

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

**March 22, 2005
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 22, 2005, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

ROLL CALL

Present were Board members Dorothy L. Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Dr. Robert Fraise, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, were in attendance. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, was also present.

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Timothy Stephens, President. The Board discussed the following items:

1. Appointment/employment of: Certificated: Teachers, Notice of Re-Election: Teachers, Psychologists and counselors, Managers; Classified: Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessionals/Spanish, Child Care Assistants, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Site Computer Technician, Paraprofessionals/Special Ed; Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Student Helpers, Proctor, Athletic Coaches. (Government Code §54957)
2. Consideration of Pupil Personnel matters (Education Code §35146).
3. Review of final offer from California State University Northridge to purchase Via Dorado site (Government Code §54956.8).
 - Real Property Consultant: Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Institute

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m.

PLEDGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephens read announcements that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public could find agendas and Board procedure information.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

RECOGNITIONS

1. School Team Sponsorship of Connect-Ed. This business partnership has funded the all-call process in our schools that can call each student's home in a matter of minutes to relay important

messages or report on school events. School-Team has donated \$60,000 for this effort! The following agents/agencies are members of School-Team: Assist 2 Sell: Kathy McDonald; Avicara Real Estate: Rebecca Griffin, Bill/Sandy Humphrey, Kim/Mike Plisky, and Joel Sanders; Century 21 Adobe Realty: Kathy Upchurch; Coldwell Banker: Donna Benevento, Pat Helton, Ana Zepeda; Dilbeck Realtors: Judi Irwin; Financial Title: Joseph Dotzler, Tammy Majus; First American Title Company: Wendy Dolin, Dee Johnson; Prudential Cal. Realty: Pam Moran, Sigi Ulbrich, Donna Vella; School-Team: *Laura Berg—Owner/CEO; Deborah Huyette, Director. **Special thanks to Laura Berg for coordinating the program!*

2. Poetry Program at Weathersfield Elementary School. Lucia Lemieux, Artist-in-Residence program director at Weathersfield Elementary School, introduced 5th grade student Antonio Arias, who was selected as a finalist in the Oakland East Bay Symphony's Words and Music Project.
3. Marmonte League Champions: Thousand Oaks High School Girls Soccer, Westlake High School Girls Basketball, and Westlake High School Boys Soccer teams.
4. CIF Champions: Thousand Oaks High School Boys Soccer team.

REMARKS – SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Fraisse asked Dr. Simpson to explain the State's comparative data of Similar Schools ranking for the 2004 API scores, which compares a school to 100 other schools in the state like it in terms of demographics. Those 100 schools are broken down into sections 1-10: if a Similar School rank is 4-6, it means that school is very much like other schools that are just like it. If ranked 7-10, it means that they are considerably better than schools like them. A 1-3 in the Similar Schools ranking means that your school is performing below other schools much like it. CVUSD had 22 schools in the 7-10 category, and 5 in line with other schools like them. We had no schools at the 1-3 level this year. Five of our schools scored 10-10 (Statewide Rank-Similar Schools Rank), which is equal to the best you can be!

Dr. Fraisse shared more information regarding the proposed State budget and planning for next year. From 1998 to now, State revenues have increased by 30%, compared to 24% increase for State K-14 expenditures. Other State programs have grown by 44% - clearly not the cause of the current fiscal crisis. California is 42nd in the country in per-pupil spending. The current proposal would give us an income of \$6,499,000; our expenses are expected to be \$6,244,000, with \$1 million carried over from last year's deficit, making a total of \$7,244,000. Therefore, our recurring deficit will be \$745,000 (\$6,499,000-\$7,244,000). While the Governor presents his budget proposal in January, often the May Revise is much better. A few things that could happen are: (Deficit) \$1.2 million STRS shift to districts; (Income) enrollment growth, repayment of owed mandated costs, and additional State funding (Proposition 98). The District will be working closely with the Education Coalition and is hopeful for better news after the Governor's May Revise.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JoAnne Cobasko, Thousand Oaks, spoke against the EveryDay Math program.

Yvonne Lux, Thousand Oaks, spoke in support of the EveryDay Math program, with the exception of algorithms.

Two Public Statement cards were submitted in opposition to EveryDay Math: Jim Cobasko and Rich Zisko.

John Anderson, Newbury Park, had concerns about a youth group user of the Newbury Park High School fields leaving them in poor condition.

Suzanne Duckett, Thousand Oaks, stated her concerns about EveryDay Math; the high schools' API scores and the effect of the AVID program at Newbury Park High School on the test scores; her appreciation of Dr. Fraisse, and her disappointment with a correspondence parents received from the Instruction Division.

REMARKS - BOARD

Mrs. Didio provided the demographics of another school district that is often being compared to ours during public comments.

Mr. Dunn commented on his participation in the Big Cat Run at Newbury Park High School, which raised \$15,000. He thanked Mary Catherine McBride, Max Beaman, and others who were responsible for the success of the program.

RESOLUTION #04/05-20

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt Resolution #04/05-20 supporting Proposition 98 and opposing the Governor's proposed budget, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. John Anderson, Elaine McKearn, and Cathy Carlson, submitted speakers' cards and spoke in opposition to the Resolution. Stan McClain spoke in support of the Resolution. Mr. Dunn presented a prepared speech, which follows:

"I would like to ask some questions and make some statements regarding this resolution to criticize the Governor. Let's assume that at you are the governor. The state is nearly bankrupt. We have a budget crisis. If the voters had not approved a bond measure in March 2004, California would have defaulted on bond payments. Question: what solutions do you have to solve this problem? Criticism without solutions does not solve our budget crisis. Did the governor break his promise? Yes he did. Why? Because revenues to the state treasury turned out to be less than expected. Yet despite a broken promise to give the schools more money, Governor Schwarzenegger is not cutting spending for public education. His budget proposes a \$3 billion dollar, or 6% increase, in spending. That is the largest increase in his budget proposal. But ask yourself: Who caused this problem? Was not this state nearly bankrupt from the incompetence of former Governor Grey Davis and the Sacramento legislature? Are you an employee of this district? How much of a raise did you receive the last year of the Grey Davis administration? Wasn't it something like ½ to 1%? Yet I do not remember any resolutions posted by this Board criticizing Governor Davis. Again I ask anyone in this room, what solutions do you propose to solve our budget crisis? Maybe an example will help you see who caused the current budget crisis and how we can solve it? Granada Hills Hospital filed for bankruptcy last year and closed. For years the hospital has been forced to treat people who would not pay their bills. Then the state forced the hospital to earthquake retrofit. This, despite the fact that the hospital had survived two earthquakes without damage. Since nurses and doctors do not work for free, the hospital tried everything possible to cut costs and then, closed forever. Hospitals are forced to treat people who are illegal and will not pay their bills. Then you and I suffer from higher insurance premiums, higher patient/nurse ratios, and hospital closings. The California legislature causes the problem and then blames the Governor who is forced to solve the problems they caused. Long term, the public schools will not receive a significant increase in funding until tax revenues to the state increase. School employees have a legitimate right to be disappointed about pay increases which are less than

the cost of living. The prior administration and current legislature caused our current budget crisis and the governor now must make some very difficult decisions to save the state. In conclusion, criticizing the governor without proposing solutions which will solve the budget crisis is counter productive. To the critics, I again ask, what are your solutions? What would you do to solve our current budget problems? How would you balance the budget? What reforms would you advocate to increase revenues?"

Dr. Stephens stated his reasons why he will support the Resolution. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Mr. Dunn abstaining. A.R. #1 filed.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #7052 - #7064, Classified #C-2531 - #C-2556, and Exempt #E-5822 - #E-5830, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

AMENDMENT TO POLICIES 344.5-344.8

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend policies 344.5 – 344.8 as proposed effective with the graduating class of 2006, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

RESOLUTION #04/05-16

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the attached Child Care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

FAMILY LIFE MATERIALS

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the video and print document as recommended by the Family Life Materials Review committee, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the attached Workers' Compensation Services Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

RESOLUTION #04/05-21

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #04/05-21 Accepting The Final Offer from California State University, Northridge to Purchase the Via Dorado Site with the amendments that the accepted price will be \$545,000, and that we require that purchase is concluded and escrow is closed by June 15; and that we pull the following A.R. #7 Consider Termination of Negotiations with California State University, Northridge, to Purchase the Via Dorado site, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Tom McCarron, Executive Director and President, University Corporation at Cal State Northridge, asked for a favorable decision from the Board regarding the purchase of the site. The land will be used for furtherance of CSUN's academic mission and growth as articulated in their master plan. Mr. Bob Sands, President, Bordier's Nursery, stated the company's desire to purchase the land and the fact that in accordance with public law, their bid was not opened since CSUN submitted a bid. Bordier Nursery understands and accepts those policies and procedures. Bordier Nursery remains interested in the property if the transaction should not be finalized. They understand that a deed restriction is placed on the property and asks if at some time in the future they would like to lease/rent/purchase or trade with CSUN, should they be interested, would that deed restriction preclude them from doing so. Dr. Baarstad stated that at the passage of the Resolution, a draft of a sales agreement would outline very specific details of the sales/purchase. It would not be the intention of the District to restrict CSUN from leasing the property for agricultural purposes to Bordier's Nursery; however, it would

contain language referring to subsequent sale or trade of the property to Bordier’s. Mr. Sands offered future plans of Bordier’s Nursery which would bring revenue into Ventura County, and thereby, the schools. Dr. Stephens commended Dr. Baarstad and Dr. Joel Kirchenstein for the work involved with the transaction. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR SITE

As stated above, this agenda item was pulled.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of March 8, 2005. A.R.s filed: A.R. #8 Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Students: #20-04/05; A.R. #9 Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Students: #21-04/05; A.R. #10 Expulsion Conejo Valley High School #29-04/05E; A.R. #11 Expulsion Colina Middle School #30-04/05E; A.R. #12 Colina Middle School #31-04/05E; A.R. #13 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Cheerleader Booster Club; A.R. #14 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Boys Soccer Booster Club; A.R. #15 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization Westlake High School Baseball Booster Club; A.R. #16 Purchase Order Report #661; A.R. #17 Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #18 Acceptance of Cash and Equipment; A.R. #19 Change Order #2: Redwood Middle School – Installation of (1) Modular Elevator; A.R. #20 Change Order #5 Modernization of Three High School Stadium Fields and Two Tracks – Union Engineering Company, Inc.; A.R. #21 Award of Contract: Aspen Elementary School and Westlake Elementary Scholl – Phase 1 Modernization; A.R. #22 Award of Contract: Colina Middle School and Horizon Hills Ed Center – HVAC Replacement; A.R. #23 Award of Contract: Meadows Elementary School – HVAC Replacement; A.R. #24 Award of Contract: Cypress Elementary School – Phase 1 Modernization

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- 1. Colina Banking Time Schedule. Dr. Stephens commended Mike Waters, Principal, and the staff for supporting this concept. Mr. Waters thanked the staff, parents and students for their support, also.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the regular session at 7:45 p.m. The Board will reconvene for the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

April 12, 2005
Date Clerk

April 12, 2005
Date Secretary

