

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

**March 11, 2003  
MINUTES  
(Adopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 11, 2003, 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 Robert Fraise, Superintendent; Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, was also in attendance. **ROLL CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dolores Didio, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Instructional Assistant/Bilingual Spanish; Site Computer Technician, Substitutes; Exempt: Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Other (Outdoor Education), Proctor, Athletic Coaches. The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **PLEDGE**

President Didio 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. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Didio asked for a correction on the minutes from February 25, 2003, to include the time of adjournment. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Max Beaman, Principal, Newbury Park High School, introduced the National Merit Finalists from his school: Katherine C. Austin, Billy J. Beaumont, Yina Dong, Andrew F. Farris and Megan E. Nunn. **RECOGNITIONS**

Jo-Ann Yoos, Principal, Thousand Oaks High School, introduced the National Merit Finalists from her school: Morgan B. Altizer, Katherine E. Barnett, Shelly X. Bian, Leo Chen, Tyler J. Lindberg, Raymond Tong, Carol H. Yan, and Benjamin Alex Morsa.

Ron Lipari, Westlake High School, introduced the National Merit Finalists from his school: Oleg Bulkin, Wesley S. Chang, Victoria T. Ho, Sha L. Hwang, Joseph C. Jing, Annie Z. Li, Dorothy S. Li, Yin I. Luo, Johnny C. Tam, Chalmers E. Wang, Jean G. Zhang.

Katie Sullivan reported events for Westlake High School, Brent Mullen for Thousand Oaks High School, Justin Vonch for Conejo Valley High School and Matthew Lee for Newbury Park High School. The students discussed the Career Faire, High School Exit Exam, National Merit Finalists, Future Freshmen Night, CIF Championships, rallies, spring dances, WASC Accreditation at Newbury Park High School, fashion shows, and Spirit Night.

**STUDENT REPS.**

Betsy Connolly, Member-at-Large, reported for the District Advisory Council (DAC). She mentioned that Dr. Fraisse has been updating DAC on the State budget as it unfolds and that in February DAC Executive Board sent letters to the Governor and legislature to consider spending flexibility measures to help ease the pain of the budget cuts; a second set of letter from the entire DAC Board will go out to Sacramento this month. In January, representatives from the Boys & Girls Club presented their program proposal and answered questions; the Board looked at the Academic Honesty Program, and the block schedule at Newbury Park High School. In February, DAC learned about the Parent Portal Communication pilot, the elementary report card, and had a presentation from the Youth Commission about their Master Plan and the PTA presented information about the benefits of PTA. The legislative report was in regard to the City’s allocation of the unrestricted developer fees.

**DISTRICT CMTS.**

Patti Yomantas, Vice President for Community Concerns for Conejo Council PTA, reported on PTA events such as the great attendance of the Council’s parent education forum on a duality of students who are both gifted and learning disabled at Lang Ranch Elementary School, and the upcoming forum “Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol – What We Don’t Know Could Be Hurting Our Teens,” scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, at the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. Ms. Yomantas also announced that the Thousand Oaks High School PTSA would receive a California State PTA award in the category of Allied Agency Partnerships.

Jack Tucker, Bond Facility Projects District Advisory Committee Chairperson, provided update and information about District-wide bond projects.

Meta Davidson, Thousand Oaks, discussed her concerns regarding the Boys & Girls Club at Los Cerritos Middle School.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane Hawkins, Newbury Park, spoke in favor of the District’s proposed Home Schooling program, and offered assistance as an experienced home schooling parent. Dr. Fraisse addressed Mrs. Hawkins’ comments and thanked her for her input and reminded everyone that this is still in the proposal stage.

Paula Mackelburg, Westlake Village, spoke about her experience working with the Boys & Girls Clubs as an employee, and updated the Board regarding the Los Cerritos Advisory Committee.

Suzanne Duckett, Thousand Oaks, discussed her concerns about the Sequoia Middle School campus and facility.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS  
(CONT.)**

Nick Quidwai, Newbury Park, stated his dismay that the Board meets on the same evening as the City Council and that citizens are only given three minutes to speak.

Dr. Fraisse: 1) pointed out the Major Projects list in the Consent Agenda with \$13 million of facility enhancements using remaining Bond monies and deferred maintenance funds; 2) remarked how pleased and honored the District was to have newly-elected State Superintendent of Schools, Jack O'Connell, visit our District on Monday. Dr. Fraisse mentioned three highlights of Mr. O'Connell's address to the schools and staff: a) Mr. O'Connell was tremendously impressed with our District's teachers, students and staff; b) he was very candid about the seriousness of the State budget crisis; and c) in spite of the tough times ahead for public education, he was very optimistic about the future of education in California. 3) congratulated Sequoia students for taking 2nd place in the State Thinking Cap Quiz (Redwood was commended for being 1st); 4) mentioned that he visited the Sequoia campus with staff to plan a \$2 million facility improvement; and 5) thanked the schools and community involved in the Reading Celebration/Dr. Seuss's Birthday celebration last week at our schools. He invited everyone to be a part of the celebration next year to read to the students.

**SUPT.  
REMARKS**

Dr. Stephens commended Newbury Park High School for their exceptional WASC report. He stated that the Board was invited to the Exit meeting, where the WASC committee discussed the exceptional collaboration of the staff, parents, administrators and students.

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REMARKS**

Mrs. Del Campo thanked all the counselors for the Career Fair, which was well attended by students and parents; stated that she really enjoyed reading to a kindergarten class during the Reading Celebration; and commended Newbury Park High School for their tremendous WASC review.

Mrs. Didio commented about the many contributions Jack O'Connell has made to California public education, including authoring the bills for Class Size Reduction and changing the percentage needed to pass a local bond to 55%. Mrs. Didio was able to visit Manzanita during Superintendent O'Connell's visit, where he commended the school for bringing their API scores up considerably, and he was able to attend the ceremony to open the new playground. She stated that it was a great honor having him visit our District.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6395 to #6414; Classified #C-1395 to #C-1416; and Exempt #E-4193 to #E-4212, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**PAO'S**

Mrs. Del Campo moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. In regard to the Major Facility Projects, Mrs. Didio stated that there are almost \$13 million in major projects planned that will be paid through various funding sources such as deferred maintenance, bond funds, and developer donations, TOPASS, and thanked the community again for passing Measure R. Dr. Stephens pointed out there are over \$2

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million to be spent at Sequoia Middle School. Mr. Mortimer discussed the work planned at Sequoia, including moving the portables from the parking lot to the interior of the school. Mrs. Phelps pointed out the work at Sequoia is not at the expense of work planned at other schools, and that all the projects have been on a schedule and have been completed, will be completed, in priority order. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s approved and filed: Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting February 25, 2003; A.R. #1—Overnight Trip Request: Newbury Park High School Band Concert Choir; A.R. #2—Overnight Trip Request: Newbury Park High School Journalism; A.R. #3—Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Dance Team; A.R. #4—Purchase Order Report #621; A.R. #5—Notice of Completion Indefinite Quantity Fencing Newbury Park High School; A.R. #6—Notice of Completion Sycamore Canyon School Viola Constructors; A.R. #7—Change Order #2 Sycamore Canyon School Viola Constructors; A.R. #8—Approval of Major Facility Projects for 2003-2004; A.R. #9—Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Westlake High School Westlake Information Technology (WIT) Academy Booster Club

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There were no information items.

**INFO.**

There were no items of legislature.

**LEGIS.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS.  
COMM.**

President Didio adjourned the regular session at 7:30 p.m. The Board will convene on March 25, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

**ADJOURN**

March 25, 2003	
Date	Clerk

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Date	Secretary

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