

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

**May 14, 2002
MINUTES
(Adopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 14, 2002, 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 Neil Schmidt, Interim Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, were also in attendance.

ROLL CALL

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of Certificated: teachers, administrators; Classified: Child Nutrition Assistant I, Custodian, Instructional Assistant/Bilingual Spanish, Instructional Assistants/Special Education, Instructional Media Technicians, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Proctor, Athletic Coaches. The Closed Session ended at 6:55 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Del Campo 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: change the title of Opening Provision F. #1 to Conejo Council PTA and move A.R. #9 Waiver Request for Ed Code 37202 to Implement Extended-Day Kindergarten from Class II Action Item to Class IV Information Item, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote Aye.

APPROVE AGENDA

Kevin Rourke, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, was seated with the Board and along with Jordan L. Gershman, Westlake High School, Taniale Rohde, Thousand Oaks High School, and Corey McMahon, Newbury Park High School, reported on events at their campuses, including floats for Conejo Valley Days, Teacher Appreciation Day, Classified Employees Day, graduation planning events, yearbooks, testing, proms, senior events, events, honor roll banquets, theater, band and choral events.

STUDENT REPS.

Patti Yomantas, President, Conejo Council PTA, thanked the Board for honoring the Council on their State recognition award. Ms. Yomantas discussed the role of the Council board members and discussed their interaction with the schools.

ADVISORY GROUPS

Jack Tucker, Chair, Bond Facilities District Advisory Committee Chair, reported from the meeting of May 2, and stated that about 30 residents of the Conejo Oaks tract attended the meeting to hear discussion of the Kelley Road/continuation school proposal. While the Bond DAC committee is a advisory group, community members were given time express their concerns and receive answers to their questions. Mr. Tucker provided a summary of the discussions regarding the proposal to move the continuation school to the Janss Road site.

There was no report from the District Advisory Council (DAC).

President Del Campo presented the State “My PTA/PTSA Award” to Patti Yomantas, Council President. This award is given to the PTA council that demonstrates excellence in: M-membership; Y-youth outreach; P-parent involvement; T-teacher, administrator, and staff involvement; S-student involvement; and A-agency and community partners’ involvement. This award was given to only two councils in the State at the State Convention. Council PTA leaders were introduced.

RECOGNITION

Arlene Goldberg, adult advisor, presented a report on the annual Conejo Valley/Las Virgenes Future Foundation Youth Congress. Approximately 100 students from 14 area high schools attended the conference. The topic was teen invincibility.

YOUTH CONGRESS

Dr. Schmidt: 1) congratulated and thanked the Conejo Council PTA and its president, Patti Yomantas, for their State award and the remarkable work that they do for students; 2) congratulated Glenwood’s first grade teacher Muriel Miller for being honored as the Chamber Teacher of the Month for May; 3) commented on his visit to the District’s Outdoor School and the wonderful opportunity it is for 6th grade students; 4) discussed the District’s joint Neighborhoods for Learning program with the City of Thousand Oaks, Park and Recreation, and County of Ventura to provide three centers in the Conejo. Brenda Hunter has been hired as the Executive Director. 5) congratulated Nancy Bowman, Westlake High School science teacher for being recognized by the National Youth Leadership Forum. Ms. Bowman began and runs the cadaver program at Westlake; 6) thanked the teachers and mentioned the many events planned for teachers by PTA and other parent groups at the schools. He also thanked Classified Employees and asked that they be recognized during the week of May 20. Although this is a great opportunity to say it, we still don’t say thanks enough to the teachers and staff. 7) commented that staff is still working on the plans for the Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs proposed for the middle school sites. Staff will bring the plans to the Board when they are more concrete. 8) discussed the Governor’s May revise of the budget and that this is an indicator of what will be happening. 9) announced reassignment of elementary principals: Sheila Carlson-Aspen Elementary School; Kristi White-Conejo Elementary School; Larry Birdsell-Cypress Elementary

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School; Jim Baird-Glenwood Elementary School; Bob Iezza-Maple Elementary School; David Becker-Park Oaks Elementary School; and Linda Hensley-Walnut Elementary School.

Debbie Gregory discussed the work of teachers and asked that the Board fairly compensate the teachers with a raise.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Nick Quidwai asked the Board to be more cooperative with parents and discussed his attendance at Dr. Fraise's reception, the sheriff's department interviewing students at the school, and congratulated the PTA for all their successes.

Joy Meade, Patricia Serino, Debbie Bavaro, Tommi Denney, and Jeff Lewis spoke in opposition to the proposed movement of the continuation school and joint facility on Janss Road and the sale of the Kelley Road site.

Suzanne Duckett thanked the video students, spoke to the issue of teachers getting a raise, asked that the Board make sure that bond funds take care of bathrooms at the schools, and questioned the legality of the Board and staff responding to public comments.

Laura Lee Custodio spoke to issues regarding the change in bond expenditures, asked about the waiver request for Ed Code §37202 to implement extended day kindergarten, and discussed the priority of providing a raise for the teachers.

President Del Campo congratulated Redwood science teacher Craig Fox who received one of the Amgen Awards for Science Teachers in California. Mrs. Del Campo attended the event that Amgen sponsored, and also attended the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library's dinner for student scholars throughout Ventura County. She announced that a Thousand Oaks High School student, Zachary Elsea, received a \$5,000 scholarship during the evening.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt Resolution #0102-30 Ordering a Governing Board Member Election, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**RESOLUTION
BOARD MBR.
ELECTION**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6121 - #6150, Classified #C-0927 - #C-0946 and Exempt #E-3428 - #E-3489, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

The following administrative appointments were announced:

Janet Cosaro has been appointed as Elementary School Principal, Class IX, Step E, on the management salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year.

Vivian Viña has been appointed as Middle School Principal, Class VIII, Step E, on the management salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year.

Dr. Neil Snyder has been appointed as Assistant Principal, Adult School, Class XI, Step E, on the management salary schedule for the 2002-2003 school year.

PAO'S

Jennifer Sheppard has been appointed as Summer School Counselor for Summer School 2002 for three days as designated by the Summer School Principal; salary will be 60% of the regular salary rate on Class C, Step B, of the 2001-2002 counselor salary schedule.

Nicole Vitto has been appointed as Summer School Counselor for Summer School 2002 for three days as designated by the Summer School Principal, salary will be 60% of the regular salary rate on Class C, Step B, of the 2001-2002 counselor salary schedule.

Mrs. Didio moved to amend Board Policy 342.3 Homework (2nd Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens asked for feedback on the policy amendment next year. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**AMEND
POLICIES**

Dr. Stephens moved to amend Board Policy 334.8 Attendance of Foreign Exchange Students (1st Reading), seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Dr. Stephens moved to amend Board Policy 343.2 The School Day for Students (1st Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve a resolution in opposition to AB 2160, which would expand the scope of collective bargaining beyond the current statutory scope of "wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment," seconded by Dr. Stephens. Sydney Stein submitted a Public Comments card and disagreed with the opposition to AB 2160. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

**AMENDMENT
OPPOSING
AB 2160**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the extended-day kindergarten at Cypress Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Beaubien mentioned that she had visited a couple of the kindergartens and was impressed with the program and curriculum. She commented that the staff has spent a lot of time and effort to develop programs that will be to the benefit of the students. Dr. Stephens asked if the students in extended-day programs could be tracked; staff responded positively. Mrs. Didio asked if there were enough classrooms to accommodate the program; Dr. Simpson stated that staff anticipates that space would be available. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

**EXTENDED
DAY KGTN.**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the extended-day kindergarten at Manzanita Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school year, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the extended-day kindergarten at Wildwood Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school year, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #8 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to expel student 26-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective April 17, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated April 17, 2002; and readmit student 26-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 26-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 24, 2003, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #10 filed.

EXPULSIONS

Mrs. Didio moved to expel student 35-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective April 16, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated April 16, 2002; and readmit student 35-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 35-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 24, 2003, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #11 filed.

Dr. Stephens moved to expel student 36-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective April 18, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated April 18, 2002; and readmit student 36-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 36-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 24, 2003, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #12 filed.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the attached list of facility improvement projects for the tributary schools, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #13 filed.

**2002-03
TOPASS
PROJECTS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve a Youth Outreach Program agreement between the Conejo Recreation and Park District, the City of Thousand Oaks, and Conejo Valley Unified School District, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Nick Quidwai submitted a Public Comment card to this topic and spoke in favor of it. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #14 filed.

**YOUTH
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 23, 2002; A.R. #15—Overnight Trip Request: Newbury Park High School ASG; A.R. #16—Purchase Order Request #604; A.R. #17—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #18—Acceptance of Equipment and Cash Donations; A.R. #19—Approval of Settlement Offer (Randolph).

**CONSENT
AGENDA****INFORMATION****INFO.**

The Board received information regarding Secondary Math Textbook and Materials Adoption; there were no comments.

The Board received information regarding Visual/Performing Arts Courses; there

were no comments

INFO.

The Board received information regarding Waiver Request for Ed Code 37202 to Implement Extended-Day Kindergarten; there were no comments

The Board received information regarding 2001-2002 Third Quarter Financial Statements. Nick Quidwai submitted a Public Comments card to this subject and commented on the availability of information from the staff regarding the financial statements. Dr. Stephens and Mrs. Didio had questions about the report; Mr. Mortimer responded to those questions. Mrs. Beaubien pointed out that the lottery funds only provide \$130 per student.

Dr. Schmidt commented on the Governor’s May revise of the budget.

ITEMS OF LEG.

There were no items from the Personnel Commission.

PERS. COMM.

President Del Campo adjourned the regular session at 9:03 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for a Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

_____ May 28, 2002 _____
Date Clerk

_____ May 28, 2002 _____
Date Secretary