

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 28, 2006
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 28, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:00 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 5:05 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

1. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal
Pursuant to Government Code §54957
2. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
3. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8

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

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

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed Mr. Alan Rose and the “Class Act” choral group from Westlake High School, who led the meeting with a patriotic rendition of the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Mrs. 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, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

Approval of Agenda

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

Recognitions

Middle School Student Congress leaders Jessica Moxley, Redwood, Phoebe Ng and Hannah Barrett, Los Cerritos, re-enacted a portion of the Student Congress with the topic: *laptops for all students*.

The following Marmonte League teams and coaches were honored:

- Newbury Park High School Girls Basketball
- Thousand Oaks High School Boys Basketball

- Westlake High School Boys Soccer

Comments from the Public

There were no comments.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Didio discussed her visits to some of the schools, and highlighted Wendy Ridenour's grade 2/3 class at Westlake Elementary School. Ms. Ridenour has connected her students with a program, Heart-to-Heart, which reaches out to orphans in Africa whose parents were victims of AIDS. The Westlake Elementary class was able to raise money to purchase uniforms, which are mandatory for students to attend school in Kenya. Money has also been raised for a trip to a restaurant, the beach, and other outings that the children have never been exposed to. The class this year has also been able to purchase desks for two classrooms in the orphanage.

Dr. Stephens discussed the Chamber of Commerce's Principal for a Day program. This day culminates in a de-briefing lunch, where participating community members discuss their experiences as they shadowed the principals. Dr. Stephens shared many of the comments, such as the principals' multi-tasking abilities and how they know the names of all the students at their schools. He said that many stated they wished they had attended schools with such dynamic programs as we have in our District. Dr. Stephens also pointed out that in the most recent API information, all three of our high schools have APIs over 800.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

Superintendent's Office

1. Amendments to Board Policy

- **344.3 – Promotion and Retention (Second Reading)**

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

- **538.2/652.1.4 Early Retirement Incentive Program for Management, Supervisory, and Confidential Employees (First Reading).**

Dr. Stephens moved to amend policies 538.2/652.1.4 to reflect UACT and CSEA contract language regarding retirement options, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Mrs. Phelps questioned the need for clause D. Dr. Baarstad stated that staff will review this for the Second Reading. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Services

2. Approval of the Revised 2006-2007 School Year Calendar

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the revised 2006-2007 school year calendar, seconded by Dr. Stephens.

Arnold Widofsky, Dianne McKay, Kathy Smiley, Linda Brown, Nancy Frawley, Peggy Buckles, Scott Lamp, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Linda Legman, Theresa Coffman, Ashley Cooper, Laura Winchester, Jerry Morris and Susan Falk spoke in favor of the proposed 2006-2007 school calendar. There were 21 Public Written Statement cards submitted in favor of the proposed calendar: Rhoda Vestuto, Joyce Silberberger, Ellen Jackson, Susan Nibley, Janet Pooley, Denise Gibson, Nina Brandt, Tammy Edwards, Warren Murray, Carol Hnat, Nancy Nevitt, Bill Brandt, Arleigh Kidd, Steve Sundstedt, Cheryl Hodge, Kathleen Bonn, Ellen Droshe, Makalah Fausset, Patti McNamara, Ryan Cooper, and Danette Kwiatkowski.

Elaine McKearn and David Mann spoke in opposition to the proposed 2006-2007 school calendar.

Scott Lamp stated that he would like the 2006-2007 calendar posted as soon as possible. *(The calendar will be posted on the District's website as soon as it is approved.)*

Mrs. Beaubien, Mrs. Didio and Dr. Stephens thanked UACT members for their patience revisiting the calendar several times, thanked the staff for working with UACT, and the parents for their input on both sides of the issue regarding the holiday schedule for 2006-2007. Mr. Dunn thanked everyone, defended his position on bringing the calendar back for a vote, and suggested that a mediator be brought in for resolution.

Motion carried 4-1, Mr. Dunn voting nay.

3. Resolutions

- **#05/06-19: "Day of the Teacher" May 10, 2006**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Resolution #05/06-19: Day of the Teacher, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

- **#05/06-20: "Classified Employees Week" May 21-27, 2006**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve Resolution #05/06-20: Classified Employees Week, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Waiver Request for Retroactive California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Funding

Mrs. Phelps opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.; there were no comments. Mrs. Phelps closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

5. Waiver Request for Retroactive California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Funding

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the request to submit the waiver to CDE to obtain CELDT funding for 2004-2005, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approval of History/Social Science Philosophy, Program Expectations and Grade Level Content Standards

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the philosophy, program expectations and grade level content standards for history/social science, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Approval of Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Funding Application Form for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the “Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2006-2007” form, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

A. Approval of minutes:

- Regular Meeting of February 28, 2006
- Regular Meeting of March 14, 2006

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

- Certificated: #7374 to #7386
- Classified: C-3157 to C-3177
- Exempt: E-6598 to E-6621

C. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Conejo Schools Foundation

D. Purchase Order Report #679

E. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

F. Change Orders:

1. #1-Cypress Elementary School – Phase 1 Modernization
2. #1-Cypress Elementary School - Phase 1 Modernization
3. #1- Aspen and Westlake Elementary Schools – Phase 1 Modernization
4. #2- Madroña Elementary School Administration Office Modernization and Newbury Park High School Classroom Rehabilitation
5. Revision to Change Order #1 – Electrical Upgrade – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc. – Conejo Adult Education

G. Notices of Completion

1. Cypress Elementary School – Phase 1 Modernization
2. Colina Middle School and Horizon Hills Education Center – HVAC Replacement

H. Resolution #05/06-23: Authorizing Issuance of 2006 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, and Agreement with Financial Advisor

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

1. Approval of History/Social Science Instructional Materials – Grades 6-12. There were no comments.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.

- B. Report from the Superintendent: Dr. Fraisse asked Dr. Simpson to report on a program that the District will be piloting. Dr. Simpson said that currently there is a program available where Ventura County Behavioral Health has provided services to students who are substance users and abusers on an out-patient basis. Through the County Board of Supervisors, staff would be hired to be available on the high school campuses to work with students, with a parent permission requirement. Staff will be reporting on the program as it progresses.
- C. Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 7:53 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

Date April 25, 2006

Clerk

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Superintendent

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