

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****April 17, 2012
MINUTES****CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of Tuesday, April 17, 2012, was called to order by President Betsy Connolly at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Dr. Connolly asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- C. Labor Negotiations (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
Timothy Carpenter, Negotiator, CVUSD
UACT, CSEA, CVPPA
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline – Expulsion or Suspension (*Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*)
- E. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension (*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*)
- F. Pending Litigation (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a) (3)*)
- G. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*)
 - 310 Kelley Road
 - 2498 Conejo Center Drive
 - Southwest Corner of Avenida de los Arboles and Atlas Avenue

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

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

Call to Order and Roll Call: Dr. Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Mike Dunn, Board Member, was absent. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent and Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

Dr. Connolly read the procedural announcements and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

Presentations:

- LC Crew: Los Cerritos Middle School Student Leadership
- Thousand Oaks High School 50th Year Celebration Committee

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad congratulated Newbury Park High School's student newspaper, The Panther Prowler, as one of the first place winners of the American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Review and Contest Awards, and the Newbury Park High School Dance Team which recently placed in a National competition. He thanked the City of Thousand Oaks, who worked to secure a \$202,000 recycling grant that will be shared at the school sites.

Comments from the Public

Three speakers spoke against cell towers being placed within 1,500 feet of school campuses, and asked that the Board consider a policy regarding this issue. One speaker would like the Child Nutrition department to ensure that options offered to students not include "pink slime." One speaker announced that there will be a Classified Appreciation Week Picnic on Saturday, May 19, at the Acorn Acres Park (by Thousand Oaks High School) between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at no cost to the employees.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Stephens discussed his recent visit to EARTHs and the Adult School's parent participation program at Horizon Hills. He stated that both programs offers excellent programs for our students. Mrs. Buckles stated that she was sympathetic to the parents at Sycamore Canyon School who wanted to ban cell towers from school campuses or anywhere within 1,500 feet of the schools. She is asking the staff to submit a policy for approval by the Board. Mrs. Buckles also mentioned her appreciation for the Thousand Oaks High School 50 Year Celebration timeline submitted and asked if the 50 Year Celebration Committee would consider having a hard copy made for the school library. Mrs. Phelps also thanked the 50 Year Committee, stating that the timeline reflected on the growth within the community, too.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Personnel Services**

PUBLIC HEARING: Dr. Connolly called a Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. to consider Initial Response to the Initial Proposal for Successor Collective Bargaining Negotiations submitted by the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 620; there were no public speakers to the issue. Dr. Connolly closed the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.m.

A. Initial Response to the Initial Proposal for Successor Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 620

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the District to open negotiations on successor contract of agreement as requested by the initial proposal of the CSEA Chapter 620, approve staff recommended initial proposal on article reopeners as specified, and approve the proposed composition of the District's negotiating team, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Resolution #11/12-13: National Teacher Appreciation Week , May 6-12, 2012

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt a resolution declaring May 6-12, 2012, as National Teacher Appreciation Week, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

Business Services**C. Approval of the 2012-2013 Major Projects List**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2012-2013 Major Projects List, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
 - 1. Regular Meeting April 3, 2012
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: 9033 - 9043
Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-6870 to C-6908
Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Production Manager, Early Care Aide, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/SDC, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Site Computer Technician II
 - 3. Exempt: E-11735 to E-11743
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Naturalist, Proctor, Specialist
- C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #24-11/12
- D. Expulsions
 - 1. EARTHs Magnet School #27-11/12E
 - 2. Los Cerritos Middle School #28-11/12E
 - 3. Conejo Valley High School #29-11/12E
- E. Purchase Order Report #810
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Amendment to Board Policy 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work. Mrs. Cosaro, along with members of the Homework Committee Josh Eby, Assistant Principal, Newbury Park High School, and Carey Bartlow, Teacher, Sycamore Canyon School, presented results of the homework survey. Mrs. Cosaro answered several questions from the Board. Mrs. Phelps emphasized the value of students having timely feedback from their teachers on homework materials. Mrs. Buckles asked if teachers communicate with other teachers when there are co-curricular programs that take up a lot of students' time. Mrs. Cosaro stated that individual situations would be difficult but when there are large programs that involve a lot of students, such as the Music Festivals, staff tries to take them into consideration. Dr. Baarstad stated that parents and students must be aware that when they take on huge commitments, such as Advanced Placement classes along with sports and other co-curricular activities, there will be occasions when time is going to be stretched. Dr. Connolly asked that the language addressing the issue of limiting homework over weekends, breaks, and summer be strengthened. She also asked that staff work with all teachers to communicate with students regarding homework and grades online so that both students and parents could be very clear about expectations. Mrs. Cosaro stated that principals will be asked to remind teachers during staff meetings about the homework policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 7:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

May 1, 2012

Date

Clerk

May 1, 2012

Date

Superintendent