

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

May 22, 2007  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of May 22, 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.

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, Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Curriculum, were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following exception: pull the minutes of the May 8, 2007, agenda from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**Recognition: Conejo Valley Cyclists and Giant Bicycles Recognition**

The Board acknowledged Conejo Valley Cyclists and Giant Bicycles for their generous contribution of 50 bicycles to students in our Title 1 schools.

**Title 1 Academic Achievement Award**

Dave Becker, Principal, Park Oaks Elementary School, and his staff were recognized for being awarded the Title I Academic Achievement Award.

**Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) thanked and applauded the fantastic efforts of the District's Classified Employees! This is the *Week of the Classified Employee*, and Mr. Contini stated that the District is so appreciative of the many services these employees perform to support the instructional program; 2) congratulated students who participated in the Promising Young Writers' Program. Two 8th graders from Sycamore Canyon School earned recognition from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) through the Promising Young Writers Program. They are Lindsay Vesling and Nina Sobierajski, both from Jill Magnate's 8th grade English class. National judging was based on content, purpose, audience, tone, word choice, organization, development and style. There were 15 students chosen from California and 656 nationwide; 3) congratulated those who were recognized at the ACSA Region XIII Annual Conference: Jean Gordon, nominated for State ACSA Award, Dave Becker for his school receiving the Title I Academic Achievement Award, Jean Moore of the Ventura County Star for Outstanding Media Coverage of Public Education Award, and Thousand Oaks Auto Mall, for Partners in Education Excellence Award.

**Comments from the Public**

Four public speakers spoke to the issue of the Board president not giving Mr. Dunn the opportunity to respond to the call for a censure at the May 8, 2007, board meeting; one speaker also discussed her disdain for portable classrooms at the school sites, and her desire to have Charter Schools in the Conejo; one speaker stated that Mr. Dunn should behave as a team member.

**Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mr. Dunn defended his actions of contacting each school, asking for phone numbers of PTA and PFA and School Site Council leaders, calling them to seek public input regarding whether the community wanted to balance the budget by 1) closing elementary schools, 2) cutting the instructional budget, or 3) passing a parcel tax. He feels that he needs to go to the people for their input and then represent them in his vote. Mr. Dunn stated that on May 8, the other four board members took a vote to censure him. He claims that this is a violation of the Brown Act and California Government Code §54954.2. Mr. Dunn said as a district employee, he has rights before discipline is taken. He also stated that confidentiality laws were violated, privacy laws were violated, and protocols were violated, and that Mrs. Didio did not contact him about the censure. Mr. Dunn said, "What happens now will depend on the attitude of the board members."

**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)**

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

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

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

**Instructional Services****C. Approval of Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Funding Application 2007/08**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application and Plan, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Memorandum of Understanding with California Partnership for Achieving Student Success**

Mrs. Phelps moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memo of Understanding with the California Partnership for Achieving Student Success for the purpose of acquiring data about district graduates that can be used to evaluate and improve instructional programs, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Career-Applied Technology Education Grant Application**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Career-Applied Technology Education grant application for 2007/2008, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Approval of Physical Education Courses of Study – Grades K-5**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the courses recommended by the Elementary Physical Education committee, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Approval of Science Instructional Materials – Grades k-12**

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the textbooks and instructional materials recommended by the K-12 Science Committee, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**H. Adoption of Textbooks for Middle School Career Technical Education**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the proposed Middle School Career Technical Education instructional materials, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

**I. Thousand Oaks High School Schedule Change**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Thousand Oaks High School schedule change for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

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

- A. Approval of minutes:
  - 1. Expulsion Hearing, May 8, 2007
  - 2. ~~Regular Meeting, May 8, 2007~~ *Pulled to be discussed and voted on separately*
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
  - 1. Certificated: #7794 through #7801
  - 2. Classified: C-3706 to C-3718
  - 3. Exempt: E-7127 to E-7144
- C. Expulsions
  - 1. Westlake High School #41-06/07E
  - 2. Newbury Park High School #42-06/07E
  - 3. Thousand Oaks High School #43-06/07e
  - 4. Redwood Middle School #44-06/07E

5. Los Cerritos Middle School #45-06/07E
  6. Redwood Middle School #46-06/07E
  7. Thousand Oaks High School #47-06/07E
- D. Overnight Trip Requests
1. Newbury Park High School Cheer
  2. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Basketball Team
  3. Westlake High School Yearbook
- E. Purchase Order Report #702
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- G. Awards of Contracts:
1. Various School Sites – Asphalt Paving & Indefinite Quantity Asphaltic Concrete
  2. Various School Sites - Flooring
- H. Change Order: #1 Westlake Hills Elementary – Chain Link Fencing – Harris Steel Fence Company, Inc.
- I. Notices of Completion:
1. Westlake Hills Elementary – Chain Link Fencing – Harris Steel Fence Company, Inc.
  2. Glenwood and Manzanita Elementary Schools – Fencing – Magnum Fence and Security, Inc.
  3. Various Sites – Indefinite Quantity Fencing – Magnum Fence and Security, Inc.

#### **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007**

Mr. Dunn moved to amend the minutes of the May 8, 2007, meeting under individual board comments, to state that the words “no action was taken” be stricken from the minutes and replaced with the words “the board voted 4-0 to censure Mr. Dunn.” Mrs. Didio stated that was not what was done. Mr. Dunn asked if the board did censure him, Mrs. Didio replied no as there was no official vote taken. There was no second to Mr. Dunn’s motion. Mr. Dunn made a second motion to strike the words “with by voting aloud” and replace them with the words “by asking for a vote of censure.” The amended sentence would read, “As president of the board, she requested the other board members to censure Mr. Dunn and his actions as stated in the protocols by asking for a vote of censure.” There was no second, therefore the motion failed. Mrs. Didio asked that that portion of the tape be transcribed. Mr. Contini stated that the transcript from the Board Comments section of the Meeting of May 8, 2007, will be provided. Mrs. Didio asked for a consensus of the Board to wait for the transcript before taking a vote to amend the minutes of the May 8, 2007, meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2007, was tabled until the board has a chance to review the transcript from the meeting.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **Instructional Services**

- A. Amendment to Board Policy 394.3 – Title 1 Parent Involvement
- B. Approval of visual and Performing Arts Instructional Materials – Grades 6-12
- C. Approval of New High School AP Pilot Course: AP Human Geography
- D. Banyan Elementary Extended Day Kindergarten
- E. Ladera Elementary Extended Day Kindergarten

##### **Business Services**

- F. 2007-2008 Third Quarter Financial
- G. 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Budget Update

**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 7:30 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

June 12, 2007

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