

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

**July 9, 2002
MINUTES
(Unadopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 9, 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 Robert Fraisse, Superintendent; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Sean Corrigan, Director, Planning & Facilities, were also in attendance.

ROLL CALL

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated: teachers; Exempt: specialists, campus supervisors, student helpers, proctor. The Closed Session ended at 6:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Del Campo called the meeting to order at 7:04 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: with the removal of A.R. #17—Future Sycamore Canyon Middle School Facilities Design and A.R. #18—Change Order #1 – Viola Constructors from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Nick Quidwai spoke to the issue of parent’s rights, student’s rights, citizen’s rights, limited speaking time during Public Comments, and that the Board members should be more proactive. He also discussed his request at the last Board meeting to view the travel expenditures of the Board members and administrators.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzanne Duckett spoke to the issue of the portable restrooms at Redwood Middle School, and has requested that the District provide transportation for all students to be transported home to use their own restroom facilities until the new restrooms are completed. She would like this item agendized for the next Board meeting.

Dr. Fraisse: 1) introduced David Becker as the new principal for Park Oaks Elementary School; 2) announced the results of the CAHSEE testing: 94% of students passed the English/Language Arts portion, 79% of students passed the Mathematics portion of the exam, compared to the Ventura County scores of 72% passing English/Language Arts portion and 49% passing the Mathematics portion, and congratulated teachers and

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students on achieving scores significantly higher than the State average; 3) mentioned that summer school is off to a great start, with 1600 high school students, 400 middle school students, and 800 elementary school students in each of the levels; 4) announced that the Westlake High School pool is up and running and will serve as a great long-term resource for the community; 5) mentioned that the building of Sycamore Canyon school is right on schedule, and a school dedication will take place on the first day of school; 6) will be visiting schools with Sean Corrigan, Director, Planning & Facilities, to be brought up to speed on building projects.

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REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Dr. Stephens welcomed Dr. Fraise, and stated that Dr. Fraise has the “right stuff” to make this District a better District. Mrs. Didio stated her unhappiness with a letter to the editor in the Ventura County Star that labeled our continuation schools students as “juvenile delinquents.” Mrs. Didio mentioned that 115 students graduated from Conejo Valley and Century High Schools, 73 students attended the graduation ceremony, and a total of \$12,000 in scholarships were earned by these students. Mrs. Phelps asked about the tandem teaching program, and wondered if more tandem teaching teams will be chosen over the summer vacation. Dr. Dunlap answered that there will be no other tandem teaching teams assigned for the next school year. Mrs. Phelps asked what the difference is between tandem teaching and job share. Dr. Dunlap answered that tandem teachers split the day in half, with one teacher in the morning and one in the afternoon, and job share breaks the teachers up into different days (i.e., one teacher Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the other teacher Tuesday and Thursday).

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Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6212 - #6241, Classified #C-0999 - #C-1004 and Exempt #E-3569 - #E-3590, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the Tandem Teaching Proposal – Elementary – 2002/03; seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**TANDEM
TEACHING
PROPOSAL**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Renewal of Contract for Central Coast Personnel Council Membership for the period July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

**RENEWAL
OF
CONTRACT**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Request for District Waiver: Westlake High School Math Adoption, seconded by Mrs. Didio.

**WHS MATH
ADOPTION**

Mrs. Beaubien stated that it is difficult to decide on this item, and asked Mr. Waters, administrator of the Math Articulation Committee, if any articulation ever occurred on the integrated math program. Mr. Waters stated that there has not been any articulation, as both programs, discrete and integrated, were being used successfully. He stated that an issue did not occur before with these two programs because all of the students were honors students, and now the college prep students are affected. Mr. Waters stated that this program needs to be piloted, and more time needs to be spent on research. Dr. Stephens stated that philosophically he agrees to integrate the math program, as many schools integrate other topics of study. However, seven out of eight schools opted to adopt the discrete math program, and to allow one school to adopt a

different program would create issues in articulation, staff development, curriculum design, summer school, and the transition of students from middle school to high school. Mrs. Phelps stated that the District has always worked to accommodate the schools and make exceptions to let sites decide what works best for them. As the District has approved tandem teaching, blocked schedules, and extended day kindergarten at only certain schools, this exception to the math program at Westlake High School should also be considered. Mrs. Phelps stated that the summer school issue can be dealt with, and teachers can be hired and acclimated to the process. Mrs. Didio stated that Mr. Waters made an important point in stating that the District has not prepared for this. There are no integrated math books or materials at the middle school level, and there are a significant number of students who would be transitioning from discrete math in middle school to integrated math in high school. She stated that there are teachers committed to the program, but this transition may not do the students justice without more preparation. Mrs. Phelps stated that 7th grade math is an integrated program. Mr. Waters stated that 7th grade has a pre-algebra program, which prepares them for discrete math in 8th grade. Mrs. Del Campo stated that she spent a great deal of time thinking about this topic, which is problematic because the research does not tell whether one program is better than the other. She has spoken with several consultant teachers and has found that there are many students who don't understand integrated math. Mrs. Del Campo feels that there is not a 100% buy-in with the Westlake community, and is concerned that the teachers willing to teach integrated math may not be in the District long enough for this adoption to be feasible. She is not in favor of Westlake High School being the only school in Ventura County with a different math program. Greg Hronek, Lisa Ryder, Jan Prezzano, Lynne Steensma, and Marlene Widdel submitted Public Statement Cards in favor of the Westlake High School Math Adoption. Motion failed 4-1: Mrs. Del Campo, Dr. Stephens, Mrs. Beaubien, and Mrs. Didio voted no; Mrs. Phelps voted yes. A.R. #3 filed.

**WHS MATH
ADOPTION
(CONT.)**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to not adopt and purchase the textbooks and instructional materials recommended by Westlake High School math teachers and classify the texts from the previous adoption as obsolete, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed.

**MATH
TEXTBOOK
& MAT.
ADOPTION**

Mrs. Didio moved to amend the motion to readmit expelled student #E-01-250, seconded by Dr. Stephens. (Student number was not in the original Board Report, but was submitted by Chuck Eklund during the Board meeting). Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed.

**READMIS-
SION OF EXP.
STUDENT**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2001-02 Parent-Pay Transportation Program Status Report, and 2002-03 Parent-Pay Transportation Program, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Mr. Quidwai submitted a speaker card to discuss the importance of student transportation, and stated that the District should subsidize the transportation fee for students whose families cannot afford to pay. Mrs. Didio stated that her understanding is that any family can fill out an application for free and reduced transportation. Mr. Mortimer stated that the District uses the Free and Reduced Lunch criteria for Free and Reduced bussing. Mrs. Del Campo asked Mr. Mortimer if the majority of school districts charge for bussing. Mr. Mortimer stated that the majority of school districts do not charge, and most that do not charge are located in economically disadvantaged areas. Mrs. Del Campo asked Mr. Mortimer if he is aware of the policy for the

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surrounding areas. Mr. Mortimer stated that Ventura and Oxnard Unified do not charge for bussing, and he does not believe that Simi Unified charges either. Mrs. Del Campo stated that Moorpark Unified is now charging for bussing. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

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TRANS. PGM.
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Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. The following items were discussed:

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A.R. #17—Future Sycamore Canyon Middle School Facilities Design. Sean Corrigan gave a powerpoint presentation of the future Sycamore Canyon Middle School Facilities design. He mentioned that Mike Stahlheber, Architect, and Pam Chasse, Principal, Sycamore Canyon Elementary School, and he would be available for questions. Dr. Stephens asked what funds were being used to build the Middle School facility. Mr. Corrigan stated that the District should earn enough in developer fees to pay for the academic facilities, as there are no other competing needs from the schools. The future gym funding is not set in stone, and the District is hoping to receive some funding from the City, or a future bond may be necessary. Dr. Stephens asked how many students this facility will house. Mr. Corrigan stated that the facility will house 600-679 elementary students, and 300 secondary students, and the facility will encompass a total of 14.5 acres. He stated that the school will not be overcrowded, and a 2-story building will be built for the purposes of conserving land space. Mrs. Didio asked if there is a gym in the park area of Dos Vientos, and if so, can the District use the facility. Mr. Corrigan stated yes, that the gym is ¼ miles away from the school site, and it owned by the Park and Recreation District. Mr. Mortimer mentioned that the Park and Recreation District currently uses our school site gyms, and the District does have a joint facility agreement with them. Dr. Stephens asked Sean Corrigan when the middle school is due for completion. Mr. Corrigan stated that the school is projecting an August opening date, and is currently enrolling 6th grade students. The projected opening dates for grades 7 and 8 are as follows: grade 7, school year 2003-04; grade 8, school year 2004-05.

**SYCAMORE
CANYON
MIDDLE
SCH. DESIGN**

A.R. #18—Change Order #1: Sycamore Canyon School – Viola Constructors. Mrs. Didio questioned the magnitude of the Change Order and the rationale behind it. Mr. Corrigan stated that the District made the decision to bid the job with preliminary information to expedite the process. Any changes to be made were dictated by the State Architects Office. Mr. Corrigan stated that 46% of the Change Order is due to site work on the 4.5 acres of the Western Plateau, and 44% of the Change Order is due to additional work that was not in the original bid document. Mrs. Phelps asked if anything in the Change Order was included in the estimate for the middle school facility. Mr. Corrigan stated no, but that the amount of work necessary will decrease. Mrs. Phelps asked if putting off the building of the gym will create additional costs. Mr. Corrigan stated that additional costs will not be created, unless transportation to an alternate gym facility is necessary.

**CHANGE
ORDER #1**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Reports filed: A.R. #7—2002-03 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Application; A.R. #8—Special Education Supplementary Textbook and Materials Adoption: Middle School Math; A.R. #9—Overnight Trip Request: Westlake High School Girls’ Basketball Team; A.R. #10—Overnight Trip Request:

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Westlake High School Cheerleaders; A.R. #11—Overnight Trip Request: Westlake High School Dance Team; A.R. #12—Visual/Performing Arts Textbooks; A.R. #13—Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student (#36-01/02); A.R. #14—Purchase Order Report #608; A.R. #15—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #16—Approval of Participation in Bids/Contracts of Other Public Agencies and California State Contracts via GSA and CMAS; A.R. #17—Future Sycamore Canyon Middle School Facilities Design; A.R. #18—Change Order #1: Sycamore Canyon School – Viola Constructors; A.R. #19—Additional Paving Work for Colina Middle School; A.R. #20—Award—Indefinite Quantity Masonry and Concrete Contract.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

INFO.

The Board received information regarding:

- Approval of 9-12 Science Courses of Study. Mrs. Didio noted that a buff version of the Board report was submitted.
- Request for District Waiver: Park Oaks Elementary School Math Adoption – Grades K-2. Mrs. Phelps inquired about increasing costs for staff development and other miscellaneous costs if this waiver were to pass. Mrs. Vranesh stated that the additional costs are unknown at this time, and that it would be necessary to provide staff development. Mrs. Vranesh also stated that it would be necessary to identify a teacher leader to work with Harcourt Brace, as well as writing a course of study. Mrs. Phelps mentioned that her impression was that the Board adopted the Everyday Math program because it was a good program for all grade levels. Patty Aaron, Kindergarten teacher at Park Oaks Elementary School, spoke against the Everyday Math Program, and stated that the program is not good for English Language Learners (ELL) students due to the lack of materials. She also mentioned that the Everyday Math Program does not provide alternate lessons for ELL students and does not list the California State standards, as does the Harcourt Brace Program. Mrs. Aaron stated that the Everyday Math Program is not teacher-friendly for combination grade classes. Mrs. Didio asked what the difference is between the Everyday Math and Harcourt Brace Math Programs. Mrs. Aaron responded that the Everyday Math Program lacks materials to assist the teacher. Mrs. Vranesh responded to Mrs. Didio by stating that Park Oaks Elementary School is 52% Hispanic, and that the Everyday Math Program is not as specific as the Harcourt Brace Program. Mrs. Vranesh stated that the Math Committee has aligned the standards for K-6, and they are currently looking at what they can do to support the teachers using the Everyday Math Program. Mrs. Beaubien stated that 13 schools approved the Everyday Math Program. Mrs. Vranesh stated that 13 schools did approve the program after various sets of meetings on the subject. She also stated that there was not a 100% consensus on the program. Dr. Stephens asked if teachers at the K-2 level at other schools had a different opinion of the Everyday Math Program. Mrs. Vranesh answered that across the District, it has been agreed upon that Kindergarten has the weakest program. She also stated that any concerns about the lack of materials is being addressed by the Math Committee this summer. Mrs. Didio asked what is

being done to fill the gap that the Everyday Math Program creates, and what, if any, additional materials are needed. Mrs. Vranesh stated that the committee will not know what materials are needed until the next school year, and all concerns are being addressed by the Math Committee this summer. Ilene Coppel, first grade teacher at Park Oaks, spoke against the Everyday Math Program, and stated that the Harcourt Brace Program is sequential and not as highly integrated. Mrs. Coppel stated that it is difficult to present two or three new concepts with every lesson to ELL students, and a more sequential program helps the teachers to build the foundation necessary for ELL students to understand the concepts. Dr. Fraisse stated that the Park Oaks Request for District Waiver is only an information item, and taking action on this item at the August 27 meeting would not allow the school time to facilitate the waiver. Therefore, a summer meeting will be scheduled to further address this item, and a date and time will be communicated at a later time.

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- 2002-03 Civic Center Fee Schedule. A spelling error was corrected.

**2002-03 CIVIC
CENTER FEE
SCHEDULE**

There were no Items of Legislation.

**ITEMS OF
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There were no items from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS.
COMM.**

President Del Campo adjourned the regular session at 8:21 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, August 27, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for a Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

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Date

Clerk

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Secretary

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