

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****May 21, 2013****MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:10 p.m. the Closed Session was called to order. Dr. Stephens asked if there were any public speakers, there were none. The following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
 - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
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- C. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Timothy Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel Services
Employee Organizations:
 - Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA)
 - Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (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 Education 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*
Property negotiators for CVUSD are Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent

The following properties will be discussed regarding price and terms of payment:

- 310 Kelley Road
- 2498 Conejo Center Drive

The Closed Session ended at 6:06 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Helps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey L. Baarstad, Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel Services and Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Other staff: Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Elementary Education and Dr. Jon Sand, Director, Curriculum and Assessment.

Dr. Stephens read the procedural announcements, led the pledge of allegiance and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no announcements from closed session.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Awards and Presentations

Ventura County Science Fair Winners

Marmonte League Champions: Westlake High School Girls Soccer

Classified Employee Outstanding Achievement Awards

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad congratulated and thanked the Classified Employees for their hard work and support. He announced that there will be a Common Core Forum held on Monday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. The moderator for the event will be Kyle Jorrey, Editor of the Acorn.

Comments from the Public

One speaker acknowledged the awards earned by the Classified Employees, announced information about the Third Annual CSEA Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Acorn Acres Park on Moorpark Road and will be catered by Stonefire Grill.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Phelps stated that they served as judges for the “We the People” program and praised the students and teachers for their excellent preparation for the program. Dr. Stephens congratulated Karen Buck, teacher at Wildwood Elementary School, who was honored as Teacher of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Stephens also announced the TUPE Grant that the District has received, which is funded by the tobacco taxes and provides cessation programs to teens who smoke.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Superintendent

A. Acceptance of Proposals for Purchase of Kelley Road Surplus Property

Dr. Stephens announced the bid process. He accepted three sealed bids from 1) Daylight Investors, LLC, 2) RK Realty, LLC, and 3) Purvis Investments, LLC. Dr. Stephens handed the bids to Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, the District’s Property Negotiator, who proceeded into the adjoining conference room to review the bids with his legal advisor, Mr. Monte Widders, (law offices of Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Feingold, LLP). Dr. Kirschenstein and Mr. Widders were available to the public if anyone had questions or wished to witness the bid process.

The process continued through the end of the Board’s Agenda. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the Board adjourned while Dr. Kirschenstein and Mr. Widders continued their review of the bids. At approximately 7:40 p.m., the Board was informed that the initial review was complete and a Special Meeting was recommended to complete the bidding process.

Mrs. Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting to May 28, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. to receive more information about the Kelley Road Surplus Property bids, seconded by Dr. Connolly. (Please see the Adjournment section of the minutes.) Motion carried 5-0.

B. Authorization to Upgrade Teacher Computers

Mrs. Phelps moved to authorize staff to upgrade teacher computers, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Services**C. Establishment of Certificated Position – Bilingual (Spanish) Counselor – Breakthrough Program and Elementary School Support**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the establishment of a certificated position for Bilingual Counselor (Spanish) – Breakthrough Program and Elementary Support, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Establishment of Certificated Position – Teacher on Assignment – Professional Development and Common Core Standards Implementation

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the establishment of a certificated position for Teacher on Assignment – Professional Development and Common Core Standards Implementation, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

Mrs. Phelps recommended that items E, F, G, and H be approved in one motion. The Board agreed.

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Permanent Status for Pilot Courses, New High School Pilot Courses Food and Nutrition CP, Macroeconomics AP, and Microeconomics AP, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Dr. Connolly stated that Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Courses**F. Approval of New High School Pilot Course: Food and Nutrition CP****G. Approval of New High School Pilot Course: Macroeconomics AP****H. Approval of New High School Pilot Course: Microeconomics AP****Business Services****I. Award of CMAS Contract – Replacement of Synthetic Turf at Thousand Oaks High School Stadium Field**

Mrs. Buckles moved to award the project to FieldTurf, following guidelines of CMAS, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Bekeny explained the bidding process and stated that the additional pad that is included in the contract helps prevent concussions and will extend the life of the field. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)

1. Regular Meeting of May 7, 2013

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #9320 - #9324

Administrators, Teachers

2. Classified: C-7604 to C-7640

Accounting Clerk, Child Care leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Manager, High School Office manager, Instructional Media Technician, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/ Special Ed, School Office Manager, Secretary/Bilingual, Senior Clerk Typist, Translator/Interpreter

3. Exempt: E-12502 to E-12531
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Stipulated Agreements
 1. Los Cerritos Middle School #18-12/13A
 2. Thousand Oaks High School #19-12/13A
- D. Expulsions
 1. Colina Middle School #10-12/13E
 2. Conejo Valley High School #11/12/13E
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
 1. Sequoia Middle School Band Booster Club
 2. Westlake High School Aquatics Booster Club
 3. Westlake High School Scholarship Foundation Booster Club
 4. Westlake High School Information Technology Booster Club
- F. Ratification of Overnight Trip Request: Westmont GATE Leadership Conference
- G. Purchase Order Report #834
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. CVUSD Outdoor Education – Status Report
Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, and Middle School Principals Jason Branham, Los Cerritos, Josh Eby, Sycamore Canyon and Steve Lepire, Redwood, provided information about the current state of the sixth grade Outdoor Education Program. While the Outdoor Program experience has been a tradition in CVUSD for over 25 years, there are problems with rising costs due to many and a shift in the classroom curriculum that no longer syncs with the outdoor school. The increasing costs have encroached on the General Fund by approximately \$55,000 for the last few years. Dr. Davis and the principals have investigated an alternative program, Fulcrum Learning Systems, which includes outdoor learning combined with a strong emphasis on 21st Century Learning Skills that connect well to the new Common Core Standards. The Board asked many questions. Dr. Connolly stated her displeasure that there would be a shift from a science-based program to more of a pre-packaged product that lacks good value. Dr. Baarstad stated that there is both an academic and sociological benefit to the Fulcrum program, which offers exercises in communication, consensus building, critical thinking and character development in an outdoor environment for two days. He explained that the sixth grade core teachers and principals have stated their concerns about the outdoor school taking a lot of energy and time away from classroom instruction. The board asked that Dr. Davis return at the June 4 Board meeting with a presentation on the Fulcrum Program along with cost comparisons for a one-day and two-day, one night program.
- B. Approval of School Time Schedules 2013/2014.

Business Services

- C. 2013-2014 Civic Center Fees Schedule. Mrs. Buckles had a question about the fee schedule in relation to other public facilities. Dr. Baarstad explained that energy and custodial costs along with other factors determine our costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The Board will reconvene at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. to continue the bidding process for the sale of Kelley Road Surplus Property. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., and Open Session 6:00 p.m. at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

June 4, 2013

Date

Clerk

June 4, 2013

Date

Superintendent