

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

**May 10, 2005
MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 10, 2005, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

ROLL CALL

Present were Board members: Dorothy L. Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Michael A. Dunn, Patricia H. Phelps, and Dr. Timothy G. Stephens. Administration: Dr. Robert Fraisse, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Faverty, Director, Elementary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, Dr. Michael Vollmert, Director, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Timothy Stephens, President. The Board discussed the following items:

1. Appointment/employment of Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Child Nutrition Assistants, Custodian, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Athletic Coaches, and Proctors. (Government Code §54957)
2. Consideration of Pupil Personnel matters (Education Code §35146).
3. Final purchase agreement for the Via Dorado site by California State University Northridge. (Government Code §54959.8)

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephens read announcements that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and Board procedures.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Chaddy Elhawary, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Chaddy, along with Katie Smith, Newbury Park High School, and Brianna Evrist, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, discussed school events such as senior finals, seminars and activities, fund raisers, fashion shows for the prom, choir concerts, All-District Band festival, WIT and career academy activities, athletics, honors programs, ASB/G events, blood drives, AP exams, Exit exams and STAR testing, and graduation practices. Special recognitions: Westlake High School rated in *Newsweek Special Edition* 116th in the nation, 10th in the State, and 1st in the County. Conejo Valley High School won the top three trophies in the Conejo Valley Days parade including Sweepstakes and the Mayor's trophy.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dianne McKay, Chair, District Advisory Council, reported on several presentations to the council, including Dr. Simpson's report on California Healthy Kids Survey, Dr. Calvin's report on the Adventures in Math and Science and the Arts program, and Bob Iezza, Principal, Walnut Elementary and Ron Lipari, Principal, Westlake High School, reporting on their school surveys.

Sue Wells, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported from the California State PTA convention that three resolutions were adopted: Class Size Reduction Flexibility, Credentialed School Nurses, and Education, a 21st Century Vision. Ms. Wells also discussed and thanked those involved with the May 3rd District rally, which was held to inform the public about school budgets and the Governor's proposal.

There was no report from the Bond Facility Projects District Advisory Committee Chair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Fraisse discussed the Governor's budget issue. As a final state budget is approved by the Governor and legislature, there are scenarios in each funding category ranging from very good for schools to catastrophic per the following:

- ◆ COLA is estimated to be 4.23% but could be 3.0%, a difference for CVUSD of over \$1 million;
- ◆ The proposed shift in State STRS payments from the State to local districts could be tabled or could be implemented at a cost of over \$1.5 million to CVUSD;
- ◆ Back payments of mandated costs owed to schools could be funded this year at \$200 per student or pushed into some to-be-determined future years. If funded this year, over \$4 million would be received by CVUSD;
- ◆ Proposition 98 could be fully funded or short changed per the Governor's proposal with over \$3 million to CVUSD hanging in the balance;
- ◆ The range of impact to CVUSD total over \$8.5 million dollars, depending upon decisions made for each layer of school funding for 2005-2006.

This Friday, May 13, the Governor's "May Revise" will provide more information on these important questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks, discussed an incident she encountered at Los Cerritos whereby the school called the police. Ms. Carlson offered to play her taping of the incident.

Dr. Phil Kligman, Thousand Oaks, discussed his intent to provide a booth representing careers in peace-oriented organizations at the next Career Fair.

Suzanne Duckett, Thousand Oaks, reported on her positive experiences at the PTA convention and how impressed she was with the organization of the event, including the student leaders. Mrs. Duckett also discussed her concern for students who deal with homework during testing dates.

Joanne Cobasko, Thousand Oaks, spoke against the EveryDay Math program.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Phelps thanked the Adult School for their wonderful International Faire.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS

Mrs. Beaubien moved to accept personnel assignment orders: Certificated #7095 to #7115; Classified #C-2591 to #C-2610; and Exempt #E-5907 to #E-5937, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

AMEND POLICIES

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the amendment of Board Policy 453.4 Detention (First Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the amendment of Board Policy 375 Classroom Interruptions (First Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the extended day kindergarten at Park Oaks Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Dunn reiterated that parents do have the option to remove their children from the kindergarten class at 11:45 a.m. Mrs. Phelps applauded the staff for phasing in this program. Dr. Stephens stated that the schools that are able to provide the extended kindergarten class are providing opportunities for the children to experience curriculum in art and other programs. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the extended day kindergarten at Walnut Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the extended day kindergarten at Weathersfield Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

BANKING TIME SCHEDULE

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Los Cerritos Middle School pilot banking time schedule for the 2005-2006 school year, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens commended the staff for this program. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

SALE, PURCHASE, ESCROW – VIA DORADO SITE

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the sale, purchase, and escrow agreement for the Via Dorado site as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens complimented Dr. Baarstad for his work on this contract. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2005. A.R.s filed: A.R. #8 Expulsion Newbury Park High School #35-04/05E; A.R. #9 Expulsion Redwood Middle School #36-04/05E; A.R. #10 Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #23-04/05; A.R. #11 Overnight Trip Request: Westlake High School Advanced Anatomy; A.R. #12 Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests; A.R. #13 Purchase Order Report #664; A.R. #14 Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #15 Award of Bid: Various School Sites – Asphalt Paving; A.R. #16 Award of Bid: Various School Sites –

Roofing Repair/Replacement; A.R. #17 Award of Bid: HVAC Replacement – University Elementary School; A.R. #18 Change Order #6: Modernization of Three High School Stadium Fields and Two Tracks – Union Engineering Company, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Instructional Services

1. Approval of New High School Science Pilot Course: Forensic Science. Dr. Stephens commented on this curriculum being meaningful and relevant to hold students’ interest. Mrs. Didio asked if this was an elective science, Mrs. Mutz responded yes.
2. Recommendation of Family Life Materials Review Committee
3. EveryDay Math (Report). Martha Mutz provided a comprehensive report on the progress of EveryDay Math in our schools, including staff development, student improvement, and results from state testing.

Public speakers:

- (Pro) Cindy Wyels, Dr. Ivona Crezgorczyk, Kristine Butcher, Anne Green, Jim Lux, Steve Seebach, Yvonne Lux, Amy Neveu
- (Con) Bill Faust, Cathy Carlson, Brett Wilson

Public Statement cards:

- (Pro) Dianne McKay
- (Con) Rich Zisko, Jim Cobasko, Joanne Cobasko

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Items of Legislation – there was no report.
- B. Items from the Personnel Commission – there was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the regular session at 8:13 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

Date May 24, 2005

Clerk

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Secretary