

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 1, 2016
MINUTES****SPECIAL DISCUSSION SESSION**

President Pat Phelps announced the meeting at 4:15 p.m., and asked if there were any Public Comments. There were none. The Board discussed shifting the educational mindset from gate-keeping to door opening. Dr. Bonitatibus provided the background for the discussion topic, much of which was generated at the Greenprint meetings from teachers and students who were concerned about the current “gate-keeping” practices. Mr. Iezza described the past practice of teachers assessing students and setting parameters that may limit their future progression in Honors and/or Advanced Placement classes. Many issues were discussed, including the difficulties of building a master schedule, prerequisites for certain classes and standardized tests. A petition process has been in place for years for students wishing to place in Honors or Advanced Placement classes, but have not fallen within set parameters. Gate-keeping practices found at elementary and middle school levels were also discussed. In addition, as practices shift, teachers will need professional development support and parents will benefit from understanding how new practices will help all children with educational access and equity. District and school site staffs will continue to review and be responsive to practices that will open doors to students. If policy changes are necessary, staff will propose changes to the Board.

The Discussion Session ended at 5:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 p.m. President Phelps announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:37 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, *Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
See Section IV. Action Items-Consent Personnel Assignment Orders
- B. Labor Negotiations, *Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6*
Agency Negotiator: Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Employee Organizations:
 - Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA)
 - Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)
- C. Consideration of Student Discipline – Expulsion or Suspension, *Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*
- D. Pending Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)

The Closed Session ended at 6:03 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were Board members John Andersen, Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, and Pat Phelps. Administration: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; Dr. Jon Sand, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; and James Garza, Director, Secondary Education.

Mrs. Phelps welcomed attendees to the meeting and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the agenda as amended: pull Agenda item under V. Action Items – Consent, L. Award of Contract: Technology Infrastructure Phase II – Various Sites, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation

The Board received a Proclamation from Thousand Oaks City Council for *Read Across America*, presented by Colleen Briner-Schmidt, President, UACT and Westlake Elementary School TK students.

Reports from Student Reporters

Miranda Barraza, representing Newbury Park High School, Brooke Barker, Thousand Oaks High School, Brooke Katz, Westlake High School, Lauren Sutter, Century Academy, and Priscilla Villa, Conejo Valley High School, reported on activities on their campuses such as ASB activities, fund raisers, TOHS Capstone presentations, talent shows, Powder Puff events, Prom planning, Kindness Week, Honor Roll BBQ, recycling campaigns, band, choir and orchestra concerts, athletics and many other activities.

Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Cindy Goldberg, Executive Director, Conejo Schools Foundation, reported that the “Get Ahead” Summer School program opened with 200 students registered on the first day. Tickets for TedX on March 6 may be purchased on the Foundation’s website www.conejoschools.org.

Susan Hanscom, Chairperson, District Advisory Council (DAC), reported from the meeting of February 9, 2016. DAC enjoys featuring schools and/or special programs at the schools. Kirsten Walker, Principal, Acacia Elementary School featured Acacia’s Genius Hour; Martin Manzer, Principal, and Karla DiDomizio, Assistant Principal, provided information about Century Academy; and Thousand Oaks Police Chief Tim Hagel discussed an intervention program for at-risk children. Ms. Hanscom thanked the Board for their support, for attending DAC meetings and for embracing their partnership. The next DAC meeting will be March 9, 9:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Please see DAC’s webpage on the Parents tab of the District’s website: www.conejousd.org

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus discussed the Boys & Girls Club “Youth of the Year” selection process and the role of the Boys & Girls Clubs in some children’s lives. On behalf of the District she and Mrs. Buckles delivered a proclamation for Rocky & Lon Morton at a naming celebration at Sequoia Middle School Boys & Girls Club. Dr. Bonitatibus attended the Youth Leadership Summit at the Thousand Oaks Library, where the students made suggestions as to how the District could better serve them. Senator Pavley visited Glenwood Elementary School, where she discussed environmental sustainability and the state’s role in public education. Dr. Bonitatibus recognized many exciting student accomplishments around the district. Dr. Bonitatibus mentioned her favorite learner moment, which involved adults. She recognized and thanked district office staff for their involvement in the Leadership Development and Support Team who are working together to develop a leadership program that will offer

leadership training to every level of employee in our district. Also noted was the perseverance of a teacher who took risks with a new lesson.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Buckles discussed attending the naming ceremony at Sequoia Middle School and thanked Lon and Rocky Morton for their generous contributions. The Future Foundation Youth Leadership Congress went on a tour of Los Robles Medical Center, where the many opportunities in the medical professional were highlighted. The City Manager's office at Agoura City Hall also welcomed the students who were given a tour and presentation about careers in city administration.

Dr. Connolly also attended the Youth Leadership Summit at the Thousand Oaks Library, where middle school students talked to her about their concerns for their future and getting the right things on their student resumes. They wished they had more hands-on opportunities, and wished for more community volunteer opportunities for children their ages. Dr. Connolly attended the Conejo Schools Foundation meeting, and thanked the Foundation for the Get Ahead Summer School efforts as well as the All-District Music Festivals. Earlier in the day she had attended a flex meeting on Career Technology Education at the community college level. She hopes to see more conversations and collaborations with our high schools and community colleges.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Board of Education

A. Approval of Resolution #15/16-16 in Support of SB 799 (Hill) School Finance

Mr. Andersen moved to approve Resolution #15/16-16 in Support of SB 799, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. It was suggested and agreed that a letter of support for SB799 be sent to our legislative representatives, Senator Fran Pavley and Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

B. Approval of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5148.3: Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the new Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5148.3: Preschool/Early Childhood Education, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Mrs. Buckles asked for a minor change on the first page. Mr. Dunn withdrew his motion. Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the new Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5148.3: Preschool/Early Childhood Education, as amended, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Replacement of Administrative Regulation 6173.1: Education for Foster Youth

Dr. Connolly moved to approve replacement of Administrative Regulation 6173.1: Education for Foster Youth, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of Contract with VCedNet for Internet Access

Mr. Andersen moved to approve the contract with VCedNet for Internet Access, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Contract with Time-Warner Cable for a LIT Fiber Circuit to 1872 Newbury Road

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the contract with Time-Warner Cable for a LIT Fiber Circuit to 1872 Newbury Road, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Contract with Time-Warner Cable for a LIT Fiber Circuit to 667 Rancho Conejo Boulevard

Dr. Connolly moved to approve a contract with Time-Warner Cable for a LIT Fiber Circuit, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the consent agenda, as amended, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the full Agenda)

1. Regular Meeting of February 16, 2016

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated Employees: #0084 to #0100

Administrators, Counselors, Exempt Specialists, Speech/Language Pathologists, Teachers

2. Classified Employees: C-9641 to C-9675

Account Clerk, Assistant Director, Technology Services, Behavior Intervention Specialist, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Assistant-Satellite, Clerk Typist, Custodian, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Human Resources Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Language Assessment & Development Facilitator-Spanish, Library Technician, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/PH, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Registrar, School Office Manager III, Secretary, Site Computer Technician II, Translator-Interpreter

3. Exempt Employees: E-15376 to E-15390

Campus Supervisor, Coaches, Specialist

C. Stipulated Agreement: #4-15/16 SA

D. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Students

1. #24-15/16
2. #26-15/16

E. Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests (for CIF Playoffs)

F. Overnight and Watercraft Trip Requests

1. EARTHs Magnet School
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3. Open Classroom Leadership Magnet
4. Newbury Park High School Varsity Baseball Team
5. Newbury Park High School CAL-HOSA State Leadership Conference
6. Newbury Park High School Jazz Band
7. Thousand Oaks High School Career Education Deca Team
8. Thousand Oaks High School Drama
9. Thousand Oaks High School Journalism
10. Westlake High School Cal-Hose State Leadership Conference
11. Westlake High School Academic Decathlon Team

G. Parent Support/Booster Organization Authorization

1. Thousand Oaks High School: The Center Parent Network Booster Club
2. Westlake High School Dance Team Booster Club

H. Purchase Order Report #896

- I. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- J. Notices of Completion
 - 1. Sequoia Middle School – SBAC Lab – Ardalan Construction Company, Inc.
 - 2. Westlake High School – Slope Stabilization – Acacia Environmental Construction, Inc.
 - 3. District Office – Board of Education Meeting Room Upgrade – Pro Sound CA, Inc.
 - 4. Various Sites – Asphalt Striping – Interstate Striping & Signs, Inc.
- K. Acceptance of the GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation of the Retiree Health Insurance Program as of July 1, 2015
- ~~L. Award of Contract: Technology Infrastructure Phase II – Various Sites (Pulled under Approval of Agenda)~~

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Presentation: LCAP Survey Results, Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum & Assessment
 Dr. Boone presented the results of the LCAP survey. The survey will be posted to the district’s website at <http://www.conejousd.org/LCAP.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 7:34 p.m. **The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 15, 2016

Date

Clerk

March 15, 2016

Date

Superintendent