

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

**May 8, 2001**

**MINUTES**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

Present were Board members Dorothy L. Beaubien, Mary Jo Del Campo, Dolores Didio, Patricia H. Phelps, and Timothy G. Stephens. Also present were Jerry C. Gross, Superintendent; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; and Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Staff present during the Regular Session included Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum. **ROLL CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Patricia H. Phelps, President. The Board discussed Certificated: teachers; certificated managers. Classified: clerk typist, substitutes; Exempt: specialists, campus supervisors, proctors. The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:14 p.m. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and read announcements for the Board meeting that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker’s Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public can find agendas and Board procedure information. **PLEDGE**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda as amended, (to the Consent Agenda add A.R. #13A Air Conditioning Repairs at Colina Middle School), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Student vote: Aye. Motion carried 5-0. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Megan Shirey, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Megan, Carly Maygren, Thousand Oaks High School, Melissa Kindschi, Newbury Park High School, and Billy MacKelvey, Conejo Valley High School, reported on various events at the schools such as award ceremonies, testing, sports, plays, fashion shows, silent auctions, proms, and graduation preparations. **STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Elly Love, Principal, Los Cerritos Middle School, introduced students and presented certificates to students who were recognized at the California State PTA Conference for the PTSA Student Involvement Award. The student group meets twice a month after school to plan activities that include fund raising events, student surveys, and activities. **PRESENTATIONS**

Chuck Eklund gave an overview of the District’s School-to-Career program, which is completing the first year of implementation, and introduced Leigh Ann Diffenderfer, School-to-Career coordinator from Newbury Park High School. Ms. Diffenderfer introduced Mel Dick, coordinator from Thousand Oaks High School, and Kathleen Murvin, coordinator from Westlake High School. Greg Barker, co-coordinator at Thousand Oaks High School was unable to attend. The coordinators discussed how the programs are an important part of the District’s Strategic Plan. The School-to-Career program currently has 228 students in grades

10-12 who have applied to participate, has supported 47 student internships and 49 seniors in the class of 2001 have successfully met program requirements and will graduate with a certificate in one of seven career pathways available. Although each high school runs its own program, the coordinators work together as a partnership. Thousand Oaks and Westlake High Schools have developed career academies in which students take a series of core classes together, while Newbury Park High School has a majors program where students select classes independent of each other.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The Board members each thanked the coordinators and commended them on their extraordinary efforts in moving the program forward with success this year.

Dr. Gross 1) acknowledged and congratulated the AMGEN Teachers of Excellence - Janet Doman, third grade teacher at University Elementary School, and Kathleen Suskauer, first grade teacher at Maple Elementary School. 2) also congratulated Terry McIntyre, third grade teacher at University Elementary School, who will be honored on May 17 at the Ventura County Math Council Banquet for being selected as the Outstanding Math Educator in Ventura County. 3) sent get well wishes to Debbie Hanna, Planning Technician, and Susan Tucker, District Auditor, who were involved in a terrible automobile accident last week in Oxnard. Luckily, Debbie sustained only minor injuries. Susan sustained serious injuries but not life threatening, and is still in the hospital. He wished her a comfortable recovery. 4) read a letter of appreciation that he sent to all District teachers for Day of the Teacher, May 9. 5) commented on the Board's Celebration of Excellence which was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum on April 25. During a dinner and award presentation, the Board of Education recognized seniors from each comprehensive high school who have excelled in one of seven academic areas: Career-Applied Technology, English, Foreign Language, History/Social Science, Mathematics, Science, and Visual and Performing Arts. Conejo Valley/Century High Schools choose one senior as Top Scholar. 6) discussed his attendance at the California PTA Conference in San José. It was his first PTA conference and he was very impressed with the quality of presentations, floor sessions with 3-4,000 members participating in the refinement and editing of proposed resolutions, and the professionalism which characterized all the activities. He thanked Patti Yomantas, Conejo Council PTA President, and all the site presidents and representatives for making him feel welcomed at the conference. 7) commented on the Ability Awareness Program held at the Horizon Hills Parenting Center April 25-27. This program is dedicated to educating parents, students and others about the challenges faced by people with disabilities. Dr. Gross read a commendation for the program from Governor Gray Davis.

**SUPT. REMARKS**

Cheryl Heitmann, Chairperson, District Advisory Committee (DAC), reported for the meeting of April 24. At the meeting, Dr. Simpson provided an update on the API awards; the Sheriff's department discussed gang activity in the area; and Mike Waters, Principal, Colina Middle School, Dr. Pam Chasse, Principal, Sycamore Canyon School and Chuck Severns, Counselor, Newbury Park High School, addressed the issue of students harassing other students and conflict resolution. The next DAC meeting will be May 15.

**DISTRICT COMM.**

Patti Yomantas, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported on the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual California State PTA Convention, which was held in San José. Speakers at the Convention included Delaine Eastin, State Superintendent of Instruction, Senator Jack O'Connell, and the California Teacher of the Year 2000. The delegates reviewed, debated and passed five resolutions. Two Conejo units were honored with State awards: Los Cerritos Middle School received one of two state awards for Student Involvement, and Meadows Elementary School,

received one of three state awards for Outstanding Unit of Excellence. The Meadows application for Outstanding Unit was sent on to the National PTA, and Meadows has received word that they will receive one of four national awards in June. Ms. Yomantas reported that Sycamore Canyon School will be chartered on May 9 as the 19<sup>th</sup> unit in the Conejo Council.

**DISTRICT  
COMM.  
(CONT.)**

There was no report from the Bond District Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Didio discussed her visit to Sacramento to attend the Delegate Assembly, and the subsequent lobbying efforts with the legislators. The four points of the lobbying efforts were the Public Education Retirement System (PERS) reduction, facilities, low performing schools, and assessment.

**BOARD  
REMARKS**

Dr. Stephens moved to adjust the Board meeting calendar from September 25, 2001 to September 26, 2001, and to cancel December 25, 2001, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**BOARD MTG.  
CALENDAR  
CHANGE**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #5568 - #5590, Classified #C-0326 - #C-0338 and #E-2486 - #E-2529, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**PAO'S**

The following assignments were announced:

Michael Vollmert was appointed as Director, Research and Assessment, on Class IV, Step A, of the management salary schedule for the 2001-2002 school year, effective July 1, 2001.

Ronald Moon was appointed as Coordinator, Special Education, on Class XIII, Step E, of the management salary schedule for the 2001-2002 school year, effective July 1, 2001.

Lisa Magorien was appointed as Dean of Students on Class XIII, Step A, of the management salary schedule for the 2001-2002 school year, effective July 1, 2001.

Richard Urias was appointed as Dean of Students on Class XIII, Step A, of the management salary schedule for the 2001-2002 school year, effective July 1, 2001.

Mrs. Del Campo moved to expel student 24-00/01E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective April 17, 2001, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated April 17, 2001; and readmit student 24-00/01E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 24-00/01E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 28, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**EXPULSION**

Mr. Beaubien moved to approve the Manzanita Elementary School II/USP Action Plan Grant, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Beverly Eidmann, Principal, Manzanita Elementary School, presented a summary of the preparation and implementation of the grant. Ms. Eidmann stated that the application will be submitted to the State on May 15. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Maggie Wahl Linnemeier submitted a public speaker's card and asked that the Board consider integrating the schools in Newbury Park.

Dr. Stephens moved to retain the present pricing structure for school lunches for the 2001-2002 school year, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

**LUNCH  
PRICES**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended), seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.'s filed: Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 24, 2001; A.R. #5—Parent Booster Club: WHS Scholarship Foundation; A.R. #6—Science Foundation Documents and Textbook and Materials Adoption; A.R. #7—Foreign Language Foundation Documents and Textbooks and Materials Adoption; A.R. #8—Purchase Order Report #584; A.R. #9—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #10—Approval of Permanent Position Pressroom Assistant; A.R. #11—Notice of Completion-Lang Ranch, CNM Paving, Inc.; A.R. #12—Rejection of Insurance Claim (Beohmer); A.R. #13—Approval of Participation—Master Agreement with County of Los Angeles; A.R. #13A—Air Conditioning Repairs at Colina Middle School.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**INFORMATION**

The Board received information regarding the amendment of Board Policies:

**INFORMA-  
TION**

- 156.2 Conflict of Interest—Designated Positions. There were no questions or comments.
- 401.2/527.3 Section 504—Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Mrs. Phelps questioned the numbering of the policies; Dr. Dunlap responded that she will investigate. There were no further questions or comments.
- 499.3 Co-Curricular Transportation Fee—High School, and 499.4 Band Uniform Replacement Fee—High School. There were no questions or comments.
- 603.1 Pre-Placement Physical Requirements. Mrs. Phelps questioned why the policy only addressed the requirement for walk-on coaches to have physical examinations; Dr. Dunlap responded that she will investigate. There were no further questions or comments.

The Board received information regarding 2001-2002 TOPASS Projects. There were no questions or comments.

There were no items of Legislation.

**LEGIS.**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS. COMM.**

President Phelps adjourned the regular session at 8:45 p.m. to reconvene on May 22, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

**ADJOURN**

May 22, 2001	
Date	Clerk

May 22, 2001	
Date	Secretary