

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

**April 7, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of April 7, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:11 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Dr. Stephens asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:13p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment
  - 1. Appointment of Middle School Principal
- B. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- C. Complaints or Changes Against a Public Employee  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline  
*Pursuant to Education Code §48918*
- E. Pending Litigation  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)*
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter  
*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*

The Closed Session ended at 6:10 p.m. It was stated from Closed Session by Mrs. Phelps that the Board confirmed the direction to uphold the findings of the complaint against a public employee.

**CALL TO ORDER****OPENING PROVISIONS**

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Dr. Jeffrey Davis, Director, Secondary Education, and Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, were also present.

**Recognitions**

- 1. The National Merit Finalists were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.
- 2. The Marmonte League Champions were recognized for their outstanding performance in sports. The Marmonte League Champion teams were: Newbury Park High School Girls Varsity Basketball, Thousand Oaks High School Boys Varsity Basketball and Westlake High School Boys Varsity Soccer. The Thousand Oaks High and Westlake High Girls Varsity Soccer teams served as Marmonte League Co-Champions.
- 3. The CIF Champions, Thousand Oaks High School's Boys Varsity Basketball team, were recognized for their impeccable season record and outstanding performance in sports.
- 4. The Prudential Volunteer of the Year, Newbury Park High School student Lauren Beeder, was recognized for her excellence in volunteerism and community service.

**Reports from Student Board Members**

Meagan Norling-Christensen, Westlake High School, Marissa Morrison standing in for Jacqueline Manzer from Thousand Oaks High School and Corey Prah, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools reported on campus events such as club activities, athletics, theater, band and choral activities, art shows, assemblies and rallies, dances, fund raisers, academy programs, school-to-career, and others.

**Presentations**

- Community Based English Training (CBET) (ESL/CBET Coordinator Bette Empol and Volunteer Bernie Calle)
- Abilities Awareness Week (Parent Lilly Dollenmayer)
- Energy Education (Energy Manager Rick Freed)

**Reports from Support Organizations**

Randi Dennen, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported on the purpose of PTA as a National and State Organization. Mrs. Dennen spoke about the PTAs helping to provide schools with funding for assemblies, guest speakers, computers and equipment, family and fundraising events at the sites, and training opportunities. They also advocate for Class Size Reduction. Mrs. Dennen announced that the Conejo Council PTA will be sending out invitations for their End of Year Dinner in May.

Sue Wells, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), discussed action at their last meeting to approve Bylaws and Officers for the upcoming school year and received presentations from UACT, DeDe Dryer and Dr. Jeff Baarstad. The Sequoia Jazz Band also performed at this meeting. Mrs. Wells announced that the DAC Budget Survey results will be distributed to DAC representatives to report back to their sites. The five priorities that evolved from the survey results include the following: 1) safety on campuses; 2) Class Size Reduction for K-3; 3) Co-curricular activities; 4) The restructuring of District services; and 5) State Categorical funding to preserve resources.

**Comments from the Superintendent**

Mr. Contini thanked Sheri Fehlman for filling in for Karen Isé at tonight's Board meeting. He stated that the E-rate Technology Plan will be moving forward for second reading and then on to the State for final approval. The Technology Committee will be meeting to write the EETT grant which will provide the District with funding for equipment, support and staff development for grades 4-8. Mr. Contini mentioned that the staff is working on providing a staff email list for the public on the District website to be in place by the opening of school year 2009-10. Mr. Contini commented on the Ventura County Star Scholar Awards that he recently attended acknowledging top scholars from Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Westlake and Conejo/Century High Schools for their grade point averages and community service efforts. He congratulated Pat Akers, a teacher at Lang Ranch, for receiving the award for 2009 Outstanding Math Teacher from the Ventura County Mathematics Council; Ana Alvarez for receiving the Thousand Oaks Rotary Rothschild Award for her work with students and the community; the Newbury Park High Mock Trial team for their recent victory; and Sycamore Canyon students for placing second out of 45 schools in Southern California at the Edison Challenge. Mr. Contini congratulated all the students receiving recognitions this evening, as well as Tiffany Hernandez from the Culinary Arts Program for placing first at the FHA Hero Program, and the Newbury Park High Dance Team for placing 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at their recent competition. He also gave a brief update on the Federal Stimulus Package and commented that he participated in a state-wide teleconference that included representatives from the Federal Government, Washington, Special Education, Title I, and key players at the national and state levels including Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Contini will incorporate his notes and other information regarding the Federal Stimulus Package into a Q/A format to be placed on the District website.

**Comments from the Public**

Two speakers stated their concerns about the foods offered to students at the schools through our Child Nutrition program, four speakers spoke in support of the Chinese program at Westlake High School, and one speaker requested support from the Board for "Trek for Troops," a group that performs fundraising events for non-profit organization Homes For Our Troops to support the severely wounded veterans returning from the Iraq and

Afghanistan wars. There were 21 written statements submitted in favor of the Chinese Program at Westlake High School, and 1 written statement submitted in favor of high school counselors.

### **Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mrs. Buckles commented on the Westlake High School Information and Technology Awards Dinner and the Oratory contests at Weathersfield and Glenwood Elementary Schools, Dr. Connolly concurred with Mrs. Buckles about her attendance at the Oratory contests and commented on viewing Conejo Valley/Century High's student art work at the Teen Center, Mrs. Phelps thanked parents for their continued support and donations to the District in difficult economic times and commented on the Budget Committee discussion and collaboration, and Dr. Stephens thanked Mrs. Phelps for her suggestion to have two Board members participate on the Budget Committee and requested staff to look into having a nutrition specialist from Ventura Unified visit our District regarding our food selections for students. Mrs. Buckles mentioned that the Coordinated School Health Committee can focus on nutrition as a goal at their next Committee meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

### **Board of Education and Superintendent's Office**

#### **A. Approval of Board Policy 6146.12-Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit in High School and College Classes for High School Students (First Reading)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to “accept the proposal to enact Board Policy 6146.12 to allow concurrent enrollment/dual credit in high school and college classes for full-time CVUSD high school students” seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Dr. Connolly asked for some clarification on this policy regarding a student's ability to receive a full year of credit on their transcript for a semester class at the college level. Mrs. Cosaro will research and bring her findings to the next Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: From the Consent Agenda on Page 63, item L. Notice of Completion-Thousand Oaks High School-Lab Improvements-SBS Corp. Inc. was amended, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

- Dr. Stephens announced the appointment of Shane Frank as Principal, Redwood Middle School, Class VIII Step B on the certificated management salary schedule for the 2009-2010 school year.
- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
1. Special Meeting of March 2, 2009
  2. Study Session of March 16, 2009
  3. Regular Meeting of March 17, 2009
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
1. Certificated: #8318 to #8323  
*Teachers, Certificated Managers*
  2. Classified: C-4545 to C-4560  
*Account Clerk, Adult School Classroom Aide, Bilingual Cross-Cultural Paraprofessional ELD Facilitator-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education*
  3. Exempt: E-8679 to E-8698  
*Campus Supervisor, Outdoor School Naturalist, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*
- C. Expulsions
1. Newbury Park High School #36-08/09E
  2. Los Cerritos Middle School #37-08/09E

- 3. Conejo Valley High School #38-08/09E
- D. Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests
- E. Amended Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #15-08/09
- F. Waivers of High School Exit Exam Requirement
  - 1. #1-08/09S
  - 2. #2-08/09S
  - 3. #3-08/09S
  - 4. #4-08/09S
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  - 14. #14-08/09S
  - 15. #15-08/09S
- G. Purchase Order Report #743
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Quarterly Report – Williams Lawsuit and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints
- J. Acceptance of Cash and/or Equipment Donations
- K. Change Order #3-Thousand Oaks High School-Lab Improvements-SBS Corp., Inc.
- L. Notice of Completion-Thousand Oaks High School-Lab Improvements-SBS Corp., Inc.
- M. Award of Contracts
  - 1. Newbury Park High School-Coil Replacement
  - 2. Thousand Oaks High School-Site/ADA Improvements

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

- A. Extended Day Kindergarten – Conejo Elementary School. Janet Cosaro stated that Conejo Elementary is the eleventh school to implement extended day kindergarten classes.

**Business Services**

- B. 2009-10 State/District Budget Information. Dr. Baarstad provided a PowerPoint, which may be viewed on the CVUSD website at [www.conejo.k12.ca.us](http://www.conejo.k12.ca.us).

**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 Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 9:32 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

April 8, 2009

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Date

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Clerk

April 8, 2009

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Superintendent