

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

February 26, 2002

MINUTES

(Adopted)

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 12, 2002, 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 Neil Schmidt, Interim Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, were also in attendance. **ROLL CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated teachers, administrator, summer school administrators; Classified: Bilingual Crosscultural ESL Instructional Facilitator/Spanish, Child Care Assistant, Instructional Assistants/Special Education; Senior Clerk Typist, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Athletic Coaches, Other. The Closed Session ended at 7:04 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Del Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance and read announcements for the Board meeting that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public can find agendas and Board procedure information. **PLEDGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Chuck Eklund and Martha Mutz presented information regarding the middle school new math program. Dr. Stephens asked if the assessments were the same at all schools; Mrs. Mutz replied yes. **REPORT**

Dr. Schmidt: 1) encouraged everyone to participate in the "Reading Across America" program which honors Dr. Suess's birthday. The Board will sign a resolution which assigns March 1 as the day everyone is encouraged to read to a child. 2) congratulated Rhoda Brown, English teacher at Newbury Park High School, for being chosen as the Chamber Teacher of the Month for February, and introduced Merle Pappas, who was in the audience, as the 2000-2001 Chamber Teacher of the Year. 3) announced the elementary and middle school Star Spelling Bee winners: two first place students, Abby Sassoon, 6th grade, Acacia Elementary School and Pam Marquez, 8th grade, Redwood Middle School, and Lynne Qiu, 5th grade student **SUPT. REMARKS**

at Weathersfield Elementary School, will serve as alternate. Dr. Schmidt thanked Lang Ranch principal Brad Baker for hosting the event and Krista Pederson, Madroña teacher, for coordinating the Spelling Bee. 4) mentioned that last week Los Cerritos held a Career Day, where community and parent business representatives came to share their knowledge and answer students' questions regarding their businesses. This is one of the first steps in the District's career awareness efforts for students.

**SUPT.
REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Suzanne Duckett voiced her concern over the appropriation of funds and resources to create full-day kindergarten at Madroña Elementary School. Mrs. Del Campo mentioned that other speakers would address the Madroña full-day kindergarten issue when that Agenda item is discussed.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

Nick Quidwai commented on his displeasure that the Board meetings continue to be the same time as City Council meetings and discussed parent's rights and the democratic process.

Dr. Stephens thanked Chuck Eklund, Martha Mutz, and Linda Vranesh for their presentation on the middle school math program, and for the continuing work in all curricular areas.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien commended the parent information meeting at Horizon Hills for perspective kindergarten students that she attended.

Mrs. Del Campo commended the Westlake High School choral group for their presentation at Many Mansions.

Mrs. Didio explained that since the Board made its nominations for the 2002 CSBA Delegate Assembly in December, other names have come forward and she welcomed input from other Board members. Mrs. Phelps commented that she would like the Board to consider Suzanne Kitchens from the Pleasant Valley School District. Mrs. Phelps commented that she has worked with Ms. Kitchens in the past, and that having new members mentor with long-standing members would be valuable. Therefore, Mrs. Didio moved to vote for the following candidates to represent Subregion II-B to the CSBA Delegate Assembly: Jan Iceland, Oak Park Unified School District, Judy Jordon, Las Virgenes Unified School District, Robert Salas, Santa Paula Union High School District, and Suzanne Kitchens, Pleasant Valley School District; seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**DELEGATE
ASSY.**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6053 - #6078, Classified #C-0829 - #C-0841 and Exempt #E-3209 - #E-3242, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

The following administrative appointments were announced:

Jean Gordon was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Principal, Grades Pre K and Grades K-5, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class IX, Step D, on the management salary schedule for the six-week period June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus

five additional days for administrative responsibility.

**PAO'S
(CONT.)**

Sally Calle was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Principal, Grades Pre K and Grades K-5, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class XI, Step A, on the management salary schedule, from June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus five additional days.

Joanne Scaglione was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Principal, Grades Pre K and Grades K-5, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class XI, Step E, on the management salary schedule from June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus five additional day.

Margaret Saleh was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Principal, Grades 9-12, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class V, Step A, on the management salary schedule for the six-week period June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus five additional days for administrative responsibility.

Steve Lepire was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Assistant Principal, Grades 9-12, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class X, Step B, on the management salary schedule for the six-week period June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus five additional days for administrative responsibility.

Mike Waters was appointed as Summer School/Extended Year Assistant Principal, Grades 6-8, for the summer of 2002, at 90% of the appropriate daily rate for Class X, Step E, on the management salary schedule for the six-week period June 19, 2002, through August 1, 2002, plus five additional days.

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring March 3-9, 2002, as “Week of the School Administrator,” seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

RESOLUTION

At this time, President Del Campo announced that the Board would like to change the order of the Agenda items, and move the Business Services items up at this time.

**AGENDA
ORDER
CHANGE**

Mrs. Didio moved to accept the 2001-2002 Second Quarter Financial Statements as submitted; seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Quidwai stated that he wished the Board would allow more time for discussion, and asked that packets be available for the public. *(A limited number of packets are available at the beginning of each meeting.)* Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

**2nd QTR. FIN.
STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the 2002-2003 Budget Calendar as proposed; seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #8 filed.

**2002-03
BUDGET
CALENDAR**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to adopt the 2002-03 General Fund Initial Budget Forecast as proposed, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Dr. Stephens asked Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #9 filed.

**2002-03 GEN.
FUND INI.
BUDGET
FORECAST**

Mrs. Didio moved to expel student #22-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective February 8, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated February 8, 2002; and readmit student #22-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 22-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

EXPULSIONS

Dr. Stephens moved to expel student #23-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective February 7, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated February 7, 2002; and readmit student #23-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student #23-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

Mrs. Phelps moved to expel student #24-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective February 6, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated February 6, 2002; and readmit student #24-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student #24-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the full-day kindergarten at Madroña Elementary School for the 2002/2003 school year, available to room availability, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Marc Sattler, Dianne McKay, spoke in favor of the program; Tamara Casebolt and Scott Lamp discussed their concerns about the program. Public statement cards were submitted by the following people: Marcy Popiel, Imelda Wagstaff, Karen Elliott, Janet Baird, James Kirschner, and Christina Myren are in favor of the program; Jennifer Whiteman is against the program. Dr. Stephens commended the Madroña staff for coming up with a creative and progressive program that addresses the changes in the kindergarten program coming from the State. He asked if there would be additional costs for the program; Mrs. Vranesh answered over all no, that the costs would be minimal. Dr. Stephens reiterated that parents would have a choice for half or full-day kindergarten, and that other schools that can facilitate a full-day kindergarten program are coming forward; Mrs. Vranesh confirmed his comments. Dr. Schmidt commented that some of the schools that are looking at this program at their sites are considering altering the program to fit their staff and facility opportunities. Mrs. Vranesh commented that other districts in our area have been offering a full-day program for kindergarteners, and are pleased with their programs. Mrs. Didio asked what the difference would be in what would be

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offered students in the full-day and half-day programs. George Coyle, Principal, Madroña, commented that a full-day program would bring more balance to the program and more time for academic exploration as well as socialization. Mrs. Didio voiced her concern about having academics in the morning and socialization in the afternoon, and how the half-day student would experience the socialization aspect of the program. Mr. Coyle assured the Board that there would be socialization opportunities in the morning, but the full-day program would be more balanced. Mrs. Didio pointed out that from what she read, this program would especially benefit at-risk students and asked if any of our Title 1 schools would be available for such a program; staff responded that some of the Title 1 schools have inquired about the program. Mrs. Beaubien voiced her concerns whether this program would be exclusive to Madroña or expanded to other schools. Dr. Simpson responded that both Title 1 and non-Title 1 schools have inquired, such as Manzanita. We will consider whether or not each site will be able to facilitate the program for the long term. He mentioned that several times over the years the Board and District have responded to grass-roots reform efforts by parents and staff for alternative programs at specific sites that respond to the needs of their students. For example, the restructured program at Meadows Elementary School and the International Baccalaureate Program at Newbury Park High School. The full-day program was brought forward in that spirit to best serve the students at Madroña. Mrs. Beaubien asked if attendance in the program would be fashioned after the 6th grade program at the middle schools; Dr. Simpson responded that it would be more like banked time or schedule reconfiguration. Mrs. Beaubien commented that she would like to have a survey of prospective kindergarten parents asking what they want for their students. She also mentioned that she wished she had more time to consider the program so she could have visited similar programs and talk to parents. Mrs. Phelps questioned how the students in an extended day program fair at the end of the day; Mrs. Vranesh commented on the program currently at Conejo Elementary for at-risk students where the students are fed lunch, receive a rest period but not a nap time, and are exposed to additional reading and academics. Mrs. Phelps asked where the students would have their lunch; Mr. Coyle responded within the kindergarten area. Mrs. Beaubien stated although she will vote for the program, she is still ambivalent. Mrs. Phelps stated that she felt confident that the teachers have done a thorough job of researching, have presented a plan, and it would be fair to give them a chance. With the built-in option for those parents not wanting a full-day program, it should be honored. Mrs. Del Campo agreed with Mrs. Phelps, and commended the staff on their proposal. To have 85% of the parents supporting this program, with the half-day option, the parents are getting the best of both worlds. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

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Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2002; A.R. #10—Resolution #0102-17: Read Across America; A.R. #11—Board Trip Request: Newbury Park High School Marine Science Class; A.R. #12—Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Girls' Basketball Team; A.R. #13—Thousand Oaks High School Cross Country; A.R. #14—Newbury Park High School Cheerleading; A.R. #15—Newbury Park High School Wrestling; A.R. #16—Sequoia Middle School Chorus; A.R. #17—Purchase Order Report #599; A.R. #18—Warrant List: Items over \$1,000; A.R. #19—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #20—Acceptance of Equipment and Cash Donations; A.R. #21—

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

0102-15 (Urgency) Facility School Increase; A.R. #22—0102-16 Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Not to Exceed \$11 million; A.R. #13—Federal School Renovation Grant Program Application. Susan Falk, President, UACT, and Bill Csellak, reading teacher at Westlake High School, addressed the history and benefits of the Dr. Suess “Read Across America” Program, thanked the Board for approving the Proclamation, and commended Dr. Simpson for being co-chair of the Read Across America program.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(CONT.)**

INFORMATION

INFO.

The Board received information regarding Amendment to Board Policy 532.1.3 – Health Examinations for New Certificated Employees; there were no comments or questions.

The Board received information regarding Amendment to Board Policy 534.1.2 – Assignment, Training, Assistance and Evaluation of New Teachers. Mrs. Didio questioned the term “newly hired, newly credentialed.” Dr. Dunlap will

The Board received information regarding Class Size Reduction Waiver: Eighth and Ninth Grade Algebra; there were no comments or questions.

The Board received information regarding Policy 344.7 Indexed GPA Computation – Amendment; there were no comments or questions.

The Board received information regarding Math Foundation Documents, K-8 Math Textbook and Materials Adoption, and Mathematics Materials Waiver. There were several speakers to this issue: Stacy Storm, who identified herself as a parent and an employee of Harcourt Brace (Rod Storm deferred his time to Stacy Storm) and David Ayers, teacher, spoke against choice of *Everyday Math* for the textbook adoption (Sharlene Spangler and Kim Heesch deferred their time to David Ayers); teachers Lindley Edkins, Jane Trout, Janet Doman, Ann Martin, and Karen Maloney spoke in favor of *Everyday Math*. Public Statement Cards in favor of *Everyday Math* were submitted by Christina Myren, Gail Smith, Janet Baird, and Merle Pappas. Public Statement Cards against *Everyday Math* were submitted by Vicki Izquierdo, Luis Izquierdo, and Brian Wilson. Martha Mutz presented information supporting the choice of the K-12 mathematics committee, including their selection of *Everyday Math*, and explained the waiver requirements and process at the State Department. Mrs. Didio asked about the alignment with State standards; Mrs. Mutz assured her that *Everyday Math* is aligned with State standards. Mrs. Didio asked what if we are not granted the waiver; Mrs. Mutz commented that the committee is prepared to go with something else. Dr. Stephens asked if staff development is part of the process; Mrs. Mutz responded yes.

The Board received information regarding Policy 457.2: Ground for Suspension – Amendment; there were no comments or questions.

There were no items of legislation.

**ITEMS OF
LEG.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS.
COMM.**

President Del Campo adjourned the regular session at 9:50 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

March 12, 2002
Date Clerk

March 12, 2002
Date Secretary

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