

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

September 4, 2007  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of September 4, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Didio asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:03 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. Consideration of Student Discipline  
*Pursuant to Education Code §48918*
- C. Pending Litigation  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)*
- D. Labor Negotiations  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6*
- E. Real Estate Negotiations: Kelley Road Site  
*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*  
*Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Industries, Negotiator*

The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**

**OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education, Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education, were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Hearing on Declining Enrollment**

Dr. Baarstad presented a report on declining enrollment, with enrollment projections through 2010. This report explained the impact that declining enrollment will have on our budget over the next several years, and ways that the district will attempt to balance the budget through attempts to improve enrollment and attendance, and targeted cuts. Since the declining enrollment is in the elementary schools, staff has also looked at the possibility of closing elementary schools in order to maintain or increase financial support for school instructional programs.

Fourteen speakers spoke in favor of not closing their elementary schools, and 17 individuals submitted public written statements against closing elementary schools.

### **Comments from Support Groups**

Aleta Smith, Conejo Council PTA Chair, reported about the back-to-school activities and events sponsored by the PTA units throughout the district. Ms. Smith suggested that parents utilize the new local PTA website [www.conejocouncilpta.org](http://www.conejocouncilpta.org) for much helpful information. The Council will bring forward the series "Child and Adolescent Disorder," beginning September 25. More information about the series, and the Council's goals, may be found on the new website.

Pam Garvin, Conejo Schools Foundation Chair, reported on a kick-off event for this year's campaign as their mission will continue to be science and technology, tagging on to Amgen's alliance. "How far can we dream?" is the underlying theme of three science and technology showcases to be held at each of the three high schools. A panel discussion between local leaders, university and high school teachers, and local science/technology industries will begin each event, in a question and answer forum, followed by group tours of the schools. The Westlake cluster will be on October 17, the Newbury Park cluster October 18, and for the Thousand Oaks cluster, October 22. All will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Foundation supports other areas of the district, and continues to work on an Endowment fund. Interested parties may contact the Foundation at 805-

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) thanked all the parents and community who came to listen to the presentation about declining enrollment, and for bringing their concerns forward; 2) had the chance to visit five schools for about 45 minutes each on the first day as well as heard from others about how things went on the first day. The opening went quite smoothly. Congratulations to all teachers and support staff and to the students and parents for a smooth opening. 3) congratulated Beth Bryant, Dean at Thousand Oaks High School, who was selected as a Boeing Ambassador for the scholarship program. This makes CVUSD one of twelve districts in Southern California where Boeing is offering \$750 scholarships to help teachers earn National Board Certification. Earning National Board Certification is the highest teacher certification level teachers can achieve in the United States. Beth is offering a series of sessions in which she will support any of our teachers who wish to pursue National Board Certification, which is the highest teacher certification level teachers can achieve in the U.S. 4) congratulated Alan Rose, choral director at Westlake High School, selected as an Outstanding Music Educator by Heritage Festivals. Heritage Festivals is an organization that promotes and provides support for performing arts programs and group travel to participate in performances and festivals. Alan was recognized for his dedication and success in helping students grow, learn and reach their highest potential.

### **Comments from the Public**

One speaker stated her concerns about the Board possibly restraining public comments and the threat of tuberculosis.

One speaker spoke to the issue of the opening event for the Boys & Girls Club at Colina Middle School. That event will be on Monday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m.

### **Comments from Individual Board Members**

Dr. Stephens stated that our district may consider attracting more students by offering more variety in instructional offerings, such as a charter school or learning center. The more options the better. He also thanked the Superintendent and Janet Cosaro for bringing John Hollingsworth to the District.

## **ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**

### **Board of Education and Superintendent**

**A. Amendment to Board Policy 433 – Intradistrict Attendance (School Choice) First Reading**

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend Policy 433, Intradistrict Attendance, School Choice, as proposed, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**Instructional Services****B. Resolution #07/08-01: Child Care Grant and Application CCTR-7471**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the attached amended child care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Resolution #07/08-02: Child Care Grant CSCC-7324 and Application**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the child care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Approval of Adult School Courses for 2007/08**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Adult School courses for 2007/08, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Stephens applauded Principal Bernie Carr for the excellent job he has done to lead the school into a more positive direction. Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Didio also complimented Mr. Carr. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of minutes:
  - 1. Regular Meeting of August 21, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
  - 1. Certificated: #7912 through #7926  
*Teachers*
  - 2. Classified: C-3826 to C-3860  
*Bilingual Cross Cultural ELD Facilitator/Chinese, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant 1, Custodian, Health Clerk, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/PH, Paraprofessional/Special Education, School Office Manager, Secretary, Senior Clerk Typist, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant/Bilingual-Spanish, Warehouse Leadworker*  
Exempt: E-7225 to E-7233  
*Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Specialist, Student Helper*
- C. Readmission of Expelled Students
  - 1. #25-06/07E
  - 2. #26-06/07E
- D. Purchase Order Report #706
- E. Change Order: Sequoia Middle School – Courtyard Improvements – Thomas Schwab Corporation
- F. Resolution #07/08-05: 2007-2008 GANN Appropriations Limit
- G. Award of Contract: California Environment Quality Act – Conejo Valley High School

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Board of Education and Superintendent's Office**

- A. Adjustments to Public Comments Section of the Board Meetings

Mr. Contini introduced the topic. The Board members each discussed their concerns and preferences for the public comments portion of the Agenda. A full transcript of this discussion may be obtained from the Superintendent’s office. In conclusion, the Board agreed to:

1. Public Speaker Forms and/or Public Comment Forms may be obtained from the table in the back of the Board Room.
2. Individuals must submit all forms prior to the Public Comments section of the agenda, or if they wish to speak to items on the agenda, prior to the Action items portion of the meeting. Once filled out, forms must be returned to the District employee stationed at the table to be brought to the Recording Secretary.
3. The Board shall allow three minutes maximum for individual speakers, and may establish a reasonable limit for each agenda item or issue. The Board may elect to adjust the individual and total time allowed based upon the number of cards submitted for any one topic.
4. Individuals may only yield their time to another speaker if they have already submitted a speaker card. A speaker may only request three minutes of additional time from one other individual and that individual must yield his/her time at the podium.

**Instructional Services**

- B. Resolution #07/08-03: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials. There were no comments.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Didio adjourned the Open Session at 8:20 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

September 18, 2007

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