

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

February 14, 2006

MINUTES**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of February 14, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:04 p.m. Mrs. Phelps asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; Mr. Steve Barton, Thousand Oaks, spoke to the Level 5 complaint that the Board would review in Closed Session. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

1. Public Employees
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957
Appointment/Employment/Evaluation of Performance, Leaves of Absence, Retirement,
Discipline, Dismissal*
2. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)
3. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter
Pursuant to Education Code §35146

The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m. Mrs. Phelps announced that the Board took no formal action during Closed Session.

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

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Phelps welcomed guests and read the procedural announcements.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Dr. Robert Fraisse, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Superintendent, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, Dr. Michael Vollmert, Director, Technology and Assessment, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

President Phelps welcomed and introduced the student representative seated with the Board, Morgan Lopker, Thousand Oaks High School.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following amendment: revision of agenda item “Software Licensing Agreement with the Ventura County Office of Education and C Innovation, Inc.” page 16, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

Student Recognitions

The Redwood Middle School 7th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl students were honored for the 9th consecutive year as State champions!

Presentation – Zangle

Dr. Michael Vollmert presented a report on the proposed new student data base, Zangle.

2004-2005 Annual Audit Report

Quezada & Company, outside auditing firm, explained the audit process to the Board and complimented staff for their work.

Report from Student Board Representatives

Morgan Lopker, Thousand Oaks High School, sat with the Board. Morgan, along with Kelly Feiweles, Westlake High School, Kyle Greenberg, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, and Jill Zino, Newbury Park High School, provided the Board with reports from their schools regarding topics such as Valentine events, Senior Ball, Academic Decathlon, club activities, athletic activities, Career Faire, ASG events, fund raisers, School-to-Career, maintenance on school facilities, performing arts, Blue Ribbon application, scholarship opportunities, and I.B. program events.

Report from Support Organizations Leadership

Betsy Connolly, Chairperson, District Advisory Council, reported on the meeting of January 17, 2006. The meeting focused on student support services. The next meeting will be February 21, at which time there will be a report from the Superintendent search team, clarification of policy of classroom food treats, presentation on History/Social Science curriculum development, and academic pathways in secondary schools. Copies of the agenda and minutes can be found on the District's website.

Sue Wells, Conejo Council PTA President, reported on the Reflections Reception held January 18, where 150 awards were offered in the area of music, literature, visual arts, and photography. Seven student's entries will be forwarded to the state level. Members of the Conejo Council Board were invited to meet at Chuck Weis's office for input on what parents would like to see in a new superintendent.

Lorraine O'Neill, Chairperson of the Bond District Advisory Council, reported from the meeting of January 26. Ms. O'Neill distributed copies of the Annual Report to the Board and Staff, and stated that the report and minutes of the last meeting can be located on the District website. She also stated that the current board has volunteered to serve next year, but the slate is open to anyone interested in running. The next and final Bond DAC meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2006.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Fraisse asked that the public be aware of the District's Annual Report, which is being distributed through the *Acorn*. This report gives a great deal of information including a full range of test scores, information on the arts, athletics, and other information of great importance to parents and others interested in our District's accomplishments. Dr. Fraisse also thanked Karen Isé for coordinating the information for the report.

Comments from the Public

Debbie Miller, Julie Carroll, Sue Byars, and Brenda Storz spoke in support of the current kindergarten program at Horizon Hills. Public statement cards in favor of the program were also submitted by June Slattum, Jill Smalling, Marsi Gore, Cyndy Bodgers, Kelly Konjoyan.

John Anderson, Newbury Park, asked the why the 2006-2007 school calendar was still in negotiations. Macey Anderson gave her time to Mr. Anderson.

Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks, provided (combined) campaign financial information of the seated Board members, stated her dismay with the County Office contract to do the superintendent search, and suggested that the Horizon Hills kindergarten program look to NfL for financial support. *(Dr. Fraisse clarified that the NfL money is from the State of California, and that the District does not fund that program.)*

Susan Falk, President, UACT, stated that it would be an Unfair Labor Practice for her to get into detail about the negotiations and the calendar; however, stated that there have been many misrepresentations about the calendar and negotiations. Ms. Falk stated that members have been polled and voted several times. Ms. Falk presented UACT's initial proposal to the Board.

Nick Quidwai, Newbury Park, discussed the length of time before the Public Comments being very long, and his dismay with the Board's meeting being the same time as the City Council meeting.

Suzanne Duckett, Thousand Oaks, discussed her discontent with the Board approving a pay raise for themselves at a higher rate than the teachers and staff, asked for a report regarding preparation for the Exit Exam, asked that there be an alternative to information available on line by teachers that is on power point, and asked that the SAT preparation program available at Newbury Park High School also be available at the other high schools.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Beaubien talked about attending the State of Education speech by Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of California. In that, Mr. O'Connell discussed the need to look at not only what we teach students, but how they are taught, and this includes preparing them for a career.

Dr. Stephens thanked the parents from Horizon Hills who spoke, and stated that he supports the program, as does the rest of the Board. He asked Linda Peralta to present more information about the options on that program. Dr. Stephens assured the parents that the Board is very strong about the program continuing, and is looking at all the options available. He asked Linda Peralta to provide a status on the program.

Mrs. Peralta thanked the parents for coming and Adult Ed for providing such a great program. The Board has asked her to look into opportunities for the program to continue. She has met with a number of principals, and calls have come in offering to have the program at different sites in the District. The intent is to keep the parent participation requirement of the program. Staff would like to keep the "uniqueness" of the program, and feel that can be accomplished at another site. Through her research, there seems to be a lot of win-win situations that are available. The goal is to have a decision and announcement at the next Board meeting, and enough information for parents prior to March 6-10 (regular kindergarten roundup) so that parents can make informed decision as to where their child would best be served next year.

Mrs. Didio discussed attending the event in Monterey where Dr. Fraisse was honored as Superintendent of the Year by Pepperdine University Education Department. She also discussed visiting with the educators who are visiting some of our schools from England through a program with California Lutheran University. Mrs. Didio gave the following update on the Superintendent Search:

- CVUSD was given timely notice by Dr. Fraisse which allows us to move forward with a very comprehensive search effort to find a new superintendent and have that individual selected before the completion of this school year.
- It is very important to the Board that this timeline allow for appropriate overlap and a transition between Dr. Fraisse and the new superintendent. We are very confident that the process allows for this overlap.
- The parameters of the job search include the following components:
 - a) We have contracted with the County Schools Office and Dr. Weis to lead the effort for the superintendent's search;
 - b) The search will allow local, state or even national candidates to apply for the position;
 - c) The consultant services include outreach efforts to meet with various stakeholder groups to establish a profile of a desired candidate and also for receiving input from individuals not associated with any particular organization but with interest in having their perspectives heard;
 - d) The search will include the usual components of an advertising brochure, outreach through the placement of ads in professional publications as well as other well-proven methods of recruitment;
 - e) CVUSD has an outstanding reputation and a strong applicant field is expected;
 - f) We are intent upon bringing our selected candidate to meet the public later this spring.

Mr. Dunn stated that he does support the Horizon Hills effort, and discussed the negotiations with the teacher's union regarding the vacation schedule for next year. He discussed his poll through the *Star*; however, he cannot discuss employee responses due to interference with negotiations. His (private) poll revealed the following community results: 45% of the community wants Christmas vacation to start on the 20th; 36% on the 16th, and 19% on the 23rd.

Mrs. Phelps commented on her opportunity to attend an environmental horticulture class taught by Allen Saute at Sequoia Middle School, which has received a grant for the program. Mrs. Phelps applauded the program.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Board of Education

1. 2006 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations

Mrs. Beaubien moved to nominate the following individuals for from Subregion 11-B to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly: Darlene Bruno, Hueneme Elementary School District, Dolores Didio, Conejo Valley Unified School District, John B. Walker, Ventura Unified School District, and Gordon Whitehead, Las Virgenes Unified School District, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye.

2. Annual Remuneration or Compensation for Board Members for Calendar Year 2006

Mrs. Didio moved to increase the current compensation of \$463 per month to \$486, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Nick Quidwai spoke against the increase. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay.

Instructional Services**3. Resolution #05/06-10: Amended Child Care Grant and Application**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the attached amended child care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Software Licensing Agreement with the Ventura County Office of Education and C Innovation, Inc.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the amended Software Licensing Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens thanked Dr. Vollmert for his (earlier) presentation on Zangle, and stated how this program will tremendously help move the District forward with great information available to parents and teachers. Mrs. Didio asked Dr. Baarstad what the change was in the amended version of the contract; Dr. Baarstad stated that indemnification was the issue for the District, and now there is dual indemnification. Also, there was an issue of limits of liability, and now the contract has much better language protecting the District. Mrs. Didio stated her concern about confidentiality; Dr. Baarstad assured Mrs. Didio that there will be safeguards, including passwords, in place to protect every student. John Anderson asked questions about the system, to which Dr. Fraise recommended that Mr. Anderson call the offices that are working with the contract to gather more complete information without the time constraints under Public Comments. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Waiver of California High School Exit Exam Requirement

Mrs. Beaubien moved to grant a waiver of the CAHSEE requirements for students 1-05/06 and 2-05/06 pursuant to the information described in the CAHSEE Waiver Requirements, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**6. Resolution #05/06-13: School Facility Fee Increase**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve Resolution #05/06-13 to increase the School Facility Fees allowed by law, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay.

7. Resolution #05/06-14: Urgency Resolution – School Facility Increase

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Urgency Resolution #05/06-14 to immediately increase the School Facility Fees, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

A. Approval of minutes Regular Meeting of February 14, 2006.

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #7328 to #7340
2. Classified: C-3046 to C-3127
3. Exempt: E-6461 to E-6519

C. Expulsions:

1. Thousand Oaks High School #19-05/06E
2. Thousand Oaks High School #20-05/06E

3. Colina Middle School #21-05/06E
 4. Colina Middle School #22-05/06E
 5. Westlake High School #23-05/06E
 6. Newbury Park High School #24-05/06E
 7. Thousand Oaks High School #25-05/06E
 8. Conejo Valley High School #26-05/06E
 9. Conejo Valley High School #27-05/06E
- D. Overnight Trip Requests
1. Thousand Oaks High School Band/Drum Line
 2. Thousand Oaks High School Journalism
 3. Westlake High School ASG
 4. Westlake High School Color Guard
 5. Westlake High School Color Guard
 6. Westlake High School Dance Team
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
1. Sequoia Middle School Chorus Booster Club
 2. Newbury Park High School Baseball Booster Club
 3. Newbury Park High School Football Booster Club
 4. Newbury Park High School Tennis Booster Club
- F. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #23-05/06
- G. Purchase order Report #676
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Reorganization of the Copy Center/Warehouse
- J. Approval of Participation in Bids and Contracts of Other Public Agencies and California State Contracts
- K. Change Order #1-Electrical Upgrade – Reyes and Sons Electric, Inc. – Conejo Adult School
- L. Notices of Completion:
1. Indefinite Quantity Electrical–Reyes & Sons Electrical, Inc. –Various School Sites
 2. Indefinite Quantity Concrete/Masonry–Mendez Concrete, Inc.–Wildwood Elementary School
 3. Indefinite Quantity Concrete/Masonry–Mendez Concrete, Inc.–Maple Elementary School
 4. Indefinite Quantity Concrete/Masonry–Mendez Concrete, Inc.–Manzanita Elementary School

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

1. School Choice Capacity Limits – There were no comments.
2. Amendment of Board Policy 344.3, Promotion and Retention. The Board had several questions answered by staff.
3. Approval of New High School Pilot course: Peer Resources. The Board had several questions answered by staff.

Business Services

4. 2004-2005 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements (Presentation by Quezada & Co.) (The Presentation was moved to Opening Provisions) There were no comments.
5. Report on Conejo Valley High School/Measure R Bond Funds (Presentation by Dr. Jeff Baarstad). The Board had several questions answered by Dr. Baarstad.
6. Elementary School for New Housing Development. There were no comments.

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 9:15 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. for a Board Study Session, which will be open to the public.

February 28, 2006

Date

Clerk

February 28, 2006

Date

Superintendent