

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

April 24, 2007  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of April 24, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:00 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 5:02 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 6:06 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**

**OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:08 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. Mrs. Didio asked for a moment of silence in memory of the students and staff who lost their lives during the Virginia Tech incident.

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.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Recognition: Sage Publications, Madeline Hess**

The Board acknowledged Sage Publications for their continuing contributions to our District. Since the 1995/1996 school year, Sage has donated over \$400,000 to our instructional programs, specifically the International Baccalaureate program at Newbury Park High School, a mini-grant program for language arts, and tuition for district teachers who wish to attend the South Coast Writing Program during the summer. We are tremendously grateful for Sage Publications' support and generosity.

Madeline Hess, Community Relations Director, accepted the Board's acknowledgement. Ms. Hess is also on the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, which spearheads the "Teacher of the Month/Year" program, and other events in support of education.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) Westlake Hills Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Steven Latshaw, was awarded the Amgen Award for *Science Teaching Excellence*. This is an annual award recognizing extraordinary contributions by educators across the United States and Puerto Rico. An independent panel of judges selected the winners based on the following criteria: creativity; effectiveness; planned use of grant money; submission of an innovative science lesson plan; and a plan for dissemination/sharing the lesson plan with other teachers. Steve is the only elementary teacher in the Western U.S. to receive this award. Amgen was on site yesterday filming his class and interviewing students, staff, and parents. The film will be shown at the celebration event in May. Congratulations to Steven Latshaw and thank you to Amgen. 2) Congratulations to Sequoia MS for capturing one-fourth of all first place awards at the junior division of the County Science Fair (800 entries county-wide). Three students will go on to the State competition: a) Christian Louey in Botany: "Magnets and Plants, What is the Attraction?" b) Abhi Kodukulla in Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences: "Recycled Copy Paper vs. Recycled Newsprint: Which is Stronger?" c) Bryce Kobrin in Math, Computer Science & Electronics: "If Robert E. Lee had a PC..."

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no public speakers.

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

Mrs. Beaubien announced that the Robotics Club had great success in Atlanta, GA! They will be asked to return for recognition at a future Board meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**

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

#### **A. Amendment to Board Policy 835 – Other School-Connected Parent Support or Booster Organizations (First Reading)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to Amend Policy 835, "Other School-Connected Parent Support or Booster Organizations" as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **B. Amendment to Board Policy 497.4 – Athletic Program – Health and Safety (First Reading)**

Mr. Dunn moved to Amend Policy 497.4 – "Athletic Program – Health and Safety" as proposed, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Personnel Services**

#### **C. Resolution #06/07-17: Day of the Teacher (May 9, 2007)**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt a resolution declaring May 9, 2007, as the "Day of the Teacher." seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. The Board recognized the outstanding teachers in the District. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **D. Resolution #06/07-18: "Classified Employee Week" (May 20-26, 2007)**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring May 20-26, 2007, as "Classified Employee Week," seconded by Mr. Dunn. The Board thanked the Classified staff for their excellent support. Motion carried 5-0.

**Business Services****E. Resolution #06/07-16: Approving the District's Surplus Property Advisory Committee's Recommendation for 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 moved to approve Resolution #06/07-16 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens thanked Dr. Baarstad and all involved with this transaction. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Resolution #06/07-19: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2007-2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Therefore and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the Count to Issue and Sell the Note**

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt Resolution #06/07-19 authorizing the issuance of the 2007 TRAN, and participations in the California School Cash Reserve Program, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Dr. Baarstad stated that this is a TRANS issue for cash flow protection, and the District has done this for many years. This year for the first time we are participating in CSBA's joint issue with many other districts. By using this method, there are significant savings. It does not require an individual underwriter, a set off bond documents, the need for an individual Standard and Poor's rating, etc. CSBA has a great track record on this type of transaction. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Approval of the 2007/2008 Major Projects List**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Major Projects list, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Baarstad thanked Tony Lindsey, Director, Maintenance and Operations, and Jack Wilson, Project Manager, for working with all the sites to devise the list. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

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

- A. Approval of minutes:
  - 1. Special Meeting, March 27, 2007
  - 2. Regular Meeting, March 27, 2007
  - 3. Special Meeting of April 3, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
  - 1. Certificated: #7749 through #7759
  - 2. Classified: C-3666 to C-3686
  - 3. Exempt: E-7058 to E-7110
- C. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #36-06/07
- D. Preauthorization of Spring Overnight Trip Requests
- E. Purchase Order Report #700
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- G. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- H. Awards of Contracts:
  - 1. Various School Sites – Roofing Repair/Replacement
  - 2. Westlake High School – Phase 1 Modernization HVAC/Elect
  - 3. Westlake High School – Phase 1 Modernization General Construction
- I. Change Order #2 – Sycamore Canyon School – Modtech, Inc.

J. Notices of Completion:

- 1. Banyan and Madroña Elementary Schools – Asphalt Paving – Mission paving & Sealing, Inc.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no information items.

**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 6.34 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

May 8, 2007

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