

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 13, 2007  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 13, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:02 p.m. Mrs. Didio asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:03 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)(1)*
- B. Consideration of Student Discipline  
*Pursuant to Education Code §48918*
- C. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters  
*Pursuant to Education Code §35146*
- D. Labor Negotiations  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6*
- E. Conference with Real Property Negotiations  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*

The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION****OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education and Janet Cosaro, Director, Curriculum, were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following amendment: remove Consent Agenda Item H.2. Wildwood Elementary School – Phase 1 Modernization, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye.

**Recognitions**

The Board congratulated the following Marmonte League Champions: Newbury Park High School Girls Basketball, Thousand Oaks High School Boys Basketball, Thousand Oaks High School Girls Soccer, and Thousand Oaks High School Wrestling.

**Personnel Commission Annual Report**

Rosemary Jeffrey presented the Commission's Annual Report to the Board.

**CVUSD New Website Development Update**

Dr. Michael Vollmert, Director, Assessment & Technology, presented an update on the District's new proposed website.

**Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Heather Higgins, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Heather, along with Larissa Avisov, Newbury Park High School, and Lily Xia, Thousand Oaks High School, reported on events at their schools such as ASB/ASG activities, rallies, athletics, blood drives, band events, club activities, school-to-career activities, field trips, testing, ASB elections, fund raisers and others. Paige Kundert, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, was not in attendance.

**Reports from Parent Support Organizations**

Aleta Smith, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported on the analysis by the Legislation Analyst's Office regarding the Governor's proposed budget. Ms. Smith suggested reviewing this analysis by accessing the LAO's website at [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov).

Betsy Connolly, District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairperson, reported from the February meeting where traffic control at the schools was discussed. The City is working on a master plan which will include an analysis of school traffic issue. This master plan will be made available to principals to share with parents. The positive program highlighted at the meeting was the *Parents Make a Difference* program that reaches out to parents who have not been very involved to be more involved in their children's schools. The Child Care DAC and Child Nutrition DAC committees also gave reports. The next meeting of DAC will be Tuesday, March 20, 9:00 a.m.

**Report from the Conejo Schools Foundation**

Pam Garvin, CSF President, introduced Cindy Goldberg, the new Executive Director. Ms. Garvin discussed the hiring of students from local colleges to work with science and technology teachers at the high schools in order to help put the directives of the Amgen grant into place. Ms. Garvin announced that Summer School will be held at four elementary schools this summer and the All-District Band Festival will be in May. The foundation has been in operation for four years, and has raised over \$1 million. Ms. Garvin invited all to please check the foundation's website for more information: [www.conejoschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.conejoschoolsfoundation.org).

**Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) welcomed Cindy Goldberg to the Conejo Schools Foundation as Executive Director; 2) congratulated the finalists for the Boys & Girls Club "Youth of the Year" award: Virgilio Garcia, Los Cerritos, Youth of the Year; Runners up: Stephanie Baum, Los Cerritos, Samantha Lux, Los Cerritos, Tiana Sarmiento, Colina Middle School; 3) thanked all those involved in the coordination and facilitation of the Youth Congress event, held at the Teen Center; 4) complimented the Westlake High School choral department for their wonderful presentation last week; 5) thanked the participants

who showed up for the Parent Resource Center development meeting last Tuesday. The center, which will offer abundant resources for parents and the community, is one of the Strategic Plan's goals; 6) asked Board members to sign the newly adopted Protocols along with him, and stated that this procedure will be incorporated as part of the annual organizational meeting for the Board in December.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ten (10) public speakers spoke in support of Wildwood Elementary School Principal Darlene Hale. Thirteen (13) speaker cards and a petition were also submitted in support of Ms. Hale.

### **Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mrs. Beaubien discussed the opening events for the Thousand Oaks Little League, the Career Faire at the Westlake Hyatt, and the success of the Conejo Robotics Club at the competition at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The group came in 11<sup>th</sup> out of 51 entries, and won the "Rookie" contest! They will proceed to Atlanta, GA, for the next part of the contest. The Robotics Club will present a video of the contest at the next board meeting.

Mike Dunn and Dolores Didio also discussed attending the Career Faire.

## **ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**

### **Board of Education and Superintendent**

#### **A. In Support of a Discovery Center in Thousand Oaks**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt resolution #06/07-15: In Support of a Discovery Center in Thousand Oaks, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Phelps stated her pleasure with this decision. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **B. The Board Meeting Schedule for School Year 2007-2008**

Dr. Stephens moved to amend the previously adopted board meeting schedule to the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning September 2007, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. One public speaker commended the Board for this motion. Motion carried 3-2 (Dunn, Phelps and Stephens yay; Beaubien and Didio nay).

## **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mr. Dunn asked to have the Personnel Assignment orders pulled for discussion. Mrs. Didio indicated this item could not be pulled for discussion purposes. Mr. Dunn stated that he would be forced to vote "no" for the entire Consent Agenda in order to express his displeasure with that decision. He stated that he empathized with the Wildwood parents. Motion carried 4-1 (Beaubien, Didio, Phelps Stephens yay; Dunn nay).

#### **A. Approval of Minutes:**

1. Regular Meeting of February 27, 2007

#### **B. Personnel Assignment Orders:**

1. Certificated: #7719 through #7743
2. Classified: C-3633 to C-3647
3. Exempt: E-7014 to E-7046

#### **C. Expulsion:**

1. Newbury Park High School #23-06/07E
2. Westlake High School #24-06/07E

3. Conejo Valley High School #25-06/07E
  4. Los Cerritos Middle School #26-06/07E
  5. Los Cerritos Middle School #27-06/07E
  6. Los Cerritos Middle School #28-06/07E
  7. Los Cerritos Middle School #29-06/07E
- D. Overnight Trip Request:
1. Colina Middle School Jazz Band
  2. Thousand Oaks High School Varsity Baseball Team
  3. Thousand Oaks High School Jazz Band
  4. Thousand Oaks High School Journalism
  5. Westlake High School Cheer Team
  6. Westlake High School Journalism
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Authorization:
1. Newbury Park High School Football Booster Club
  2. Thousand Oaks High School Lady Hoopsters Booster Club
  3. Westlake High School Baseball Booster Club
- F. Purchase Order Report #698
- G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- H. Award of Contracts:
1. Westlake Hills Elementary Fencing
  2. ~~Wildwood Elementary School Phase 1 Modernization~~ *Pulled from the agenda*
- I. Change Orders:
1. #1: Indefinite Quantity Fencing – Magnum Fence and Security
  2. #1: Indefinite Quantity Asphalt
- J. Notices of completion:
1. Westlake High and Sycamore Canyon School – Indefinite Quantity Concrete/Masonry – Mendez Concrete Inc.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Instructional Services**

- A. Approval of Visual/Performing Arts Philosophy, Program Expectations, Standards for the Graduate and Grade Level Content Standards
- B. Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Courses: Chinese 1 and 2
- C. Approval of New High School Foreign Language Pilot Course: Chinese 3
- D. Home Based Independent Study Program (HBIS)
- E. Recommendation of Family Life Materials Review Committee

## **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 Didio adjourned the Open Session at 8:03 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

March 27, 2007

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Date

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Clerk

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Superintendent