

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****September 1, 2009  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of September 1, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 3:30 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Dr. Stephens asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 3:34 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- B. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- C. Complaints or Changes Against a Public Employee  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline  
*Pursuant to Education Code §48918*
- E. Pending Litigation  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)*
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter  
*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*

The Closed Session ended at 5:00 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER – POLICY DISCUSSION**

Dr. Stephens called a Discussion Session meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services.

The Board and Superintendent discussed the Board Policy Revision Process – Series 5000 (Second Reading). Action was taken under the section V. Action Items – General, F.

Board Policy Revision Process – Series 6000 (First Reading) was postponed to the September 15, 2009, meeting of the Board.

The Discussion Session ended at 6:05 p.m., and the Board convened to Open Session Regular Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent,

Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Also in attendance were Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum, Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, and Pete Peterson, Director, Planning & Facilities.

Dr. Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

## **OPENING PROVISIONS**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Recognition: Redwood Middle School Wood Shop Students/County Fair Winners**

Bill Brandt, Redwood Middle School Wood Shop teachers, introduced several students who received Blue Ribbons and Best of Show ribbons for wood shop projects they submitted at the Fair.

### **Comments from Parent Support Organizations**

District Advisory Council (DAC), Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, announced the DAC board and stated that a committee is working on the goals for the year, which once approved will be presented to the Board of Education in October. Ms. Dollenmayer also stated that communication is a great concern for the Advisory Board, and a DAC website will be available to parents.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Mike Soules, President, discussed some of the goals of CSF in regard to fund raising for critical need areas around the district. He announced that an anonymous family recently donated \$100,000 to CSF. The dollars will be used to contribute to the CSF endowment and for site grants (non-competitive, at all grade levels). Many thanks to the Power Family of Ken Rose Kitchen Table Foundation, who has been an on-going support for our schools. Two opportunities to help support CSF and our schools can be found on our website <http://www.conejoschools.org/>. On October 3, CSF will be sponsoring a "Walk for Healthy Schools" at the CRPD Health Expo at the Community Center on Moorpark Road. Also, "Fun Daz" fund raiser cards are available for \$29. The cards will provide discounts around our community, help our local merchants, and help CSF and our schools. When you purchase a card for \$29, know that \$8 will go to our schools, and \$2 to CSF.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Mr. Contini 1) welcomed students and staff back to school and stated that even though we moved a lot of equipment, material, and people this summer to new locations, we experienced a smooth opening with the students and staff energized. We were able to rehire all of the permanent and probationary teachers who had received final layoff notices thanks to the Federal stimulus money and attrition, but we are still about 50 teachers less than last year due to declining enrollment and class size changes. We are monitoring enrollment daily. Our second magnet school, EARTH Science and Technology Academy in Newbury Park opened with a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday. Congratulations to Jennifer Boone, her staff and parents. You will be hearing more about developing plans for our next magnet elementary schools, secondary academies and majors programs soon as we continue to develop outstanding educational programs for our students. 2) thanked and congratulated Barry Eckerman who is a substitute custodian for our day custodian at Sequoia Middle School. He noticed that a student was choking at the end of lunch and applied the Heimlich maneuver, which successfully dislodged a piece of a hot dog. He handled the situation in a calm and caring manner. 3) stated that Sequoia ranked 6th highest of 50 schools that participated in raising funds for Jump Rope for Heart, raising \$4,464 of the \$22,551 raised in CVUSD (about 25%). Congratulations to Julie Wastell, the Physical Education Department Chair and the staff and students at Sequoia for their commitment to this worthy cause. 4) asked the Board whether they wished to have future student board representatives remain for the entire meeting, involved in discussions and using "preferential" voting.

**Comments from the Public**

Two speakers questioned the hiring of the Lacrosse coach at Westlake High School; two speakers spoke in support of wood shop classes and similar programs; one speaker discussed the Vietnam Memorial that will be in our community; one speaker stated that she did not support CSBA (California Schools Boards Association) but does support wood shop classes.

**Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mr. Dunn asked if Mr. Ackerman could be invited to a future board meeting for recognition.

**ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL****Instructional Services****A. Approval of Board Policy #0520.2 Title 1 Program Improvement Schools**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Board Policy 0520.2 Title 1 Program Improvement Schools, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Approval of Board Policy 6181.1 Magnet/Academy Schools**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve Board policy 6181.1 for magnet/academy schools, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Approval of New High School Visual Arts Pilot Course: Advanced Ceramics**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Advanced Ceramics as a pilot course, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Approval of Revised School Schedules 2009/2010**

Dr. Connolly moved to approve revision of the 2009/2010 school schedules as attached, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**Business Services****E. Certification of the Impact of the 2009-2010 State Education Budget on the 2009-2010 CVUSD Adopted Budget**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Certification of Impact, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board of Education and Superintendent****F. Board Policy Revision Process – Series 5000 (Second Reading) (from the Policy Discussion)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Board requested proposed revisions to all Board Policies and Administrative Regulations within Series 5000, with the exception of Policies 5121 Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement, 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities, 5131.61 Drug Testing, and 5141.6 School Health Services, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

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

**A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)**

1. Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009
2. Special Meeting of August 25, 2009

**B. Personnel Assignment Orders:**

1. Certificated: #8393 through #8415

*Teachers*

- 2. Classified: C-4656 to C 4710  
*Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessional Facilitator/Chinese, Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessional Facilitator/Spanish, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Early Care Teacher, Family Services Coordinator, Family Services Coordinator/Bilingual-Spanish, Instructional Media Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/RSP, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Pre-School Assistant Teacher, School Occupational Therapist, Senior Clerk Typist, Sprinkler Repair Worker*
- 3. Exempt: E-8854 to E-8893  
*Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper*
- C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #16-09/10
- D. Boat Trip Request – Newbury Park High School National Honor Society
- E. Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests
- F. Purchase Order Report #751
- G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- H. Denial of Insurance Claim (Hsu)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

- A. Resolution #09/10-03: Red Ribbon Week Proclamation
- B. Approval of K-12 Math Courses of Study
- C. Board Policy Revision Process – Series 6000 (First Reading) Postponed to September 15, 2009.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

- A. Reports from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.
- B. Reports from the Superintendent: There were none.
- C. Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stephens adjourned the Open Session at 7:55 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. for Closed Session; 5:00 p.m. for Open Session-Policy Update and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

September 15, 2009

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Date

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Clerk

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Date

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Superintendent