Texas, discussed ethics in the medical field. Mr. Contini commended teacher Nancy Bowman for adding dimension to her instructional program; 6) mentioned the great projects that students submitted at the Colina Science Faire today; 7) enjoyed the Career Faire

at Los Cerritos last week, which used the theme of "Happy Trails," and 8) mentioned that the Board received feedback information about the Board meeting schedule beginning July 1, 2007, which will be the first and fourth Tuesday of each month. (Dr. Stephens and Mrs. Phelps asked that the Board discuss the staff report at the February 27 meeting. Mrs. Didio agreed that this topic would be on the February 27, 2007, agenda, but that she will provide the Board additional information.)

### **Comments from the Public**

Susan Falk, President, Unified Association of Conejo Teachers, presented the 2007-2008 initial proposal from the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers. Mrs. Falk emphasized the many contributions from the members of UACT in the development of the proposal. Dr. Stephens stated his appreciation to UACT for the hard work.

John Anderson questioned the procedure of placing agenda items in the Information section before they are Action items. Mr. Anderson thanked those involved in finalizing the 2007-2008 School Calendar for giving the Friday before the Christmas holiday vacation off to the students.

### **Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mrs. Phelps commented on an informative Brown Act workshop through the County and two Board training sessions, at which time it was noted that the Board may hold a Discussion Session, as they did earlier in the evening. It gives the Board a chance to share information and discussion in open session. Mrs. Phelps commended the Westlake High School Anatomy class open house and the choral presentation. She attended the "Parents Make a Difference" graduation (Conejo and Park Oaks Elementary) for parents and applauded the teachers Susan Pease and Keri Taketa and parents involved in the program.

## **ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**

### **Board of Education and Superintendent**

#### **A. Annual Adjustment of the Board Meeting Calendar to Accommodate Spring Break and Summer Schedules**

Dr. Stephens moved to adjust the Board meeting schedule for 2007 to cancel the meeting of April 10, 2007, and set the summer meeting dates to July 10 and August 21, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Personnel Services**

#### **B. Approval of the 2007-2008 School Year Calendar**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2007-2008 school year calendar, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens thanked the District and UACT for their work on the calendar, especially the Friday before the Winter Break. Mrs. Phelps also thanked the District and UACT for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Mr. Dunn stated that it would have been nice to bring this forward as an Information item as a courtesy to parents. Mrs. Didio stated that with this early information, the parents can now plan their calendars. Motion carried 5-0.

**Business Services****C. Comprehensive Energy Management Consultant Services Agreement with Energy Education, Inc.**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Energy Management Consultant Services Agreement, and direct staff to appropriate documented cost savings to restoration of school instructional budgets, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens commended the District for their hard work getting this contract together, which will help to restore instructional budgets. Mrs. Didio asked how we would bring the budgets back to the 2003 level, Dr. Baarstad stated that we have the exact data about what it will take to get those budgets where they were in 2003. Mr. Contini added that was why it is stated in the rationale that it will go into effect a year from now. Dr. Baarstad proposed to return with a report to show what each of the numbers were this year and what it will be in 2008-2009 as a result of this action. Mrs. Phelps moved to amend the motion to approve the Energy Management Consultant Services Agreement, and direct staff to appropriate documented cost savings to restore per student instructional budgets back to the 2003 level effective 2008-2009 school year, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion as amended carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

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

- A. Approval of Minutes:
  - 1. Regular Meeting of January 23, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
  - 1. Certificated: #7690 through #7702
  - 2. Classified: C-3581 to C-3717
  - 3. Exempt: E-6929 to E-6985
- D. Expulsion:
  - 1. Sequoia Middle School #18-06/07E
  - 2. Newbury Park High School #19-06/07E
  - 3. Colina Middle School #21-06/07E
- E. Readmission of Expelled Student: #37-05/06E
- F. Overnight Trip Request:
  - 1. Newbury Park High School Competition Cheer (Ratification)
  - 2. Westlake High School Chorus
- G. Parent Support/Booster Organization Authorization:
  - 1. Conejo Schools Foundation
  - 2. Newbury Park High School Competition Cheer Booster Club
  - 3. Newbury Park High School Tennis Booster Club
- H. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Students:
  - 1. #30-06/07
  - 2. #31-06/07
  - 3. #32-06/07
  - 4. #33-06/07
- I. Purchase Order Report #696
- J. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- K. Acceptance of Cash and Equipment Donations
- L. Change Orders:
  - 1. #1: Indefinite Quantity Asphalt – Mission Paving & Sealing, Inc.

- 2. #2: Indefinite Quantity Masonry – Mendez Concrete, Inc.
- 3. #3: Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc.
- 4. #3: Indefinite Quantity Masonry – Mendez Concrete, Inc.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Board of Education and Superintendent**

- A. Discussion of (Proposed) Board Protocols. Mr. Contini asked for any input that the Board may have, and thanked Dr. Stephens and Mr. Dunn for their work as committee members assigned to develop the protocols. Mrs. Beaubien stated that she felt the document was very comprehensive and had a few editing suggestions, as did other Board members. Dr. Stephens thanked the Superintendent for his work on the protocols, which is a document that would have been helpful in prior years.

**Instructional Services**

- B. Approval of Science Philosophy, Program Expectation, Standards for the Graduate and Grade Level Content Standards
- C. School Choice Capacity Limits. There was no discussion.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Didio adjourned the Open Session at 7:50 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

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