

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

**July 30, 2008
MINUTES**

MEETING

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at the 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA.

ROLL CALL

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Michael Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Superintendent Mario V. Contini, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, and Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, were also present. John Yeh, the District's attorney with Miller Brown Dannis, was seated with the Board.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

President Beaubien called the Special Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Mrs. Beaubien led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DENYING PETITION TO FORM THE MEADOWS ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WRITTEN FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District Denying Petition to Form the Meadows Arts and Technology Elementary School and Written Findings in Support Thereof, seconded by Mrs. Didio.

Superintendent Contini provided background and comments, Mrs. Cosaro offered questions regarding the curriculum and instructional segments of the petition, and Dr. Baarstad spoke to the budget and facilities. Mrs. Beaubien asked for speakers' cards at this time. 13 public speakers (2 deferred their time to others) spoke in favor of the Board approving the M.A.T.E.S. Charter petition

Dr. Stephens discussed school options that were made available to Meadows parents, including placing the entire population and magnet concept on one school site. He shared key issues related to the impact the Charter would have on the District. Mrs. Didio questioned test scores and stated her concern about the academic program as submitted in the Charter petition. Mr. Dunn asked questions about renewal once a Charter is approved and suggested approving the petition, allowing M.A.T.E.S. to address deficiencies in the petition over the next year. Attorney John Yeh advised against this suggestion as the Board is expected to approve a petition that is fully qualified.

Mr. Contini reiterated that the document submitted by the M.A.T.E.S. Charter was a very impressive document, but since the document would be the legally binding document upon which the Charter would operate, he felt it was the staff's obligation to ask that the petitioners to address the ambiguities and omissions in the petition as submitted. Mrs. Beaubien stated that the mission of the Board of Education is to ensure that all students in the District receive the best education possible.

Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

August 19, 2008

Date

Clerk

August 19, 2008

Date

Superintendent