

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AND DISCUSSION SESSION**

**MAY 31, 2011
MINUTES**

MEETING

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, in the Board Room, in a Special Meeting-Discussion Session.

ROLL CALL

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Tim Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

President Buckles called the Special Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements. The Board adjourned into closed session to discuss the following:

1. Labor Negotiations
2. Conference With Real Property Negotiators

Closed Session ended at 4:10 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

Mrs. Buckles opened the Regular Session at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One speaker asked that the Board consider the loss of many classified positions when considering budget adjustments. Two speakers asked that the board not eliminate elementary counseling positions.

OPEN SESSION - ACTION: RESCISSION OF GRADE K-3 AND GRADE 4-12 CLASS SIZE INCREASES FOR THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

Dr. Baarstad provided the Board a budget update. He discussed the fact that increases to class size seems to be the area of greatest concern with parents and teachers, as well as principals and district office staff who develop teacher assignments and master schedules. He stated that if the reductions were made in staffing due to increased class size, it would disrupt teaching teams that have worked and trained together for years. Even if the State comes through with "flat funding" for education later in the summer, the possibility still remains for education funding cuts in the final 2011-2012 State budget and it would be impossible to reconstruct school staffs back to their original order. Dr. Baarstad discussed the risks to rescinding the class size at this time especially since once rescinded, legally, the decision is final. Dr. Baarstad stated that the

State legislature could come through with a final vote on the Governor’s May revise proposal for the 2011-2012 State Budget at any time on or before the deadline of June 15. However, over the past several years, the legislature has not approved the budget on time.

Mrs. Phelps moved to rescind the Grade K-3 class size increase for the 2011-2012 District Budget, and rescind the Grade 4-12 class size increase for the 2011-2012 District Budget, contingent upon enactment of the 2011-2012 State Education Budget, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Copies of the Superintendent’s PowerPoint may be found on the District’s website at www.conejo.k12.ca.us.

DISCUSSION SESSION: BOARD’S GOALS AND SUCCESS INDICATORS

The Board discussed their goals and success indicators for the 2010-2011 school year with staff. Staff provided progress reports and data associated with the goals. It was decided that the Board would meet again for a discussion session sometime in August to reassess their goals for the 2011-2012 school year. A copy of the Board’s Goals and Success Indicators may be obtained from the District’s website at www.conejo.k12.ca.us, under the Board of Education tab.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is **Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. for Closed Session, 3:30 p.m. for Open (Regular) Session.**

June 7, 2011

Date

Clerk

June 7, 2011

Date

Superintendent