

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

**March 12, 2002
MINUTES
(Adopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 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 5:00 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of Certificated: teachers, administrators; Classified: Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Groundskeeper, Instructional Assistant/Special Education, Senior Account Clerk, Substitutes; Exempt: specialists, campus supervisors, student helpers, proctor, athletic coaches, other. The Closed Session ended at 6:58 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Del Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Thousand Oaks High School choral department sang the National Anthem. President Del Campo 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 with the following changes: replace page 62 with revised page 62R, and page 81 with revised page 81R, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote Aye.

APPROVE AGENDA

Corey D. McMahon, Newbury Park High School, was seated with the Board and along with Taniale Rohde, Thousand Oaks High School, Kevin Rourke, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, reported on events at their campuses. Jordan L. Gershman, Westlake High School, could not be present but submitted a report which was read by Corey McMahon. The reports included information about assemblies, Newbury Park High School's success at Spirit Night at the Teen Center, Sadie Hawkins dances, spring break, fashion show at Conejo Valley High School, testing, whale watching trip, ethics seminars, National Dance Team championship for Westlake High School, winter sports banquets, college acceptance letters, speech and debate team competitions, and various fund raisers.

STUDENT REPS.

National Merit Finalists were recognized. They are: Newbury Park High School: Andrew d. Ratto and Jeffrey D. Ratto; Thousand Oaks High School: Chika Arakawa, Justine T. Chiou, Zachary T. Elsea, Julie C. Hui, Matthew J. Jacobs, Anusha Kalbasi, and Annie Zhang; Westlake High School: Shannon K. Anderson, Elizabeth M. Gollnick, and Jonathan A. Tesch.

RECOGNITIONS

Redwood Middle School Thinking Cap Quiz Team students were recognized. This is the four consecutive year that Redwood won this national award.

Jo-Ann Yoos, Principal, Thousand Oaks High School, presented a school report and video on Thousand Oaks High School.

Rebecca Loving Nichols, chairperson, District Advisory Council (DAC), reported on topics discussed at DAC meetings including the State Budget Reductions, SIP Fund review and reminder, the homework policy committee, a discussion from the Sheriff’s Department Rapid Response Team, the new UC/CSU Fine Arts Requirements, and two bills regarding cell phone use on school campuses. Ms. Nichols presented the Board with a recommendation from the DAC Executive Board that we support legislation that gives the authority to local school boards to control the use of electronic signal devices on our campuses.

ADVISORY GROUPS

Patti Yomantas, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported on council activities such as several award recognitions: a unit award recognizing a successful partnership presented to Meadows Elementary PTA for creating an alliance with the American Association of University Women in staging the annual “Women in History Week;” Redwood Middle School has been chosen to represent California for the national Phoebe Apperson Hearst National PTA Award, which recognizes excellence in educational partnerships. Redwood PTSA has created a program with an agency, PAUSE 4 KIDS, to help students with special needs interact with all students at Redwood. Ms. Yomantas also explained two program that the Council will implement this spring, one on school safety and disaster preparedness, and the other program will involve helping middle school students explore the personal choices that lead to peace.

Jack Tucker, Chairperson, Bond District Advisory Council, updated the Board and public on the status of bond projects, sales, and expenditures.

Schmidt: 1) mentioned the National Blue Ribbon visits on Monday, March 11 to Colina and Thousand Oaks High School March 21 and 22; Distinguished School visits planned to Aspen, Banyan and Westlake Elementary Schools with Honorable Mentions to Lang Ranch, Madroña, and Manzanita Elementary Schools; 2) commented on the administration of the California High School Exit Exams last week to approximately 1,660 10th grade students in our District; 3) discussed the Ventura County Mock Trials and commended WHS for taking 2nd place and TOHS for taking 3rd place in the County; 4) discussed the “We the People” program held last week at the Civic Arts Plaza, which is an opportunity for 8th grade students across the middle schools to demonstrate their knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. Glenwood teacher Debbie Starr coordinated the event, which is one of

SUPT. REMARKS

three this year. 5) explained that the District continues to work through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys' and Girls' Clubs at the middle schools; 6) congratulated our Conejo Council PTA for earning the Outstanding Council Award for 2002 from the California State PTA! Only two councils can win each year. Also, Redwood has been chosen to represent California for the National Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award for Excellence in Educational Partnerships. Redwood's PTA has an alliance with an agency that promotes accessibility for students with special needs. 7) congratulated Sequoia teacher Mary White as the Chamber Teacher of the Month for March.

**SUPT.
REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Suzanne Duckett requested information regarding school enrollment figures, dates when schools were built, and class sizes. She also stated that she did not want teachers' salaries or benefits affected by facilities relocation.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

Mrs. Didio (in reference to Mrs. Duckett's comments) explained that in the School District budget, salaries and facilities funding are different categories and cannot be interchanged.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien commented that she was impressed with the Art Faire provided for 4th grade students at the Conejo Gallery in Newbury Park. Students were able to experience art in progress through sculpturers, painters, and craftspersons. She was also at the Civic Arts Plaza when kindergarten students were brought in for the Peter and the Wolf live puppet show. Mrs. Beaubien commended the organizers of both events for the quality of presentation.

President Del Campo remarked that during her trip to Washington D. C., she and her husband visited Elton Gallegely's office, where they discussed Boys' and Girls' Clubs and ways to raise funds. Ms. Del Campo stated that the Boys' and Girls' Clubs are another example of collaboration between the City and School District.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6079 - #6090, Classified #C-0842 - #C-0864 and Exempt #E-3243 - #E-3272, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

The following administrative appointment was announced:

Bob Iezza has been appointed as elementary principal, Class IX, Step E, on the management salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year, effective July 1, 2002.

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring April 22-26, 2002, as "School Psychology Week," seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Didio moved to amend Policy 474.4 as proposed, designating all certificated employees and all classified employees at school sites as "mandated reporters" of observed or suspected child abuse, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**AMEND
POLICIES**

Dr. Stephens moved to amend the attached proposed Board Policy Section 532.1.3, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

**AMEND
POLICIES
(CONT.)**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to amend the attached proposed Board Policy Section 534.1.2, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the amendment to Board Policy 344.7, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to amend Policy 457.2 as proposed to include the new suspendable offense added by AB653, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

President Del Campo opening a Public Hearing for Class Size Reduction Waiver: Eighth and Ninth Grade Algebra at 8:35 p.m.; there were no speakers. President Del Campo closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to support an application for a waiver of the math portion of the ninth grade math class size reduction program to include Algebra at both eighth and ninth grades, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

**CLASS SIZE
REDUCTION
WAIVER:
8TH AND 9TH
GRADE MATH**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the math philosophy, program expectations and K-8 standards recommended by the math committee, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #8 filed.

**MATH
FOUNDATION
DOCUMENTS**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt and purchase textbooks, ancillary materials and supplementary texts recommended by the math committee. Obsolete textbooks no longer needed, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Dave Ayers spoke to the issue and asked the Board to permit Weathersfield Elementary School to submit a waiver requesting a separate K-5 math adoption. Public Statement Cards filed in favor of the new math adoption: Lori Kissinger, Lynlee Yeager-Edkins, Brenda Lee, Leslie Katz, Beverly Grabe, Kit Wang, Terry McIntyre, Suzanne Smith, Kris Falde, Brad Baker, Janet Doman, Tracy Driscoll, Raymond Warner, Yukina Warner, Beverly Eidmann, Jacquie Van Wagn, Wendy Axelrod, Karen Van Vay, Ann Martin, Claire Orr, Carol Berger, Jane Trout, Christine Myren, Heidi Thomas, and Janet Baird. Mrs. Beaubien commented that she has researched this topic since the last meeting and feels confident that the math committee, with representatives from every school, and supporting teachers, has had the opportunity to review the materials and support the recommendation. Dr. Stephens questioned having multiple adoptions. Martha Mutz stated that the Math Committee did not recommend multiple adoptions as it is best if every grade in every school can use the same series so that by the time they get to middle school, everyone will be on the same level. However, if the school can justify the need for a waiver based on student need, the committee will consider multiple adoptions. Dr. Stephens asked if multiple adoptions are cost effective; Ms. Mutz commented that in regard to teacher support because they would have to do double duty in regard to staff development and teacher materials, in regard to student

supplies, it would not be an additional cost. Dr. Stephens asked what if a student moved from one school to another; Ms. Mutz responded that while it would not be ideal, both series have the same standards so content wise, it would be the same. In terms of instruction, it would be different. The math committee chose Everyday Math due to the depth of understanding and conceptual base behind the computation. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #9 filed.

**K-8 MATH
TEXTBOOK
AND MAT.
ADOPTION
(CONT.)**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the submission of a waiver to the State Board of Education for Everyday Math, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #10 filed.

**MATH
MATERIALS
WAIVER**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to expel student #25-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective January 21, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated January 21, 2002; and readmit student #25-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 25-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 25, 2003, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #11 filed.

EXPULSIONS

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the 2002-2003 budget allocation formulas as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #12 filed.

**2002-03
BUDGET
ALLOCATION
FORMULAS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2002; A.R. #13—Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Journalism; A.R. #14—Overnight Trip Request: Westlake High School ASG; A.R. #15—Overnight Trip Request: Westlake High School Chorus; A.R. #16—Overnight Field Trip Request: Walnut Elementary School; A.R. #17—Certification of Education Technology Staff Development Program for Grades 4-8 (AB1339); A.R. #18—Purchase Order Report #600; A.R. #19—Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Equipment.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

INFORMATION

INFO.

There were no information items.

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 8:52 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Study Session regarding Homework Policy, 6:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

Date

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Secretary

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