

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

**June 25, 2002
MINUTES
(Unadopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on June 25, 2002, 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 Neil Schmidt, Interim Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, and Mike Vollmert, Director, Research and Assessment, were also in attendance. **ROLL CALL**

There was no closed session meeting. **CLOSED SESSION**

President Del Campo called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Didio moved to approve the agenda as amended: page number 67 should be 65, page number 65 should be 66, and page number 66 should be 67; page 4 of the May 28, 2002 minutes should reflect that Mrs. Didio moved on the expulsion, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Joel Wyenn spoke in opposition to the current playtime of students in the football program at Westlake High School. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sydney Stein spoke to the issue of the new elementary report cards and her recommendation years ago to have the cards adapted to the scantron equipment.

Nick Quidwai spoke to the issue of parent’s rights, citizen’s rights, unfair coaches, and that the Board members should be more proactive.

Cathy Carlson (time yielded to Mrs. Carlson from Jim Nichols) accused the Board and staff of false marketing of the schools through inaccurate signage.

Dr. Schmidt: 1) congratulated the graduated seniors and thanked the staff for making the graduations such special occasions; 2) mentioned that summer school began on June 19 and there are 1600 high school students, 400 middle school students, and 900 **SUPT. REMARKS**

elementary school students in each of the levels. He applauded the summer school concept which helps assure that every child can be successful; 3) announced that Executive Director for the Neighborhood for Learning program, Brenda Hunter, moved into the Crowley House, which was donated by the Conejo Recreation and Park District; 4) announced that a large donation would be announced June 27 at Sequoia Middle School for the Boys and Girls Club effort.

Dr. Schmidt stated that this would be his last Board meeting as Interim Superintendent, and thanked the Board and staff for their confidence in him, and for the humbling and rewarding experience.

Dr. Stephens thanked Dr. Schmidt for his year as Interim, and stated that Dr. Schmidt brought the District to another level of excellence. Mrs. Didio stated that Dr. Schmidt has very much been a hands-on superintendent, and thanked him for bringing his knowledge to the District and Board.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt Resolution 0102-31 in support of adoption of the 2002-03 State budget by June 30, 2002; seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Phelps moved to adjust the Board meeting schedule as proposed; seconded by Dr. Stephens. Nick Quidwai asked that the Board change the meeting night from Tuesdays in order to not meet the same night as the City Council. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed. (Board meeting of September 24, 2002, has been changed to September 25, 2002, in order to accommodate the College Night for students and parents; Board meeting of December 24, 2002, has been cancelled.)

**ADJUST
BOARD
CALENDAR**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6188 - #6211, Classified #C-0978 - #C-0998 and Exempt #E-3533 - #E-3568, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2002-2003, as attached, and authorize administrative staff to forward the declaration to the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #3 filed.

**DECLARATION
FOR
QUALIFIED
EDUCATORS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the tentatively agreed upon Contract with UACT for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2004; and approve the proposed teacher salary schedule adjustments for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

**UACT
CONTRACT
APPROVAL**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the proposed salary schedule increase for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years for the Managers, Supervisors, and Confidential Employees, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

**CONTRACT
APPROVAL
MGRS., SUPV.
AND CONF.**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the proposed salary schedule increase for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school years for the District Counselors and Psychologists, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

**CONTRACT
APPROVAL
COUNS/PSY.**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the proposed salary schedule increase for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years for all District Non-Represented employees, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #7 filed.

**CONTRACT
APPROVAL
NON-REP.
EMPLOYEES**

A public hearing was called at 7:40 p.m. to discuss Resolution 0102-30: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act. There were no questions or comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Mrs. Phelps moved to make a determination as to whether the District has sufficient textbooks and instructional materials in each subject “consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board,” and that funds may not be used to supplant the District’s current effort to provide adequate textbooks and instructional materials, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #8 filed.

**TEXTBOOKS
AND INSTR.
MATERIALS**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt and purchase the textbooks, ancillary materials and supplementary texts recommended by the math committee as a second choice should the State Board of Education deny the Everyday Math waiver, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Didio stated that she was upset that the District had been undermined by a District employee and a representative of Harcourt Brace at the State Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #9 filed.

**ADOPT AND
PURCHASE
TEXTBOOKS**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt the 2002-03 budgets for the General Fund and Ancillary Funds as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Schmidt commented that the Board is expected by the State to approve its budget before the State approves the State budget. He stated that this is a very difficult decision and expectation of the Board. Mrs. Didio pointed out that the step increases are prior to any raises: the average is 2.5% for step and column. She also mentioned that she would like to see the Carden School rental property reclassification from surplus property back to surplus property in order to use the money toward projects. Nick Quidwai agreed that the budget process is difficult. He asked to look at the travel expenses and meal expenses for the Board, superintendent and three assistant superintendents for a quarter. He had seen them in the past and gave “good marks.” He asked other questions regarding the budget. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #10 filed.

**2002-2003
ADOPTED
BUDGETS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens commended Linda Vranesh and staff for the work on the 3-5 report card, which is aligned to the standards. He stated that it would be important to refine the card in following years. Motion carried 5-0. Reports filed: A.R. #11—Special Education Supplementary Textbook and Materials Adoption: K-8 English/Language Arts; A.R. #12—Recommendation of Family Life Materials; A.R. #13—School Schedules 2002-2003; A.R. #14—Grades 3-5 Elementary Reporting System; A.R. #15—Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Football Booster Club; A.R. #16—Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student (#34-01/02); A.R. #17—Purchase Order Report #607; A.R. #18—2002-2003 Annual Signature Authorization; A.R. #19—Acceptance of Equipment and/or Cash Donations.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

INFORMATION ITEMS

INFO.

The Board received information regarding:

- 2002-03 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Application. Dr. Stephens asked the per pupil expenditure for GATE students; Dr. Simpson responded that he would submit an answer in the Weekly Report to the Board.
- Special Education Supplementary Textbook and Materials Adoption: Middle School Math. There were no comments or questions.
- Request for District Waiver: Westlake High School Math Adoption. Debbie Foley, Teresa Clark, Diane Rumbaugh, Jessica Kendal, Mike Waters, Marie Gluck, and Ron Schwartz spoke against the integrated program; three public statement cards were submitted against the program: Nancy Cohen, Tom Rumbaugh and Barb Kostohryz. Greg Hronek and Greg Korshavn spoke in support of the integrated program at Westlake High School. Mrs. Del Campo asked how many years of math are required for graduation; Dr. Simpson stated a minimum of three years. Mrs. Phelps asked if integrated math is also at the honors level at Westlake High School; staff replied yes. Dr. Stephens asked Mike Vollmert if he had any statistical information supporting one program or the other; Mr. Vollmert responded no. Mrs. Beaubien stated that good teachers will be able to teach either integrated or discrete. She said that she reviewed both textbooks and found the integrated presentation confusing. She supports the District having one math program for all students. Mrs. Didio commented that the State has not given the districts the option of a continuum, making things difficult. She and Mrs. Beaubien stated that all the high schools have excellent math students that score well on State tests, and all have many students who matriculate to four-year colleges. Mrs. Beaubien also stated that she has concerns regarding students transferring in and out of Westlake High School. Dr. Stephens stated his concern about articulation among the schools; Martha Mutz stated that Westlake High School teachers have committed to participation. Dr. Stephens asked about the shifts from elementary to middle school to high school in integrated/discrete programs. Mrs. Mutz stated that K-7 is integrated; the State introduces Algebra in the 8th grade and at that point, the committee agreed that discrete would be best from there on. Mrs. Del Campo stated that as a math teacher for over 20 years, both programs would be successful. Many good points were brought up this evening, and as Mr. Waters pointed out, the committee process was long and hard, and should be greatly considered. She has experienced transfer students having problems adjusting. She has other concerns and will continue to research this subject prior to the next meeting.
- 2001-2002 Parent-Pay Transportation Program Status Report and 2002-2003 Parent-Pay Transportation Program. Nick Quidwai submitted a public statement card against raising the fees. There were no comments or questions.

