

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

**June 14, 2005
MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on June 14, 2005, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

ROLL CALL

Present were Board members: Dorothy L. Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Michael A. Dunn, Patricia H. Phelps, and Dr. Timothy G. Stephens. Administration: Dr. Robert Fraise, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, and Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education.

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Timothy Stephens, President. The Board discussed the following items:

1. Appointment/employment of Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Child Care Assistant, Custodian, Groundskeeper, Paraprofessionals/Special Ed, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Athletic Coaches, and Proctors. (Government Code §54957)
2. Consideration of Pupil Personnel matters (Education Code §35146).

The Closed Session ended at 5:53 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephens read announcements that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and Board procedures.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following: pull A.R. #19, page 74, Award of Contract: Various School Sites – Indefinite Quantity Storm Drain Contract, to be decided upon after the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Dianne McKay, President, Conejo Schools Foundation, 1) provided an update on the progress over the past year, including the addition of a new Board member – Cheryl Heitmann, President of the Community College Board, 2) reported on the first Enrichment Summer School program, that will take place at Maple, Lang Ranch, and Westlake Hills elementary schools, and 3) thanked those who contributed to the Foundation during the "First 100 Days" campaign, stating that the plaque with those names is now located in the District Office South Building lobby.

RECOGNITIONS

Dianne McKay was thanked for her service as the District Advisory Committee for the past two years.

Thousand Oaks High School videographers and instructor, Nancy Schroeder, were recognized for the video production of the Board Meetings through the 2004-05 school year: Christopher Butterfield, Bethany Estrada, Eric Fogelstrom, Christopher Kokiousis, Frazier Phillips, and Joshua Reinus.

Student Board members were recognized for their contribution during the 2004-05 school year: Brianna Evrist, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, Katie Smith, Newbury Park High School, Bryn Sowa, Thousand Oaks High School, and Chaddy Ekhawary, Westlake High School.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Bryn Sowa, Thousand Oaks High School, was seated with the Board. Bryn, along with Katie Smith, Newbury Park High School, Brianna Evrist, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, and Chaddy Elhawary, Westlake High School, discussed school events such as the new pool celebration at Thousand Oaks High School, end-of-year activities, graduation events, choir and band concerts, summer school, academy and career events, Amgen tutors, dance team performances, graduation night, senior breakfast, yearbooks, and others.

New student representatives were also introduced for the 2005-2006 school year: Jill Zino, Newbury Park High School; Morgan Lopker, Thousand Oaks High School, and Kelly Feiweles, Westlake High School.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dianne McKay, Chair, District Advisory Council, introduced the new Chair for the 2005-2006 school year, Betsy Connolly. Ms. McKay thanked the District for the opportunity for parents have a voice through DAC. Presenters at the last DAC meeting included the new Thousand Oaks Police Commander, Dennis Carpenter, speaking about gang and drug activity; Dr. Richard Simpson regarding school choice; Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad with an overview on the budget and summer projects; and Betsy Connelly with a comprehensive legislative report.

Sue Wells, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported on the year end dinner and services awards: Very Special Persons awards were presented to Care Butler, Joe Cook and Zsa Rockey; Honorary Service Awards were presented to Aleta Smith and Kathee Hans; and a Continuing Service Award to Nanci Weaver.

Lorraine O'Neill, Chair, Bond Facility Projects District Advisory Committee Chair, reported on the final Bond DAC meeting and the change of the by-laws which reduced the number of meetings per year from six to three. Also, the executive board was re-elected for another year: Ms. O'Neill as Chair, Donna Sallas, Vice Chair, Vicki Polliackin, Communications Officer, and Dannette Kwakowski, Parliamentarian. Dr. Baarstad presented a report on the proposed Community Learning Center, which the Committee fully supports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Fraisse thanked the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce for their Spirit of the Community event which includes the "Teacher of the Month" program, and for the special evening to recognize community heroes—such as firemen, police, armed services, and teachers— which was held last Friday, June 10 at the Westlake Hyatt. The following Teachers of the Month for the 2004/2005 school year were recognized at the event: September: Kathy Byington, Aspen; October: Cheri Blackburn, Westlake High School; November: Meredith Bullock, Newbury Park High School; December: Juan Santos, Colina Middle School; January: Mark McGhee, Redwood Middle School; February: Henry Rollins, Westlake High School; March: Jessica Franzen Moore, Manzanita; April: Susan Pease, Conejo Elementary; May: Marlene Brostoff, Westlake Hills; June: Karen Elliott, Madroña Elementary. Special congratulations to Jessica Moore and Juan Santos for being selected as Teachers of the Year!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Roth, Jeannette Bauer, and Reverend Betty Stapleford spoke in favor of the proposed selection of the Health textbook adoption; John Anderson, Cathy Carlson, Debbie Kermath (yielding time to Cathy Carlson), and Elaine McKearn spoke in opposition to the proposed selection of the Health textbook adoption. Three public statements cards were submitted in favor of the proposed selection; five public statement cards were submitted opposed the proposed selection.

Anne Howard, Thousand Oaks, commended the test center staff (Dr. Michael Vollmert, Director, and Kate Potter, administrative assistant) for their excellent, professional, timely, and cheerful service.

Cathy Carlson announced that some Distinguished School awards are expiring this month and also spoke in regard to the website at Los Cerritos not representing the NCLB Blue Ribbon award properly. Ms. Carlson also had questions about the District's budget.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Beaubien commended the Westlake High School WIT Academy end-of-year celebration.

Mrs. Phelps commended the Spirit of the Community celebration and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing teachers; thanked Dr. Charles Weis for his participation in the PTA training; discussed the excellence of the 5th graders' participation in the We the People program; and praised the WIT Academy and the Advanced Anatomy class at Westlake High School.

Mrs. Didio and Dr. Stephens also praised the WIT Academy at Westlake High School, and the Advanced Anatomy class.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS

Mrs. Beaubien moved to accept personnel assignment orders: Certificated #7125 to #7140; Classified #C-2631 to #C-2655; and Exempt #E-5950 to #E-5977, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

AMEND POLICIES

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the amendment of Board Policy 453.4 Detention (Second Reading), seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #1 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the amendment of Board Policy 375 Classroom Interruptions (Second

Reading), seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #2 filed.

CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the 2005-06 preliminary Consolidated Application, seconded by Didio. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #3 filed.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATION

Mrs. Beaubien moved to ratify the names recommended as official representatives to the CIF/Marmonte League and CIF for the 2005/2006 school year, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Mrs. Phelps commended the representatives for their commitment to this time-consuming position (Newbury Park High School: Max Beaman and Steve Lepire; Thousand Oaks High School: Jo-Ann Yoos; Westlake High School: Ronald Lipari and Drew Passalacqua). Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #4 filed.

SUBLEASE AND SITE LEASE

Mrs. Didio moved to approve Resolution #04/05-31 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 4-1, Mr. Dunn voting no, student vote aye. A.R. #5 filed.

3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to accept the 2004-2005 Third Quarter Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #6 filed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2005. A.R.s filed: A.R. #7 Expulsion Colina Middle School #38-04/05E; A.R. #8 Expulsion Los Cerritos Middle School #39-04/05E; A.R. #9 Expulsion Thousand Oaks High School #40-04/05E; A.R. #10 Readmission of Expelled Student #32-03/04E; A.R. #11 Readmission of Expelled Student #5-04/05E; A.R. #12 Readmission of Expelled Student #7-04/05E; A.R. #13 Readmission of Expelled Student #11-04/05E; A.R. #14 Readmission of Expelled Student #15-04/05E; A.R. #15 Readmission of Expelled Student #16-04/05E; A.R. #16 Overnight Trip Request: Newbury Park High School Speech and Debate Team; A.R. #17 Purchase Order Report #666; A.R. #18 Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #19 (pulled – see below); A.R. #20 Notice of Completion: Redwood Middle School – Phase 1 Modernization (Elevator); A.R.#21 Notice of Completion: Redwood Middle School – Phase 1 Modernization

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Mrs. Didio moved to reject the bid and re-bid the project at a later date, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye. A.R. #19 filed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Instructional Services

1. School Schedules 2005-2006. There was no discussion.
2. *Approval of Health Philosophy, Program Expectations, Standards for the Graduate and Grade Level Content Standards. Martha Mutz discussed the process for the Health adoption – as it is for every adoption. Teachers are brought together from every level, and the State provides the framework and standards that students are expected to learn. Only two publishers were offered by the State: Holt and Glencoe. The teachers felt that the style of writing in the Glencoe text was more student-friendly, and therefore, chose that text.

- 3. *Approval of Health Curriculum for Grades K-7 and 9.
- 4. *Adoption of Health Textbooks for Grades K-6 and 9

*Dr. Fraisse suggested that these three items be grouped in terms of discussion. Public speakers cards and public comments cards were submitted – both pro and con – and are listed under the Public Comments section of these minutes. Dr. Dunn stated that the difference between the two publications was the definition of a marriage, that is, the Holt textbook defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman (Mrs. Mutz corrected this comment – the Holt textbook defines marriage as a union between a husband and a wife.)

- 5. K-6 Home Based Independent Study Pilot. Diane Hawkins, Jennifer Martin, Brenda Speakman, and Levi Speakman spoke in favor of the pilot; Cathy Carlson discussed her concerns with the program. Dr. Stephens commended the staff for responding to parents who have requested this option to be offered within our District.

B. Business Services

- 1. 2003-2004 Parent-Pay Transportation Program Status Report and 2004-2005 Parent-Pay Transportation Program. There were no comments on this topic.
- 2. Establishing Break/Lunch Prices for the 2005-2006 School Year. There were no comments on this topic.
- 3. 2005-2006 Civic Center Fee Schedule. There were no comments on this topic.
- 4. 2005-2006 CVUSD Proposed Budget. Cathy Carlson stated her concerns about the proposed budget.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Items of Legislation – there was no report.
- B. Items from the Personnel Commission – there was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens adjourned the regular session at 8:09 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

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 Date Clerk

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