

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

May 23, 2006
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of May 23, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:01 p.m. Mrs. Phelps asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; Mr. Seymour Morgenstern spoke to the Board regarding matters of pupil personnel. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

1. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal
Pursuant to Government Code §54957
2. Consideration of Pupil Personnel Matters
Pursuant to Education Code §35146
3. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
4. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)
5. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8

The Closed Session ended at 6:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed guests and read the procedural announcements. Mrs. Phelps announced that in Closed Session, with a 5-0 vote, the Board appointed Mario Contini as the Superintendent of Schools as of July 1, 2006. Mr. Contini was introduced and thanked the Board.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Dr. Robert Fraise, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with one amendment: pull page 122, Westlake High School Banking Time Proposal, from the agenda under Information Items, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognitions

1. Title I 2005-2006 Academic Achievement Award, Conejo Elementary School—Bob Iezza received the award and thanked teachers, staff, students and parents
2. Special Education DAC Awards: Beryle DeTora, Durham Transportation and Chris McGhee, Colina Middle School, accepted their awards
3. Golden Bell Awards: Marlon Williams, Special Education Paraprofessional/Conejo Elementary School and Meredith Bullock, Special Education Teacher/Newbury Park High School, accepted their awards
4. Bicycle Donation Recognition-Conejo Valley Cyclists: Title I Principals thanked Conejo Valley Cyclists for their generous donation of 50 bicycles to students in Title I schools, based upon letters of request from the students. Manzanita students Amy Balaj and Brian Ortega read the letters they wrote that qualified them to win bicycles.

Reports

1. Conejo Elementary School Parent Donation: Principal Bob Iezza and Conejo Schools Foundation President Dianne McKay thanked (anonymous) donor family for their donation which has funded a two-week pre-school program for children entering kindergarten in the fall. The Board commended Mr. Iezza, Mrs. McKay and staff for their work to develop this program.
2. School-to-Career Coordinators Report: Mark Butzko, Thousand Oaks High School, Laurie Looker, Westlake High School and Kelly Stone, Newbury Park High School, delivered an update on the programs at their schools. Board members each stated their support of the programs and commended the Coordinators' work.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Fraisse provided information about the Governor's May Revise report, which was very encouraging this year with the highest COLA in 21 years.

Comments from the Public

Nick Quidwai stated his dismay that the Board meetings continue to be on the same date as the City Council meetings.

Cathy Carlson stated her concern about teachers contacting infectious diseases that may be the result of interacting with illegal immigrant students. (*Administrative note: CVUSD including Neighborhood for Learning (NfL) requires that students have immunization information upon registration; in addition, school nurses and health clerks check the health records of all students annually.*) Mrs. Carlson also addressed the Sheila Kuehl gay revisionist education bill and questioned why the PTA hasn't alerted the district about this.

Tom Ritch suggested that the Board and other public meeting agencies within the District consider a program that the City of Thousand Oaks has implemented on protocol regarding the Brown Act.

Suzanne Duckett thanked Dr. Fraisse for his leadership, apologized to Mr. Eklund for a telephone conversation they had, and asked that the Board consider recognizing athletes that go beyond the Marmonte League Championships in individual accomplishments.

Carol Philips thanked the Board and district for her 36 years as a teacher and principal, and offered books she wanted to donate to all the schools she was involved in as an employee and parent.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Stephens discussed the program sponsored by the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation, "A Day in the Life of ...," and thanked Dr. Terry Cannings, CLU, and Jason Busby, Agoura High School, for their presentation regarding what learning and teaching will be like in ten years. The highlighted message was the importance of relevance in the curriculum, such as that in the School-to-Career classes.

Mrs. Phelps commended all of the students who presented at the District's Public Speaking Event at University Elementary School.

Mr. Dunn stated his concern about the spread of infectious diseases and asked if the District offers immunization for Hepatitis A and B for teachers. Dr. Baarstad stated that there have been regulations adopted in the past to provide an option for staff that may need to be protected from Hepatitis B, such as custodians, some special education teachers, school secretaries, health clerks, nurses, and speech therapists. Dr. Baarstad also confirmed that all staff and volunteers are required to obtain TB tests every four years. Mr. Dunn mentioned his concern for the possible passage of AB1437 (*Bias Free Curriculum*) and stated that he would be concerned if role models like Abraham Lincoln were listed as a homosexual (without proof) in students' textbooks.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

Superintendent's Office

A. Amendment to Board Policies

1. 538.2/652.1.4 Early Retirement Incentive Program for Management, Supervisory and Confidential Employees (Second Reading)

Mrs. Beaubien moved to amend Policy 538.2/652.1.4 to reflect UACT and CSEA contract language regarding retirement options, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

2. 344.7 Indexed GPA Computation (First Reading)

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the amendment to Board Policy 344.7.1.F and 344.7.1 H, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. This computation will take effect next year. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

B. Resolution #05/06-26: Transition Partnership Program (TPP)

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Transition Partnership Program resolution, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

C. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Thousand Oaks, the Conejo Recreation and Parks District, and Shapell Industries

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the MOU as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Nick Quidwai opposed the MOU, stating that an elementary school should have been built on the site. Mrs. Didio pointed out that this property was never designated for an elementary school. Motion carried 5-0.

D. District Surplus Property Advisory Committee Recommendation for the Rancho Conejo Boulevard Site as District Surplus Property

Dr. Stephens moved to accept the recommendation of the Surplus Property Committee, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Third Quarter Financial Statements

Mr. Dunn moved to accept the 2005-2006 Third Quarter Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mrs. Didio thanked staff for listing unrestricted funds from the general fund. Dr. Stephens questioned the allotment for BTSA; Dr. Simpson stated that the application for BTSA is in the stage of processing. Motion carried 5-0.

F. 2006-2007 Major Projects List

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the 2006-2007 Major Projects List, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mr. Dunn questioned three of the expenditures: 1) \$125,000-to replace playground equipment at Horizon Hills; Dr. Baarstad stated the expenditure has been a line item on the bond since 1998. It is a campus that needs to be brought up to compliance for insurance purposes. 2) \$3,000-exterior door; Dr. Baarstad stated that this is the cost of a steel door with a steel frame, to be installed at Manzanita. The door will need to pass engineering test after installation. 3) \$275,000-replace asphalt in the play area at Wildwood. Mr. Dunn asked if this area could be sealed. Dr. Baarstad stated that the area at Wildwood is too damaged to seal and must be replaced. Mrs. Didio pointed out that there are over \$5.5 million in major projects thanks to developer fees. Dr. Stephens asked Dr. Baarstad how much he and Sean Corrigan “came away” from Sacramento with when they appeared before the legislature to claim IOUs in state modernization grant money; Dr. Baarstad stated \$8.3 in modernization grants (*Administrative note: these funds have already been spent but the funding was held up by the state*). Motion carried 5-0.

G. 2004-2005 TOPASS Agreement Annual Report

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the Certification for Compliance with the requirements of the TOPASS Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

H. 2006-2007 TOPASS Projects

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the attached list of facility improvement projects for the tributary schools, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Baarstad stated that one of the things that the City asked the School District to do as part of their contribution to the high school stadiums was to ensure that the District put together a fund to maintain the stadiums. The District stated in the agreement that we would use redevelopment funds for this purpose. In this report, \$40,000 is being set aside per stadium per year so that funds will be available for future repairs. In addition, each schools’ boosters are offering \$8,000 to the fund each year for this purpose. In addition, Dr. Baarstad will be meeting with the City’s redevelopment staff in order to begin the process to set aside \$150,000 for the Conejo Valley High School campus for next year’s report. Dr. Stephens asked the expected life of the turf and track; Dr. Baarstad stated that the stadium is about five years, while the field turf is about seven to ten years. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

Mrs. Phelps announced the following administrative assignments:

Mario V. Contini has been appointed as Superintendent, Chief Executive Office, and Secretary for the Board of Education, per the terms of the contract effective beginning July 1, 2006.

Juan Santos has been appointed as Dean, Middle School, Class XIV, Step A on the certificated management salary schedule for the 2006-2007 school year.

- A. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting of May 9, 2006
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - Certificated: #7419 through #7443
 - Classified: C-3227 through C-3245
 - Exempt: E-6685 through E-6719
- C. Expulsions:
 - 1. Westlake High School #37-05/06E
 - 2. Newbury Park High School #38-05/06E
 - 3. Colina Middle School #39-05/06E
- D. Readmission of Expelled Student #38-04/05E
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations: Newbury Park High School Cheerleading Booster Club
- F. Purchase Order Report #680
- G. Change Orders:
 - 1. #3 Aspen and Westlake Elementary Schools – Phase 1 Modernization
 - 2. #3 Conejo Adult Education – Electrical Upgrade – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc.
 - 3. #1 Sycamore Canyon School – Modtech, Inc.
- H. Notice of Completion – Sycamore Canyon School – Modtech, Inc.
- I. Award of Contract – Colina 2-Story Electrical and Indefinite Quantity Electrical

INFORMATION ITEMS**Instructional Services**

- A. Approval of History/Social Science Instructional Materials – Grades K-5. Dr. Stephens asked how much is spent on textbooks K-5; Dr. Simpson and Martha Mutz responded that a round number for a K-12 adoption would be around \$1 million. Dr. Stephens asked about computerized lessons; Mrs. Mutz responded that there are still costs and licensing fees involved as the publishers' development costs are still the same. Dr. Stephens stated he hoped that this is feasible for the future; Dr. Simpson stated that some of the issues are access issues at student's home and the fact that laptops would need to be replaced every five years or so. Mr. Dunn asked about the funding source for textbooks; Dr. Simpson stated textbooks come from categorical funds, however, our District has a history of augmenting that with general fund money since the categorical funds do not cover the costs of the textbooks.

- B. Career-Applied Technology Education Grant Application. Mrs. Beaubien asked if shop classes get any of the grant money; Mr. Eklund responded yes, 52%.
- C. ~~Westlake High School Banking Time Proposal~~ *Item pulled*

Business Services

- D. Resolution #05/06-25: Accepting the District's Surplus Property Advisory Committee's Recommendation for the Rancho Conejo Boulevard Site as District Surplus Property
- E. Adoption of New Board Policy 471.3 Local District Wellness Policy: Presentation by Joe Cook, Director, Child Nutrition
- F. Report on Child Nutrition Fund: Presentation by Dr. Jeff Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

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 Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 9:07 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, June 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

June 13, 2006

Date

Clerk

June 13, 2006

Date

Superintendent

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