

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

**March 26, 2002
MINUTES
(Adopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 26, 2002, 7:00 p.m., 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. Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, served as Acting Superintendent; also present were Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, and Sean Corrigan, Director, Planning and Facilities. **ROLL CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated teachers, notice of re-election, psychologists and counselors, managers; Classified: Child Nutrition Manager 1, Instructional Assistant/Bilingual Spanish, Job Trainer, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Athletic Coaches, Proctor. The Closed Session ended at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Del Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then called Mr. Frank Schillo, Ventura County Supervisor, in response to his submission of a Speaker's Card. **PLEDGE**

Mr. Schillo thanked the Board of Education for their participation in the Neighborhoods for Learning grant, and commended Dr. Sheila Carlson, Director, Staff Development/Grants for her work coordinating the efforts to development and implementing the grant. **SUPERVISOR SCHILLO**

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. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following amendments: add A.R. #1A District Audit Contract, remove A.R. #5 Boat Trip Request: Sycamore Canyon Elementary School, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. **APPROVE AGENDA**

President Del Campo announced a change in the order of the Opening Provisions: the student recognitions would be placed before the reports from staff. **CHANGE OF ORDER**

Athol Wong, Assistant Principal, Thousand Oaks High School, introduced coaches for the Thousand Oaks High School Boys' Basketball Team and Wrestling Team, **RECOGNITIONS**

who were recognized as Marmonte League Champions.

**RECOGNITIONS
(CONT.)**

Richard Urias, Dean of Students, Newbury Park High School, introduced Newbury Park High School Girls' Basketball coach and team as Marmonte League Champions.

Lisa Magorian, Assistant Principal, Westlake High School, introduced coaches for the Westlake High School Boys' Soccer Team and Westlake High School Girls' Soccer Team as Marmonte League Champions.

Mr. Brad Baker, principal, Lang Ranch Elementary School, gave a report and visual presentation about his school.

REPORTS

Mr. Max Beaman, principal, Newbury Park High School, gave a report and Power Point presentation on his school.

Dr. Simpson: 1) congratulated the Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon team for winning first place in the State Championship and wished them great success at the National competition in Phoenix in April; 2) commented on the Blue Ribbon Validation Visits to Colina and TOHS-results will be released in May, and Aspen, Banyan, and Westlake Elementary Schools will be receiving their Distinguished School validation visits over the next three weeks; 3) discussed the accountability reviews and assessments coming up after Spring Break, including State Compliance Review, State testing, Golden State Exams and Advanced Placement Examinations; 4) displayed a copy of the new updated unit for 6th grade Focus on the Arts dealing with Ancient Civilizations developed by Jennifer Fry and DeDe Burke in conjunction with staff from LA County Museum of Art, the Getty Museum and Skirball Cultural Center; 5) announced that Martha Mutz, Director of Curriculum Development/Educational Media has been selected by Ventura County Math Council for this year's "Outstanding Math Educator Outside the Classroom" Award; 6) offered sincere sympathy to the family of Kurt Mautner, junior at TOHS, who was tragically killed in an auto accident March 17.

**SUPT.
REMARKS**

Ralph Starita voiced his concerns regarding proposed reductions in classified staff and reported personnel problems.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

Joy Meade discussed her concerns about over crowding in the schools, teacher's raises, possible future School District bond proposal, and proposed movement of the Continuation School and its impact.

Suzanne Duckett stated that she did not want teachers' salaries or benefits reduced next year.

Nick Quidwai stated that he asked to meet with the future Superintendent, asked the Board to be more receptive to parents, and to give the teachers a raise.

Gary Heathcote spoke to the issue of the homework policy, and that he feels that the students are under a great deal of pressure with too much homework. He feels that students need to spend more time with the family.

President Del Campo commented on the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce Principal for Half-Day event and luncheon. She was moved by the many comments at the luncheon from community members in regard to what a good job the schools are doing, including character education.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6092 - #6100, Classified #C-0865 - #C-0903 and Exempt #E-3273 - #E-3319, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the major projects list, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**MAJOR
FACILITIES
PROJECTS**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve a contract for the School District audit and the compliance audit with the firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for the year 2001-02. The term of this shall be for one year, renewable at the District's option for years 2002-03 and 2003-04, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1A filed.

**AUDIT
CONTRACT**

Dr. Stephens moved to expel student #27-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective March 6, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated March 5, 2002; and readmit student #27-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 27-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

EXPULSIONS

Mrs. Phelps moved to expel student #28-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective March 12, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated March 12, 2002; and readmit student #28-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student #28-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to expel student #29-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective March 15, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated March 15, 2002; and readmit student #29-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student #29-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after June 14, 2002, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2002; A.R. #6—Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Redwood Middle School Band Booster Club; A.R. #7—Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #32-0102 and A.R. #8 Student #33-0102;

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

A.R. #9—Purchase Order Report #600; A.R. #10—Notice of Completion for HVAC Project-Sequoia Coordinated Construction, Inc.; A.R. #11—Notice of Completion for Independent Quantity Fencing-Los Cerritos Middle School.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(CONT.)**

INFORMATION

The Board received information regarding Reduction of Classified Positions for the 2002-2003 school year.

INFO.

The Board received information regarding Request for District Waiver: Weathersfield Elementary School Math Adoption. David Ayers, Weathersfield teacher, addressed this issue (Jerry Carr, Lisa Serchia, and Mike Serchia yielded their time), asking that the Board consider the waiver to adopt Harcourt-Brace instead of Everyday Day Math, especially since they have agreed that each school may have their signature program, such as the full-day kindergarten program at Madroña. He noted others schools that voted for the Harcourt Brace adoption and cited cost savings for that adoption. He invited Board members to discuss the issue with him. Lynn Quick, Weathersfield teacher, addressed this issue (Joan Arnold and Jeneen Vetovec yielded their time) and discussed the Open Court math program that she compared to Everyday Math that she felt did not reach all students. Sheri Leiken, Weathersfield teacher, related that Harcourt Brace stated they would provide any training required. Diana Maiorca, Weathersfield teacher, stated that through her coursework at California Lutheran University, she learned that support of the staff is important to work through the curriculum, and 80% of the staff at Weathersfield supports the waiver and request for Harcourt Brace. Marjorie Andrzejewski, parent, asked the Board to consider the waiver as the Weathersfield staff has determined that Harcourt Brace is the best choice for their school. Debbie Boden, Los Cerritos math and science teacher, stated her respect of the Weathersfield teachers, but commented on her concern of the transition students will make from Weathersfield Elementary School using one adoption to the middle school using another. Deanna Hackman and Karen Greenberg, Weathersfield teachers, submitted Public Statement Cards in support of the waiver. President Del Campo requested that staff refrain from taking action on this request until they hear whether or not the waiver is approved at the State Department. Mrs. Beaubien and Dr. Stephens agreed.

The Board received information regarding Recommendation of Family Life Materials. Nick Quidwai discussed his membership on the Conejo Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) committee, and that the committee seems to be no longer in existence. He asked how people could get on committees at the School District. Dr. Simpson stated that the Family Life Committee is comprised of parent representatives appointed by PTA and the District Advisory Council, teacher representatives from the elementary and secondary levels, a school nurse, representatives from the clergy and the medical community and the Director of Curriculum Development, who serves as the chairperson.

There were no items of legislature.

**ITEMS OF
LEG.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

PERS. COMM.

President Del Campo adjourned the regular session at 9:00 p.m. The Board will **ADJOURN**
convene on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for
Regular Session.

Date

Clerk

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Secretary

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