

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 27, 2007
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 27, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:14 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 5:15 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. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
- C. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)
- D. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6

The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

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

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting. Action taken on expulsions during Closed Session will be noted in the Consent Agenda.

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 Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education, were also in attendance. (Mrs. Beaubien was excused from the meeting around 7:00 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following exception: Add recognition of National Merit Finalists to the Opening Provisions under Recognitions, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation: Conejo Robotics Club

Michael Weingarden, Newbury Park High School math teacher, presented a video of the Club's participation in the statewide competition in Los Angeles. The Club placed 11th out of 51 entries, and were presented with the "Rookie Award." The Club will be going to Atlanta, GA, in April for the national competition. Other advisors for the project are Alan Grant, Westlake High School Industrial Arts teacher, and Abel Magana, Thousand Oaks High School Industrial Technology teacher.

Recognitions:

- State Library Poster Award: Newbury Park High School student Shirley Wu was recognized for placing first in this competition. (Shirley Wu was not present.)
- Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Award: Students Virgillio Garcia, Youth of the Year, and Finalists Stephanie Baum, Samantha Lux, and Tiana Sarmiento, were recognized for their accomplishments.
- National Merit Finalists: Students were recognized for their achievement: Newbury Park High School: Judy Chen, Colin Dwyer, Jessica Fujimoto, Michael Maños; Thousand Oaks High School: Brian Belleville, Rosa Deng, David Gulbransen, Virginia Lenander, Jason Lin, Christine Sing T Liu, Jason Samuel Loose, Hank Yan, Lily Yang Xia; and Westlake High School: Kevin Critchlow, Joshua Esquivel, Kirit Karkare, Maxwell Lee, Jaimie Li, Chelsea Ma, Juan Rodrigo, Ricafort, Tiffany Russell, and Peter Vorissis.

Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Contini: 1) proudly announced that the District's latest API has been revised upward by the California Department of Education from 855 to 864; 2) reported that Park Oaks received confirmation last week that they will be receiving the Title 1 Award, which recognizes Title 1 schools for excellent achievement; 3) applauded Dede Burke's drama class's outstanding presentation of Romeo and Juliet at Colina, which he and his wife attended Saturday; 4) announced awards and recognitions by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA): Jean Moore, Ventura County Star, for Media Coverage of Public Education; Thousand Oaks Auto Mall for the School-Community Partnership Award; and Jean Gordon, Principal, Acacia Elementary, for the Leadership Matters Award, for her outstanding and unselfish leadership in programs such as Cardiac Kids Have Heart; 5) congratulated Manzanita Elementary for receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Barona Band of Mission Indians. The grant will support the Scholastic Reading Program, as well as the purchase of books, online quizzes, and support a reading passport program called "Around the World in Books" to enhance reading enjoyment and improvement at the school.

Comments from the Public

One public speaker discussed API scores.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Stephens applauded the Robotics Club success, and asked if robotics could be part of the regular curriculum. Mr. Dunn asked if Legislative Items could be restored as part of the Board Agenda. Mrs. Yoos (Parliamentarian) was asked about procedure. She stated that the Board determines what goes on the Agenda. Mr. Contini clarified that the public could put in writing what their requests are for the Agenda, however, this subject is not on the Agenda and therefore, cannot be acted upon this evening. Mr. Dunn asked if people could speak about legislative items during Public Comments; Mrs. Didio said yes. It was determined that people who wished to bring up legislative items could do so during Public Comments.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**Personnel Services**

A. PUBLIC HEARING: The District's Response to UACT's Proposal

Mrs. Didio opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.; there were no comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

B. Initial Response to the 2007-2008 Proposal for Successor Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the District's Initial Response, and authorize the Superintendent to initiate negotiations with UACT, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0.

Instructional Services**C. Approval of Visual Performing Arts Philosophy, Program Expectations, Standards for the Graduate and Grade Level Content Standards**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the proposed Visual Performing Arts foundation documents developed by the District Committee, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens commended the State for introducing arts into and through the curriculum. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Courses: Chinese 1 and 2

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the assignment of permanent status to Chinese 1 and 2, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approval of New High School Foreign Language Pilot Course: Chinese 3

Mr. Dunn moved to approve Chinese 3 as a pilot course, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Home Based Independent Study Program (HBIS)

Dr. Stephens moved to not continue the Home Based Independent Study Program option for the 2007/2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens stated that although this program was not a great success in our District, hopefully, there will be a study of what works in other districts to try again sometime in the future. Mrs. Didio asked how many students in the Open Classroom (K-6, Conejo Elementary School) move on into our 7-12 programs. Dr. Simpson stated that most of the students stay within our District schools. He also stated that the program may expand to a K-8 program if space is available through declining enrollment. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Recommendation of Family Life Materials Review Committee

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the DVD videos as recommended by the Family Life Materials Review committee, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Revised Secondary 2007 Summer School Schedule

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the proposed, modified Secondary Summer School schedule, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Phelps congratulated the staff for working on this schedule to help the families and staffs enjoy time around July 4th for family events. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Didio pointed out the bid summary sheet that was provided for the Award of Contract – Phase 1 Modernization – Los Cerritos Middle School. Motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approval of minutes:
 - 1. Special Meeting, CSBA Workshop, March 5, 2007
 - 2. Special Meeting, Discussion Session, March 13, 2007
 - 3. Regular Meeting of March 13, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #7744 through #7748
 - 2. Classified: C-3648 to C-3664
 - 3. Exempt: E-7047 to E-7057
- C. Expulsions:
 - 1. Thousand Oaks High School #30-06/07E
 - 2. Westlake High School #31-06/07E
 - 3. Westlake High School #32-06/07E
 - 4. Westlake High School #33-06/07E
 - 5. Westlake High School #34-06/07E
 - 6. Westlake High School #35-06/07E
 - 7. Westlake High School #36-06/07E
- D. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #36-06/07
- E. Overnight Trip Request: The Conejo Robotics Club
- F. 2006-2007 Equipment and Supplies for Career Technical Education Programs Grades Seven to Twelve
- G. Purchase Order Report #699
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Awards of Contracts:
 - 1. Wildwood Elementary School – Phase 1 Modernization
 - 2. Newbury Park High School – Mechanical Room Renovation
 - 3. Thousand Oaks High School – HVAC Remove/Replacement
 - 4. Thousand Oaks High School – Lab Improvements
 - 5. Los Cerritos Middle School – Phase 1 Modernization
 - 6. Newbury Park High School and Colina Boys & Girls Club Electrical and Indefinite Quantity Electrical
 - 7. Cypress Elementary School - HVAC
- J. Notice of Completion: Various Sites – Indefinite Quantity Asphalt – Mission Paving & Sealing, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Amendment to Board Policy #497.4 – Athletic Program, Health and Safety
- B. Amendment to Board Policy #835: Other School-Connected Parent Support or Booster Organization

Business Services

- C. Resolution #06/07-16: Approving the District's Surplus Property Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Kelley Road site as District Surplus Property and Declaring Intention to Lease, Sell, or Exchange Kelley Road Site to Certain Qualifying Public Agencies and Nonprofit Organizations. Dr. Stephens commended the District for moving forward on this project, and asked about an appraisal. Dr. Baarstad stated that there is an appraisal, but it is something he would share in closed session as part of real property negotiations. The initial notices of declaration of surplus property will be out soon. Mrs. Didio asked if we have a one appraisal with the building, and

another without the building. Dr. Baarstad said yes, and that the Board will have that information prior to going into real property negotiations. Mr. Dunn stated that sale of the property will help take the pressure off the District to raise property taxes.

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 7:22 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

April 24, 2007

Date

Clerk

April 24, 2007

Date

Superintendent

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