

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 2, 2010
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 2, 2010, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Phelps asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:01 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. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release *(Pursuant to Government Code §5495)*
- C. Complaints or Changes Against a Public Employee *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957)*
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline *(Pursuant to Education Code §48918)*
- E. Pending Litigation *(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3))*
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter *(Pursuant to Government Code §35146)*

The Closed Session ended at 5:58 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, and Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education.

OPENING PROVISIONS

Mrs. Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Presentation

Janet Cosaro, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, UACT President and Erin Kardum, Teacher, provided a Cat in the Hat skit to promote Read Across America.

Reports from Student Board Members

Edward Cruz, representing Newbury Park High School, sat with the Board. Edward, along with Heather Lutz, representing Thousand Oaks High School, and Maria Miranda, representing Westlake High School, spoke about athletics, various club activities, fundraiser events for Many Mansions, ASG events, talent shows, choir and band

activities, theater events, Spring Fling, Powder Puff activities, Key Club, rallies, Mock Trial, school-to-career activities, field trips and guest speakers.

Comments from Parent Support Organizations

District Advisory Council (DAC): Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, read some of the recommendations to the Budget Committee by parents for the budget cuts. Ms. Dollenmayer thanked teachers Heather Farrell and Ashley Cooper from Thousand Oaks for their presentation on the Sustainability Summit, and parents Wendy Grossman and John DeRoy for their presentation regarding the Conejo Open Classroom Leadership Magnet. You may read more about DAC by visiting www.conejo.k12.ca.us under Parents & Students.

Conejo Council PTA President, Randi Dennen, announced that Madroña Elementary School received a \$2,000 arts grant from the California State PTA that will be used for a music room. Also, three teachers from Colina Middle School received \$500 scholarships. Ms. Dennen introduced Christy Warner, PTSA President for Los Cerritos Middle School, who provided insight to the exciting programs at Los Cerritos.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Laurie Lam, board member, thanked the Santa Monica Outdoor Council for their donation of 15 outdoor school scholarships this year, and announced that Kathleen Woodward is a new CSF board member.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini explained the overnight switch to a fiber optics network system, which has been in the making for the past couple of years. Now the bandwidth between the district office and school sites will be increased greatly, allowing us to reduce the number of servers by about 56, saving about \$500k over time. Mr. Contini congratulated Susan Pease, teacher, who was awarded the 2010 Human Rights award from CTA (California Teachers Association), and the Newbury Park High School Gold Mock Trial team for coming in second in the County, and their Panther Team for coming in fifth. Mr. Contini commended the teams for their good sportsmanship in congratulating the Oxnard team as soon as they were announced as the winners. He also commended three students from Colina Middle School who were recognized for their entry in the Toshiba Corporation ExploraVision Awards program, which encourages students to create and explore a vision of future technology. And, several schools were involved in an exciting, creative competition, Odyssey of the Mind. Several of our school teams are moving forward to the State level. Please see www.odysseyofthemind.com for more information about this program.

Mr. Contini explained that CVUSD is co-sponsoring the TEDxConejo conference that will be at the Scherr Forum on Saturday, March 27. TED stands for Technology, Education, and Design, and these conferences are held all over the world. The District's three career counselors along with parent support, Don Levy, are coordinating the event. The concept is about changes in technology. More information can be found at www.tedxconejo.com.

Mr. Contini pointed out that while the district is struggling with budget challenges, many, many wonderful things are going on around the district, and many students and teachers are being recognized for their excellence. Great things continue to happen in CVUSD!

Comments from the Public

Nine speakers praised the Adult School programs such as the adult ESL program, the Learning Center for GED and Independent Study, and pre-school programs at Horizon Hills, five speakers supported placing Bridges Charter on the Early Childhood Center at University Center, one speaker spoke about the negative impact of charters on public school districts, and one speaker spoke about the teachers' March on March 4 regarding state budget cuts to education.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Stephens read a letter from former board member Dorothy Beaubien about the impact of charter schools on public education school districts, board members applauded the Chinese New Year celebration event at the Civic

Arts Plaza that they attended, Mrs. Buckles discussed her visit to the NFL program at the City Center and complimented the staff on all their work with the students.

Mr. Dunn stated that he has received many emails asking for the Bridges Charter to be put at the Early Childhood Center at the University Center. He stated that it would save the taxpayers and district a great deal of money to place the Charter at University and he would like this to be considered.

Mr. Contini stated that a year ago, the district made a strong commitment to the existing Open Classroom Magnet at Conejo Elementary. The parents were involved in the process, including several who are now involved with the Bridges Charter. The district continues to work with the Open Classroom Magnet, who have continued with the whole child development concept and have included Steven Covey's leadership program, renaming the magnet "Open Classroom Leadership Magnet."

Mr. Contini stated that he wanted to clarify some points of consideration regarding the Charter placement, especially with a great deal of misinformation being circulated around the community. The University Center is not a vacant site. The University Center is not "walk in ready" for the Charter, and neither is any other school in our district. It could cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to get University ready for a charter school. Staff is anticipating annual revenue from the University Center and by attracting children to the preschool, it could bring new children into the school district. This could, in time, bring in revenue of approximately \$1 million. Our original motivation to create a child development center was not fiscal, but to provide a service to the community for child care and pre-school opportunities. The District has until April to determine a site for the Charter.

Mr. Dunn responded that his information says that it will cost \$300,000 only if we move the Child Care center out of University Center. He sees that we have room for both the Child Care program and the Charter. His information also indicates that the district is not going to be filling that site to capacity next year. He stated that the figures to restore the Horizon Hills site to house the charter may cost up to \$800,000.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Personnel Services

B. Resolution #09/10-19: Resolution of the Board of Education of the Conejo Valley Unified School District to Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Certificated Services Not Later than the Beginning of the Following School Year

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #09/10-19 as submitted, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

C. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits 2010/2011

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the 2010/2011 proposed school choice capacity limits for elementary and secondary schools, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

C. Resolution #09/10-20: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal year 2010-2011 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2010-2011 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS)

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #09/10-20: Authorizing the Issuance of the 2010-2011 TRANS, and participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
 - 1. Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #8493-8499
Administrator, Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-4969 to C-4988
Administrative Assistant, Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessional Facilitator/Spanish, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant 1, Custodian, High School Office Manager, Instructional Media Technician, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Special Ed
 - 3. Exempt: E-9248 to E-9270
Advisor, Campus Supervisor, Naturalist, Proctor, Specialist
- C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #23-09/10
- D. Expulsions
 - 1. Redwood Middle School #30-09/10E
 - 2. Newbury Park High School #31-09/10E
 - 3. Thousand Oaks High School #32-09/10E
 - 4. Newbury Park High School #33-09/10E
 - 5. Thousand Oaks High School #34-09/10E
 - 6. Thousand Oaks High School #35-09/10E
 - 7. Thousand Oaks High School #36-09/10E
 - 8. Redwood Middle School #37-09/10E
 - 9. Redwood Middle School #38-09/10E
- E. Overnight Trip Requests
 - 1. Los Cerritos Middle School Jazz Band
 - 2. Westlake High School Girls Volleyball
 - 3. Westlake High School Girls Volleyball
- F. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
 - 1. Acacia Parent Faculty Association
 - 2. Newbury Park High School Cheerleading Booster Club
 - 3. Newbury Park High School Soccer Booster Club
 - 4. Westlake High School Choral Booster Club
- G. Purchase Order Report #763
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Developer Fee Deferral

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 7:55 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 16, 2010

Date

Clerk

March 16, 2010

Date

Superintendent