

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

**JUNE 7, 2016
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

At 3:34 p.m. President Phelps announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were two public speaker cards handed in. One speaker stated that on May 17, 2016, the Board committed a Brown Act violation, and also stated that the Superintendent doesn't understand the values of the Community. The other speaker expressed concern that the Board has not made announcements regarding formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss relocation of the Conejo Valley Learning Center. The Board convened into Closed Session at 3:39 p.m., where the following was discussed:

- A. Superintendent's End-of-Year Evaluation, *Pursuant to Government Code §54957*

The Closed Session ended at 4:36 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 4:38 p.m. President Phelps announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board convened into Closed Session at 4:40 p.m., where the following were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, *Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
1. See Section IV. Action Items-Consent Personnel Assignment Orders
- B. Labor Negotiations, *Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6*
Agency Negotiator: Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Employee Organizations:
- Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA)
 - Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)
- C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, *Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*
Property Negotiators for CVUSD are Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent, and Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Realty Group

The following property was discussed regarding price and terms of payment:

- 2498 Conejo Center Drive, Newbury Park, CA

The Closed Session ended at 5:29 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Phelps called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Board members John Andersen, Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, and Pat Phelps. Administration: Dr.

Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; and James Garza, Director, Secondary Education.

Mrs. Phelps welcomed attendees to the meeting and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Buckles amended the agenda regarding recognition of student achievements to arrange them by school site, instead of by topic. Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognitions

The Board congratulated Karen Greenberg, who was honored as Teacher of the Year 2015-2016.

The Board recognized the following student achievements:

- Thousand Oaks High School Girls Lacrosse – Marmonte League Champions
- Newbury Park High School – Valedictorians
- Newbury Park High School Swim, Girls and Boys Individuals – Marmonte League Champions
- Newbury Park High School Track & Field, Girls & Boys Individuals – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School - Valedictorians
- Westlake High School Track and Field, Girls and Boys Individuals – CIF Southern Section Champions
- Westlake High School Boys Golf – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Boys Lacrosse – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Boys Swim – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Girls Swim – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Boys Tennis – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Girls Track & Field – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Track & Field, Girls and Boys Individuals – Marmonte League Champions
- Westlake High School Boys Volleyball – Marmonte League Champions

Reports from High School Student Reporters

The students reported that their school was experiencing yearend activities such as prom, finals, yearbook, graduation, and Grad Night. They thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to report their school activities throughout the year. The Board thanked the student reporters for doing an exemplary job of reporting throughout the year, and for sharing their time with the Board. The 2015-2016 student reporters introduced the 2016-2017 student reporters, as follows:

- Century Academy Lauren Sutter introduced Cajun Holland
- Conejo Valley High Priscilla Villa introduced Roger Nana Nunez
- Newbury Park High Miranda Barraza introduced Sam Klein
- Thousand Oaks High Brooke Barker introduced Emma Faciane
- Westlake High Brooke Katz introduced Hannah Dye

Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Cindy Goldberg, Conejo Schools Foundation Executive Director, thanked the Board for what they do for all throughout the community. The Conejo Schools Foundation had a great year. Get-Ahead Summer School is ready to begin and a few openings are still available; visit www.conejoschools.org. Almost 100 scholarships were awarded by the Foundation during the school year.

Susan Hanscom, District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairperson, reported that the last DAC meeting was held on May 10th. Kathleen Murvin discussed the BreakThrough Program and reality parties, and Ana Alvarez discussed “Parents Making A Difference” and the Outreach Program. Ana Alvarez is a tremendous asset to the District. Cindy Mayling, DAC Homework Committee Chairperson, provided an update regarding the Homework

Committee and will contact UACT and the Board for input. Several public speakers addressed DAC regarding the relocation of Conejo Valley High School and what the impact may be on Horizon Hills Preschool Program and Carden Conejo School. Susan thanked the Board for support and recognition of the importance of parents as partners.

Comments from the Public

One public speaker stated that a Public Records Act request had been submitted. In regards to options for the relocation of Conejo Valley Learning Center, the speaker was concerned that staff may be taking a position that is against charter schools and thereby limits school choice options. One public speaker felt the Board underestimated the community's reaction to possibly closing Carden School. He expressed concern regarding additional traffic in the Carden neighborhood and what he felt was higher than normal police activity at the school being relocated. One public speaker expressed her displeasure that she was prevented by two Sheriffs and a staff member from entering the last Board Meeting to make public comment before Closed Session and it was a Brown Act violation. In addition, the speaker expressed concern that an opportunity for Public Comments is not currently on the agenda for the Board Discussion Session on June 14, 2016. The speaker expressed an intent to make a presentation at the June 21st Board Meeting regarding options for the Conejo Valley Learning Center. One public speaker attended the We The People program last week and was impressed by the students' understanding of the American government and the Constitution. The speaker felt the students should be honored and revered, and thanked the fifth grade teachers and Board members. One public speaker expressed concern that Mr. Dunn's comments about Conejo Valley High School students were hurtful, demeaning, and a broad generalization that painted students as drug dealers and criminals. The speaker stated that as a teacher every student becomes hers forever regardless of his/her ethnicity, language, gender, religion, or income. The speaker stated that per the Board Bylaws, Item 5, the Board is to provide community leadership and advocacy on behalf of all students. One public speaker presented to the Board over 300 letters expressing why the Horizon Hills Parenting Program should not be relocated.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus recently presented the State of the District to the Thousand Oaks Rotary Club. She thanked the Rotary Club for its annual Youth Leadership Awards Day. She attended the California Gold Ribbon Schools Awards where Acadia, Conejo, Glenwood, Ladera, and Maple were recognized. The District was recognized as the Top Farm to School program in California. The All District Music Festival featuring band, strings, and chorus was a wonderful showcase for our students. The Superintendent attended the We The People program last week where fifth graders spoke to the freedoms associated with our democracy. This week we celebrate student promotions and graduate over 1700 seniors who will advance to colleges, military academies, and career experiences. Dr. Bonitatibus thanked students, parents, and staff for making the 2015-2016 school year an outstanding one and proving that CVUSD is a choice destination for education. We have provided a positive, safe, caring, and inviting work and learning environment where students and adults meet with success. The next school year for students will begin on Wednesday, August 24th.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Betsy Connolly, Board Member, attended the Westlake High School Choral Music performance and viewed an extraordinary range of talent. She attended the We The People program last week where students displayed their understanding of our government and democracy. The judges for this program come from throughout the community and provide a special opportunity for collaboration.

Mr. Dunn, Board Member, reported that many continuation high schools close each year and if Conejo Valley High School (CVHS) closed the District would save \$7.7m. The enrollment of CVHS has declined over the years to 104 students now. Most students at CVHS attend to recover credits. Mr. Dunn suggested that CVHS be closed temporarily and said the employees would be absorbed in equally paying jobs at other District schools. He will oppose any attempts to relocate the Horizon Hills Parenting Program and to close the Carden Conejo School.

Peggy Buckles, Board Vice President, said she was mis-quoted in *The Acorn* by Mr. Dunn. She said he made up the words and put words in her mouth that she never spoke. During the past couple weeks, Mrs. Buckles met with Carden School parent leaders twice and with Horizon Hills parents; she understands their positions. She attended Open Houses at Walnut, Wildwood, and Aspen, which all have unique and very nice programs. She attended Sequoia Middle School's Discovery Forum for the student synthesis program; students had brilliant explanations of their work. She attended Conejo School Leadership Day and the Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment (BTSA) Colloquium. Mrs. Buckles enjoyed the Westlake High School and Newbury Park High School Choral Music performances. Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Buckles attended a groundbreaking at Acacia Elementary School's garden, which was planned by the students. Acacia students raised the funds for the garden and refer to themselves as Landscape Architects. Mrs. Buckles enjoyed attending the We The People program for three days.

Mr. Dunn stated that he stood by his statements earlier regarding Mrs. Buckle's attitude toward Carden parents. He asked if Mrs. Buckles would publicly support extension of the Carden lease. Later, he asked the same of Dr. Connolly. Mrs. Buckles and Dr. Connolly both stated that the purpose of the Board Discussion Session on June 14th is to discuss alternatives. They would like to hear and openly discuss alternatives before making a decision. Mrs. Buckles added that she has several family members attending private school and she has no opposition to private school contrary to Mr. Dunn's claim. Dr. Connolly added that there is no reason to grandstand on this matter.

Mr. Dunn said he receives many emails and he wrote in one email that CVHS wouldn't be compatible with the Carden campus because of certain habits that CVHS students have. He expressed concern that Andy Nguyen wrote an article in *The Acorn* about that one email. Dr. Connolly asked Mr. Dunn if he was retracting his email. Mr. Dunn said he told the truth.

Mrs. Phelps, Board President, thanked Maple Elementary for hosting her at their Open House. Maple was among five District schools that received the California Gold Ribbon School Award this year. Mrs. Phelps attended the California Gold Ribbon School Awards ceremony with Dr. Bonitatibus. Mrs. Phelps attended the Newbury Park High Senior Awards Night, where \$3.4m was awarded in scholarships. For the June 14th Board Discussion Session, Public Comments will be added to the official Agenda. This week, a new webpage will be added to the District website, which will be dedicated to information regarding the Conejo Valley Learning Center relocation project.

Mrs. Phelps asked Dr. Bonitatibus to clarify misinformation provided earlier. Dr. Bonitatibus said that earlier this evening a public speaker spoke about access to the last meeting alleging that the Sheriffs' Department stopped her per the direction of the Superintendent, Board, or staff; that was not the case. Deputies were there to maintain safety according to the Fire Marshall's room capacity limits. Everyone was accommodated eventually. Also, the Communications person does not make anywhere near \$170k with salary and benefits as stated by the speaker.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Personnel Services

A. Establish Instructional Services Certificated Position: Instructional Technology Teacher on Special Assignment

Mr. Andersen moved to approve establishment of the Instructional Technology Teacher on Special Assignment, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

B. Approval of New Board Policy and Exhibit 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve new Board Policy and Exhibit 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses as submitted, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Adult School Courses for 2016-2017

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the Adult School Courses for 2016-2017 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of New High School Pilot Courses

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the new high school pilot courses as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Mrs. Buckles said she was pleased that we now have financial math. Mrs. Phelps said that she is pleased that students are learning about credit and loans. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Courses

Dr. Connolly moved to approve permanent status for pilot courses as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Dr. Connolly read the courses including Advanced Digital Video Production, Advanced Food Service and Hospitality Services, AP Research, CSU Expository Reading & Writing, College and Career Seminar, IB Music, Introduction to Food Service & Hospitality Services, Math for Personal Finance B, Principles of Engineering, and Space Science & Engineering. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Mathematics Instructional Materials – Grades K-8

Mr. Andersen moved to approve the mathematics instructional materials for grades K-8 as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Approval of Westlake High School Bell Schedule Change -- Common Planning Time (CPT) Beginning in 2016-2017

Dr. Connolly moved to approve the Westlake High School Common Planning Time bell schedule for 2016-2017 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

H. Revision of Board Policy 7110 – Facilities Master Plan

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve replacement of Board Policy 7110 – Facilities Master Plan as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of 2015-2016 Parent-Pay Transportation Program Status Report and 2016-2017 Parent-Pay Transportation Program

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the 2015-2016 Parent-Pay Transportation Program Status Report and the 2016-2017 Parent-Pay Transportation Program as submitted, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Approval of Resolution #15/16-28: Authorizing the Sale of District Surplus Property Located at 2498 Conejo Center Drive, Newbury Park, California, to Martin Properties, Inc.

Mr. Andersen moved to approve Resolution #15/16-28 authorizing the sale of District surplus property located at 2498 Conejo Center Drive, Newbury Park, California, to Martin Properties, Inc. as submitted, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

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

1. Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 1. Certificated Employees: #0136 to #0144
Administrators, Teachers
 2. Classified Employees: C-9794 to C-9860
Account Clerk, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Assistant – Satellite, Custodian, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Executive Administrative Assistant, Health Clerk, Human Resources Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Secretary, Senior Clerk Typist, Telephone Operator/ Receptionist, Warehouse Technician
 3. Exempt Employees: E-15542 to E-15558
Campus Supervisor, Coach, Step I Proctor, Step II Proctor, Student Helper
- C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #31-15/16
- D. Purchase Order Report #902
- E. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- F. Notice of Completion – Thousand Oaks High School – Field House Alteration – JEC, Inc.
- G. 2016-2017 Civic Center Fee Schedule

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent

- A. Future Funding District Priorities Contextualized Within the Governor’s Proposed Budget: May Revise
Dr. Bonitatibus provided a presentation regarding future funding and its implications for our Greenprint for Success. The presentation may be viewed on the District’s website at:
<http://www.conejousd.org/Departments/Superintendent/GreenprintforLearning.aspx>

Mr. Dunn asked what the anticipated ADA funding will be per student for 2015/2016 and Dr. Bonitatibus explained that depending on the grade level it would range from \$7,083 to \$8,578. The Governor’s projected ADA for 2016/2017 is \$7,820 to \$8,801. He asked how the Health and Welfare Fund is doing financially, and the Superintendent responded that it is doing well. Mr. Andersen asked, if the state honors Proposition 98 and the LCFF increases from \$8-\$12m in the next few years, what the impact of the minimum wage increase will be when fully implemented. Dr. Bonitatibus stated that staff is beginning work on calculations and will have the information in the future. Mr. Dunn asked if the presentation was regarding General Fund or Bond Fund. The Superintendent explained that it was in reference to the General Fund only, as the Measure I Bond Fund cannot be used for salaries outside of Measure I. Mr. Dunn complimented Dr. Bonitatibus on a very good presentation.

Personnel Services

- B. Approve Resolution #15/16-21: Designation of Senior Management Positions in Classified Service

Mark McLaughlin explained that this is in regards to the Executive Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations. Mrs. Buckles added that the position existed when we had Measure R funds, but had been deleted when the funding subsided. Mr. McLaughlin added that this will be a senior management position and will involve more than just Measure I Bond Fund management. The resolution serves to identify our three senior management positions in Classified Services.

Instructional Services

- C. Approval of Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) Application for Funding – 2016/2017
There were no questions.
- D. Approval of School Time Schedules 2016/2017
Mr. Iezza clarified that times at Sycamore Canyon School will change to accommodate extended kindergarten, and times at Westlake High School will change to accommodate Common Planning Time.

Business Services

- E. Approval of Participation in Bids/Contracts of Other Public Agencies, Cooperative Purchasing Contracts (Piggyback), California Multiple Awards Schedule (CMAS), and Other Approved California State Contracts, When Applicable, for Fiscal Year 2016-2017
There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 8:54 p.m. **The Board will hold a Board Discussion Session regarding Conejo Valley Learning Center Relocation Project on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 3:30 p.m.** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks. **The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 4:15 p.m. Discussion Session, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

June 21, 2016

Date

Clerk

June 21, 2016

Date

Superintendent