

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

**May 27, 2003
MINUTES
(Adopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 27, 2003, 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 Robert Fraisse, Superintendent, Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services and Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, were also in attendance.

ROLL CALL

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dolores Didio, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Pre-School Teacher (NfL), Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helper, Proctor. The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., 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. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following changes: move A.R. #2 Expulsion: Westlake High School #25-02/03E to the Consent Agenda, and reverse the order of A.R. #3 Proposed Contract with Boys & Girls Club at Los Cerritos Middle School for Joint-Venture Project boys & Girls Club and A.R. #4 PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the Adoption of the Negative Declaration for the Proposed Boys & Girls Club of Conejo and Las Virgenes – Los Cerritos Middle School Site Project, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Didio also added recognition of the Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and Top Scholars to the Opening Provisions, D. Recognitions. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Jim Silberberger, Director, Classified Personnel, announced that Alma Hurley, Intermediate Clerk Typist/Bilingual, Pupil Services Department, had been selected for the Classified Outstanding Achievement Award for 2003. Ms. Hurley received a plaque and was congratulated by the Board and staff.

CLASS. OUTSTAND. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jim Martin, Principal, Conejo Valley and Century High Schools, introduced Top SCHOLARS
Scholars Nicole Notrica, Century High School, and Joel Bustoz, Conejo Valley High
School.

Max Beaman, Principal, Newbury Park High School introduced Valedictorians
Katherine C. Austin and Michael B. Rael.

Jo-Ann Yoos, Principal, Thousand Oaks High School, introduced Valedictorian Carol
Hanlu Yan, and Salutatorian Raymond Tong.

Ron Lipari, Principal, Westlake High School, introduced Valedictorians Victoria
Tiffany Ho, Whitney Kirk, Johnny C. Tam, and Chalmers Wang.

The following Eagle Scouts were honored for earning their badges by doing projects EAGLE
at the schools: Shane Abraham refinished doors at Los Cerritos Middle School, John SCOUTS
Bennett refurbished a 40’ storage unit at Madroña Elementary School, Scott Brunson
painted campus safety lines at Thousand Oaks High School, Eric Cole renovated
lockers at Thousand Oaks High School, Timothy Cooley renovated the choir room at
Thousand Oaks High School, Stephen Gilmore landscaped at Newbury Park High
School, Shem Hannemann assembled twenty-five picnic tables at Sycamore Canyon
School, Chris Johnson refurbished the band room at Newbury Park High School,
Blayne Lenoir renovated the Special Education module at Thousand Oaks High
School, Randy Meru landscaped at Newbury Park High School, David Palmer painted
safety striping at Redwood, Nikolas Robman renovated the Special Education module
at Thousand Oaks High School, Trevor Smith created a butterfly planter in slope at
Banyan, Eric Sylvester repainted the auditorium backdrop at Conejo Elementary
School, Gary Weeks refurbished the field house at Newbury Park High School, Elliott
Weideman created a new walkway with pavers Los Cerritos Middle School.

Tim Carpenter, Principal, Redwood Middle School, introduced the students who REDWOOD
participated the Knowledge Master Open program and won the championship in MIDDLE
California, and came in 12th in the world of 900 teams! SCH. KNOW.
MASTERS

Dr. Fraisse: 1) commended all of the evening’s honorees and thanked the presenters SUPT.
for the excellence of both programs; 2) congratulated Chalmers Wang, Westlake High REMARKS
School, for having been selected as one of two seniors from California/100 across the
nation to receive the President’s Award in Washington, D.C. Chalmers selected his
mathematics teacher, Greg Korshavn, to accompany him to the ceremony; 3)
commended the elementary and middle school students who were honored at a
Rotarian luncheon for exemplary citizenship; 4) congratulated Westlake High and Los
Cerritos Middle Schools for being selected as Distinguished Schools; 4) praised the
PAR program, which has been recognized nationally as one of the top nine new
teacher/mentoring programs in the country; 5) applauded the great efforts of the 5th

grade students at the District’s Public Speaking event; 6) thanked the staff at Walnut Elementary School for his visit and commended them for the many great programs and spirit at the school; 7) read just a few of the creative and thoughtful ways the schools, staffs, and parent groups thanked the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

**SUPT.
REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Mary Ann Downs presented a report from the GATE District Advisory Council.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Suzanne Duckett stated that the Brown Act does not allow dialogue by the Board and discussed previous concerns regarding the District not supporting personnel in the armed forces.

Nick Quidwai discussed his dismay with the Board’s meeting date and time, and further clarified portion of the Brown Act that refers to the Board responding to public comments.

Public speakers who spoke in favor of the Boys & Girls Club proposed contract at Los Cerritos Middle School: Donna Wick, Mario Diaz, Denny Adkins, Robert Wing, Bob Rickards, Phil Hamrick, Rita Armstrong, John Scardino, Jeff Blum, Jim Bruno, Bob Wilson. Public speakers who spoke in opposition of the agreement: Gayle Fishkin.

Mrs. Beaubien discussed her pleasure with the third grade tea she attended at Weathersfield Elementary School. The children were well behaved, were tutored on excellence of manners and how to hold a conversation with adults. Mrs. Beaubien commended the teachers for the program.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6465 - #6472, Classified #C-1468 - #C-1484, and Exempt #E-4288 - #E-4304, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO’S

Mrs. Del Campo moved to adopt and purchase the textbook and ancillary materials recommended by the English/Language Arts Committee for English 9-12, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 approved.

**ENGLISH/
LANGUAGE
ARTS
ADOPTION**

Mrs. Didio announced a Public Hearing commencing at 7:42 p.m. for consideration of the adoption of the negative declaration for the proposed Boys & Girls Club of Conejo and Las Virgenes – Los Cerritos Middle School Site Project. There was no discussion. Mrs. Didio closed the Public Hearing at 4:43. Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the final Negative Declaration pertaining to the proposed Boys & Girls Clubs of Conejo and Las Virgenes Los Cerritos Middle School Site Project prepared by Impact Sciences, Inc., seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

**NEGATIVE
DECLARA-
TION RE.
BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB**

Dr. Fraisse presented staff’s recommendation and rationale regarding the joint-venture agreement between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Boys & Girls Club at Los Cerritos Middle School. Highlights include:

1. Historical perspective: The concept of a Boys & Girls Club partnership was

first presented to the Board by the staff under the direction of Interim Superintendent Dr. Neil Schmidt. The concept of a partnership relationship was approved by the Board with further direction to the staff for study. Partnership concepts are not new to our District, and our Board is currently working with the City and Park District to review other partnership opportunities throughout the city.

**BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB
(CONT.)**

2. Negotiations: Dr. Fraisse has had extensive experience with Boys & Girls Clubs, and based upon that experience, he understood the importance to negotiate in the best interest of the School, the Club and the community. The first part of the negotiations were directed to the needs of the students at Los Cerritos before and after school as well as during the day. Architectural design needed to be adapted to the needs of the School District. The school would have up to 80 hours per month of free use of the Club during the school day, and as of last week, an additional free 20 hours per month will be available with a reciprocal trade agreement for usage of the School's gymnasium. Secondly, the ability for the Club to use the gymnasium should not be at the expense of the School or other youth groups that have been using the facilities for a long time. Therefore, an order of access was determined: First use priority: Los Cerritos students; Second use priority: Conejo Youth Basketball and others who have been using the gym; third use priority: the Club, which will pay full Civic Center fees when using the gym as every other organization. Third, the youth softball group using the fields behind the proposed club location had needs that the Club has agreed to meet by having an architectural redesign the building to include a snack bar in the back and restroom facilities available to the softball group on the weekends. Fourth, neighborhood concerns needed to be addressed and was a large part of the design of the parking lot providing overflow parking for the softball group and the school as well.
3. The rationale on limiting Club membership to Los Cerritos students only was based upon the District's desire to lessen the traffic impact on the surrounding community. Students walking to the Club before and after school should relieve a great deal of the after-school traffic around the neighborhood. The School Board does have the authority to change the requirements and broaden the eligibility in terms of membership. It is not the intent of this staff to recommend an over-broadening of the membership. If we broaden it, it would be the recommendation to bring in 4th and 5th graders in the surrounding community, not from other areas.
4. It is our intention to address the highlighted concerns from the community of unsupervised students congregating after school in the location of the shopping centers and housing areas by inviting these and other students into a supervised, after-school program. While we cannot promise all students will be signed up for the after-school program, we believe that significant numbers will be involved.
5. We believe that this project is consistent with the District's mission. Our District took the lead in the County for before-and after-school Child Care. It

is a well-known fact that Conejo Valley provides excellent Child Care for elementary students and it is evident that the high schools provide many activities for students. However, where our District recognizes there is a need is at the middle school level, before and after school.

**BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB
AT LOS
CERRITOS**

- 6. We believe there is enough flexibility in the contract to adjust to various intangibles over the next fifteen years, and we believe that we are well protected. We firmly believe this is a great contract for the students at Los Cerritos.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the joint-venture agreement between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Public speakers who spoke in favor of the agreement: Robert Gross, Lisa Creps, Lori Woodley, Shauna Ashmore, Eva Uribe, Ronnie Hewett, Debbie Boden, Dan Del Campo, Marjel Johnston, Paula Mackelburg, Cal Johnston, Robert Haffner.

Public speakers in opposition to the agreement: Linda Van Dolsen, Suzanne Duckett, Cathy Carlson, Nick Quidwai. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

Public written statement cards filed: Pro: Shelley Stewart, Karen Smith, Pam Van Uden, Karen Greenberg, Justine Fischer, Anne Howard, Pam Hewett, Dale Hendrickson, Donna Salas, Patti Yomantas, Wendy Powell, Kathryn Scardino, Jim Cathcart, Lori Cord, Cher Lomen, Patricia Krajeski, Pieter Michielsen, Tim Cooley, Nancy Russell, Jeanne Rivard. Con: Tom Ritch, Sharon Dower, Peter/Victoria Schiester, Nick Quidwai, Meta Davidson, Carolyn Harrison, Joan Okada, L. Mobley, Patreca Downen, Jack Passegger, Heather Passegger, Sarah Finch, S. Guild.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting May 13, 2003; A.R.s filed: A.R. #5—Local Education Agency Plan; A.R. #6—CIF/Marmonte League Representatives; A.R. #7—Purchase Order Report #625, and A.R. #2—Expulsion: Westlake High School #25-02/03E.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

INFORMATION ITEMS

INFO.

Business Services

- 1. 2002/2003 Third Quarter Financial Statements. Nick Quidwai discussed his concerns with the Board and asked for clarification regarding how much the District spends on supplies per student, asked about the funding for programs such as Drug-Free Schools and Tobacco prevention, Under performing schools, and the plans for the TOPASS funds. There were no comments from the Board.

There were no Items of Legislation.

LEGIS.

There were no items from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS.
COMM.**

President Didio adjourned the regular session at 8:38 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

Date June 10, 2003 Clerk _____

Date June 10, 2003 Secretary _____

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