

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

March 3, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of March 3, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Dr. Stephens asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:05 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)
- D. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
- E. Real Estate Negotiations: Kelley Road Site, Meadows and University Elementary School Sites
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Industries, Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PROVISIONS

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

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, JoAnn Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Marina Mahilevsky, Director, Classified Personnel, and Dr. Michael Vollmert, Director, Assessment, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda with the following correction: Replacement page for Information Item 5.C. 2008-09 and 2009-10 State Education Budget Information. The Board also requested that item Information Item 5.C. be brought up to the beginning of the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Jacqueline Manzer, Thousand Oaks High School, sat with the Board. Jackie and fellow student representatives, Meagan Norling-Christensen, Westlake High School, Stephanie Gibson, Newbury Park High School, and Corey Prah, Conejo Valley/Century High School, Corey Prah, reported on campus events such as club activities, athletics, theater, band and choral activities, art shows, assemblies and rallies, fund raisers, academy programs, school-to-career, talent shows, job shadowing, National Counseling Week, Mock Trial, and others.

Presentations:

- **Professional Learning Communities (PLC):** Janet Cosaro introduced DeDe Dryer, Assistant Principal, Redwood Middle School, who presented the information to the Board.
- **Sequoia Academy Timeline:** Vivian Viña, Principal, Sequoia Middle School, offered a timeline for the science and technology academy at Sequoia.

Reports from Support Organizations

Randi Dennen, President, Conejo Council PTA, asked Sue Wells to report on the March 2 meeting with PTA/PFA presidents and school principals. Representative from the Discovery Center reported that March 22 will be Super Science Sunday with events at the Goebel and Teen Centers. Astronaut Marsha Ivins will be there. Conejo Recreation and Park representative spoke about the Kids' Health and Fitness Expo planned for September 27 at the Thousand Oaks Community Center. Each principal was also invited to brag about their school within a 2-minute time period.

Sue Wells, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), reported that Mustang Marketing gave a presentation on the marketing plan for our district at the last Meeting. Thousand Oaks High School career coordinator offered information regarding ETHOS (Entrepreneurs of Thousand Oaks High School), Janet Cosaro provided an update on the MATES charter and Dr. Baarstad gave a budget update.

Lorraine O'Neill, Bond District Advisory Committee (Bond DAC) Chair, reported from the last Bond DAC meeting. All funds have either been spent or accounted for. An audit has been requested and will be reported to the Board upon completion. Mrs. O'Neill commended Jack Wilson, Project Manager, for submitting applications for State Modernization matching funds and keeping track of all reimbursements. She also thanked several people for their leadership and dedication to the committee: John Eum, Beth Doupé, Jack Tucker, Dianne McKay, Dr. Jeff Baarstad, and the Board of Education.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini 1) reminded the board, staff and community that while we are going through difficult times in education, we constantly have a great deal to be thankful for and proud of with our students and staff; 2) thanked the parents who report for their respective groups and student representatives for their time and dedication; 3) applauded Patti Yomantas, parent volunteer, for being the recipient of the Golden Oak Award, the highest PTA recognition; 4) commended Brenda Hunter, Executive Director for NfL, for the Open House held over the weekend at the City Center, which will reopen as a district site in July; 5) commended Newbury Park High School as champions of the Mock Trial this year and was thrilled to have seen them accept their award; 6) commented on the AFTA program he attended at the Civic Arts Plaza that was held by Las Virgenes Unified School District. Performances by many top celebrities were excellent, and the event yielded over \$100,000 as a fund raiser for LVUSD. Mr. Contini, along with parent Lilly Dollenmayer, is looking into an event like this for CVUSD next year.

Comments from the Public

One speaker spoke about API/AYP scores, one speaker spoke about March 13, Pink Friday, the day when "pink slips" will be handed out around the district. Teachers and staff will wear pink in support of each other. UACT will be holding a blood bank on that day.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Buckles thanked Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education, for her tour of the special education day classes at Meadows, Maple and Aspen. Mrs. Buckles was amazed at the work the children were performing. Dr. Connolly represented the District at a Teacher of the Month awards last week at Westlake High School. The recipient was Greg Coull, English teacher. Dr. Connolly was pleased to see the respect and admiration for Mr. Coull by his staff, and the many gifts and honors from community businesses.

INFORMATION ITEM: 2008/2009 AND 2009/2010 State Education Budget Information

Dr. Baarstad presented a report on the state education budget. Copies of this report may be obtained through the Business Services Office. Dr. Baarstad fielded questions from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Personnel Services****A. Resolution #08/09-23: 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 a variation of Resolution #08/09-3, not to exceed the number of proposed layoffs for any position delineated in Option A, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Resolution #08/09-24: Resolution of the Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education Ordering Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day

Mr. Dunn moved to approve Resolution #08/09-24, seconded by Mrs. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Resolution #08/09-25: Resolution of the Board of Education of the Conejo Valley Unified School District Determination of Competency Among Employees Possessing the Same Credential

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #08/09-25, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Resolution #08/09-26: Layoff of Classified Positions

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #08/09-26, seconded by Mrs. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Resolution #08/09-27: To Decrease the Number of Work Days of Certificated District Administrators by Reduced Work Year or Furlough for the 2009-2010 School Year

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #08/09-27, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**F. Resolution #08/09-22: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2009-2010 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #08/09-22, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

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

1. Regular Meeting of March 3, 2009

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #8305 to #8308
Teachers
2. Classified: C-4515 to C-4539

Account Clerk, Administrative Assistant-Confidential, Adult School Classroom Aide, Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Custodian, Heating/Ventilation Mechanic, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Site Computer Technician

3. Exempt: E-8604 to E-8617
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Expulsions

1. Redwood Middle School #22-08/09E
2. Redwood Middle School #23-08/09E
3. Los Cerritos Middle School #24-08/09E
4. Thousand Oaks High School #25-08/09E
5. Redwood Middle School #26-08/09E
6. Westlake High School #27-08/09E
7. Westlake High School #28-08/09E
8. Sycamore Canyon School #29-08/09E
9. Conejo Valley High School #30-08/09E
10. Los Cerritos Middle School #31-08/09E
11. Redwood Middle School #32-08/09E

D. Overnight Trip Requests

1. Newbury Park High School Concert Choir
2. Westlake High School Academic Decathlon
3. Westlake High School Journalism

E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations

1. Westlake High School Aquatics Booster Club
3. Westlake High School Softball Booster Club

F. Purchase Order Report #739

G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

H. Denial of Insurance Claim

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of the 2009-2010 Technology Plan. Dr. Mike Vollmert explained the contents of the plan. Dr. Connolly stated that she was disappointed that the parent component is inadequate. She is looking forward to having more opportunity to discuss parent accessibility in regard to the technology plan. Dr. Vollmert stated that there was a need to get the plan ready to submit with the application for the eRate, and once that is accomplished, we could continue to work with the plan. Mr. Contini stated that along with Dr. Connolly's request, there needs to be a visionary component.
- B. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits 2009-2010

Business Services

- C. 2008-09 and 2009-10 State Education Budget Information

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 Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 9:55 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 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 17, 2009

Date

Clerk

March 17, 2009

Date

Superintendent