

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 14, 2006
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 14, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:02 p.m. 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 5:03 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

1. Public Employees
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957
Appointment/Employment/Evaluation of Performance, Leaves of Absence, Retirement,
Discipline, Dismissal*
2. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)
3. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter
Pursuant to Education Code §35146

The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Phelps announced that the Board took no formal action during Closed Session.

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

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Phelps welcomed guests and read the procedural announcements.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Dr. Robert Fraisse, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Superintendent, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

President Phelps welcomed and introduced the student representative seated with the Board, Kelly Feiwelles, Westlake High School.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: pull agenda item Notice of Completion – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc. – Various School Sites (page 159) from the agenda, and move Information Item 1. Approval of Revised 2006-2007 School Year Calendar to Opening Provision G.4. for discussion (page 160), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

Student Recognitions

National Merit Finalists were introduced by the principals and honored by the Board:

- Newbury Park High School: Santina Cooper, Alan Gilder
- Thousand Oaks High School: Randy Jokela, Elizabeth Ritch, Steven Sun, Ariel Wen, Frank Zhang, May Zhang
- Westlake High School: Bo Chen, Kimberly Liu, Max Thomlinson III, Jing Zeng

Reports from Student Board Representatives

Kelly Feiwelles, Westlake High School, sat with the Board. Kyle Greenberg, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, Jill Zino, Newbury Park High School, and Morgan Lopker, Thousand Oaks High School, provided the Board with reports from their schools regarding topics such as a WASC accreditation, ASB/ASG events, Career Faire, Latino Club events, Welcome events for in-coming freshmen, school-to-career events, theater, choral and band activities, Spirit Night, Honor Roll assemblies, athletic events, and others.

Report from Support Organizations Leadership

Betsy Connolly, Chairperson, District Advisory Council, reported that Joe Cook, Director, Child Nutrition, returned with more information and answered questions regarding the new rules within that department, including the Child Wellness policy. It was reported that Conejo Elementary School has earned the State Title 1 Academic Achievement Award, which is for schools that have exceeded the adequate yearly progress goal for two years in a row, and have made more than double API growth targets. Manzanita is piloting the “Schools Attuned” program, which is an intervention program which evaluates specific learning weaknesses and minimizes their consequences. Also at Manzanita, Pepperdine University has chosen them as a Professional Development School, which recognizes Manzanita’s unique blend of high quality teachers and diversity in the student population. To date, fourteen teachers have trained at Manzanita from Pepperdine.

Peggy Buckles reported for Sue Wells, Conejo Council PTA President. She congratulated Glenwood Elementary School 4th grader, Connor Cavanaugh, for his Reflections literature entry, which will be on display at the PTA Convention in Anaheim. Ms. Buckles reported that the Council is hosting a parent education night, Honoring Adolescence – Exploring the Parent Child Relationship, with speaker Brenda Hunter, Executive Director of the Neighborhood for Learning, on March 29. PTA unit presidents Patti Shaw from Wildwood and Julie Tan from Manzanita reported on events from their schools.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Fraise 1) discussed the fact that while some districts across the nation are eliminating the arts due to financial difficulties, our district continues to excel in this area. He applauded the many wonderful arts programs throughout the district, particularly the incredible talents at the high school level after attending a choral presentation at Westlake High School and a theater presentation at Thousand Oaks High School. 2) expressed his pride for the Thousand Oaks High School basketball team and their excellent performance and sportsmanship at the Anaheim Pond Arena last week, even though they did not win the game; 3) commented on his experience as a judge at the Middle School Oratorical event. Dr. Fraise said the students handled tough topics with great skill and poise and he congratulated all the participants; 4) provided an update of the Sycamore Canyon School gymnasium building and again thanked the City of Thousand Oaks for their part in the partnership with the District and State; 5) also provided an update on the Horizon Hills kindergarten, stating that the program will remain at the site for another year and staff will monitor the progress. He thanked the parents for their input.

Comments from the Public

Arleigh Kidd, Executive Director, UACT, introduced himself to the Board of Education.

Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks, created a display of campaign contribution information for Board member Mrs. Didio.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mr. Dunn discussed his attendance at the Career Faire and thanked everyone involved. He also mentioned his participation in the Big Cat Run at Newbury Park High School.

Approval of Revised 2006-2007 School Year Calendar (Information Item moved to Opening Provisions for discussion only)

Laura Winchester, Thousand Oaks, Linda Legman, Thousand Oaks, Stan McClain, Thousand Oaks, Nina Brandt, Thousand Oaks, Bill Brandt, Thousand Oaks, Teresa Coffman, Newbury Park, *Jon Baker, Thousand Oaks, Jerry Morris, Thousand Oaks, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Newbury Park, and Susan Falk, Thousand Oaks, spoke in favor of the proposed 2006/2007 school calendar. Sylvia Fox, Thousand Oaks, Arnold Widofsky, Newbury Park, Linda Brown, Thousand Oaks, gave their time to speak for the proposed calendar to other speakers. Public Statement Cards “pro” the proposed calendar were submitted by Ashley Cooper, Tammy Edwards, Makalah Fausset, Krista Pederson, Marcy Popiel, and Arnold Widofsky.

(*Mr. Baker asked if student absences had a financial impact on the budget; Dr. Fraisse responded, yes, while years ago certain absences were excused and the school districts would receive daily apportionment; the laws have changed and now only actual attendance is funded.)

Tom Ritch, Thousand Oaks, Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks and John Anderson, Newbury Park, spoke in opposition to the proposed 2006/2007 school calendar. Sara Williams, Newbury Park, offered her speaking time to another in opposition to the calendar.

Mrs. Didio stated her appreciation for the reference on the 2006/2007 calendar to the holiday during Winter Break as Christmas Day.

Dr. Stephens thanked Susan Falk, UACT, and staff for working through the calendar and come to a compromise. Years ago the Board asked staff to coordinate the holiday breaks with the surrounding districts, and that has been done.

Mrs. Beaubien commended the work of the teachers, the association, and stated that the date of Christmas will move on with each year and this problem will take care of itself.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Board of Education and Superintendent's Office****1. Adjust Board Meeting Calendar**

Mrs. Didio moved to adjust the Board meeting schedule for the 2006 school and summer months per Board direction, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. (Correction: March 28, 2006 will be a Regular Board meeting.) Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye.

2. Amendment of Board Policy 344.3, Promotion and Retention

Dr. Stephens moved to amend Policy 344.3 as recommended to reflect changes in the State testing program, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Services**3. Public Hearing – District Initial Response to UACT Proposal**

Mrs. Phelps announced a Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.; there were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:16 p.m.

4. Initial Response to the 2006-2007 Proposal for Reopener Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the United Association of Conejo Teachers

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt the District's Initial Response, and authorize the Superintendent to initiate negotiations with UACT, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Disclosure of Proposed Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Chapter 620, California School Employees Association, 2006-2008

(This item was for information only.)

6. Adoption of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Chapter 620, California School Employees Association, 2006-2008

Mrs. Beaubien moved to adopt the proposed Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2006-2008, with CSEA, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**7. Resolution #05/06-15: Child Care Grant and Application**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the attached child care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Fee Increase – Child Care Program 2006-2007

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the fee increase for the CVUSD Child Care program for 2006-2007, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Revised Elementary 2006 Summer School Extended Year and Pilot Title I Intervention Programs

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the amended summer school, extended year, and pilot intervention programs as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Revised Secondary 2006 Summer School Schedule

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the proposed, modified Secondary Summer School schedule, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mrs. Phelps stated that this was a wonderful adjustment for the families with students in Summer School. Motion carried 5-0.

11. School Improvement Reallocation: K-12

Mrs. Didio moved to equalize SIP funding over several years as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mrs. Didio and Dr. Stephens commended the principals for working on this equitable solution, with a special nod to the elementary principals. This is another example of compromise and working together as a District. Mrs. Phelps asked staff if this could be revisited; Dr. Simpson replied that it will be revisited each year as we cannot tell what the COLA will be year to year. Mrs. Phelps stated that it is a great compromise of the elementary principals, and hopes it can be restored in the future. Mrs. Didio commented that if the District could restore the elementary school supply budgets (20%) it would definitely help; Mrs. Phelps agreed. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**12. 2005-2006 District Audit Contract**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the contract for the financial and compliance audit with the first of Quezada & Company for a three-year period beginning June 2006 and ending June 2008 at the fees captioned above, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Urgency Resolution #05/06-18: School Facility Fee Increase

Mrs. Didio moved to approve urgency Resolution #05/06-18 to continue the increased interim School Facility Fees, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Dunn stated that all costs are passed on. Mrs. Didio stated that while land has been donated for schools, we don't qualify through the State to receive funding to build schools. The facilities fees are the only other income we have for this purpose. While it may cost more to build with the increase of fees, property values are more secure and will go up wherever there are good schools. Dr. Stephens stated that the cost of construction has skyrocketed, and these are moderate increases. Mr. Dunn stated that in light of a 3% inflation, he believes that this 16% increase is excessive. Dr. Baarstad commented that this is an inflation increase that's been approved at the State level by the State Allocation Board, and specifically based on the cost of inflation of public project construction. It is not based on the general rate of inflation, but intended to keep up with the cost of public school and other types of construction. Motion carried 4-1, Mr. Dunn voting nay.

14. Second Quarter Financial Statements

Mrs. Beaubien moved to accept the 2005-2006 Second Quarter Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of minutes Regular Meeting of February 14, 2006.
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 1. Certificated: #7358 to #7373
 2. Classified: C-3147 to C-3156
 3. Exempt: E-6560 to E-6597

- C. Approval to Create a New Administrative Classification Termed Deputy Superintendent
- D. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #25-05/06
- E. Expulsions:
 - 1. Newbury Park High School #29-05/06E
 - 2. Thousand Oaks High School #30-05/06E
 - 3. Thousand Oaks High School #31-05/06E
 - 4. Newbury Park High School #32-05/06E
- F. Purchase order Report #678
- G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- H. Acceptance of Cash Donations
- I. Change Order #2-HVAC Replacement – Colina Middle Scholl Building “E” and Horizon Hills Education Center – Brannon, Inc., dba Smith Electric Services
- J. Notices of Completion:
 - 1. Meadows Elementary School – HVAC Replacement
 - 2. Colina Middle School and Horizon Hills Education Center – HVAC Replacement
 - 3. Indefinite Quantity Concrete/Masonry – Mendez Concrete, Inc. – Conejo Elementary School
 - 4. Sycamore Canyon School – Modtech, Inc.
 - 5. ~~Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc. – Various School Sites~~ *Pulled from the agenda.*

Mrs. Phelps commented that one of the nice things about today’s agenda was the creation of a new position (Consent Agenda item #C: Approval to Create a New Administrative Classification Termed Deputy Superintendent). She announced that Dr. Richard Simpson will be the Deputy Superintendent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Personnel Services

- 1. ~~Approval of Revised 2006-2007 School Year Calendar~~ *Moved to Opening Provisions for discussion*
- 2. Amendment of Board Policy 538.2 Early Retirement Incentive Program for Management, Supervisory, and Confidential Employees. Dr. Stephens commented that this was a good policy adjustment.

Instructional Services

- 1. Approval of Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Funding Application Form for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Mrs. Didio asked if it was possible to get a report; staff replied yes.
- 2. Approval of History/Social Science Philosophy, Program Expectations and Grade Level Content Standards. Mrs. Didio stated that she read the contents and it appears to be a very ambitious curriculum.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Reports from the Strategic Plan Committees: Dr. Fraisse updated the Board that Committees #2 and #3 of the Strategic Plan have overlapped on one goal. Several Board members have received this interesting information: there are 24 million people in China studying English, but there are 24,000 Americans studying Chinese. This imbalance is disturbing – but under the leadership of Mrs. Mutz, our District hopes to have Chinese in our District as a foreign language next year.
- 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 8:34 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

Date March 28, 2006

Clerk

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Superintendent

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