

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2001

MINUTES

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 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 Richard W. Simpson, Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum.

ROLL CALL

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Patricia H. Phelps, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of Certificated: teachers; Classified: childcare assistants, child nutrition assistants I, instructional assistant, instructional assistant/Special Education, substitutes; Exempt: specialists, student helpers, campus supervisors, advisors, athletic coaches; dismissal/discipline/release; labor relations. The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Before President Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance, she sent condolences to the victims and families of the tragedies in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. President Phelps 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. Phelps thanked Dr. Simpson for his time as Acting Superintendent. She complimented him and the staff for the smooth opening of school this year.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda as amended: add A.R. #01—Exemption Certification (STRS) for Emergency Employment of Retired Members; A.R. #02—Exemption Certification (STRS) for Emergency Employment of Retired Member; A.R. #03—Employment of Consultant Firm for Superintendent Recruitment, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Tanialee Rohde, Thousand Oaks High School, Corey D. McMahon, Newbury Park High School, and Natalie Estrada, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, reported on events such as rallies, freshmen orientations and elections, plans for homecoming events, blood drives, new administration, field trips, journalism conference, upcoming College Night, new construction at sites. Jordan L. Gershman, Westlake High School, was not able to attend.

STUDENT REPS.

Dr. Simpson 1) sent thoughts and prayers to the thousands of families affected by the tragic events in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. He reported that schools remained open as did all schools throughout the region. All school staffs were alerted to be extra vigilant. Many parents elected to keep their students home and of course, no student will be penalized for missing school. All after-school events that were opened to the public were

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canceled for the remainder of the day. 2) reported that as of the sixth day of school, we had 21,338 students, just 9 students above our projections. 3) complimented Chuck Eklund and school-to-career coordinators Leigh Ann Diffenderfer, Kathleen Murvin, and Mel Dick for their excellent presentations at the Thousand Oaks-Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce breakfast that featured the District's school-to-career program and opportunities for local business partners to get involved. He also thanked Board members Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Beaubien for representing the District. 4) updated the Board on AB 508, corrective legislation that would restore scholarships to last year's seniors who earned the scholarship but did not receive it due to conflicts with the Governor's program law and the testing requirements. While the bill moves slowly, there is still concern that the Governor will veto this legislation that would provide \$1,000 scholarships for as many as 250 of our June 2001 graduates. We have written to our legislators and would encourage affected parents to do the same. 5) thanked the Board for their confidence in allowing him to serve as Acting Superintendent for the past several weeks. He looks forward to working closely with the new Interim Superintendent, Dr. Neil Schmidt.

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REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Patti Yomantas, President, Conejo Council PTA, informed the Board of the many activities PTA is preparing for the year, including membership drive, Red Ribbon Week, raising funds for assemblies, organizing the National Reflections Program, Thanksgiving Manna drive, and preparing to help at Back-to-School nights. Two major topics the Council will focus on this year are Peace-by-Peace, an initiative that seeks to reduce and resolve interpersonal conflicts among students; the second is nutrition in the schools, with the goal being to provide more public information about school nutrition and ultimately healthier food and beverage choices available to students on the middle and high school campuses.

**DISTRICT
COMMITTEES**

Jack Tucker, Chair, Bond District Advisory Council, reported on the progress of work on District sites and the projected sale of the final bonds. He commented that the high priority phase and phase 1 of the original "wish lists" are completed.

There was no report from the District Advisory Council (DAC).

Suzanne Duckett discussed her concern about enrollment projections at the schools.

**PUBLIC
CONCERNS**

There were no individual Board remarks.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #5726 - #5736, Classified #C-0511 - #C-0541 and Exempt #E-2796 - #E-2920, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

PAO'S

Mrs. Phelps made the following announcements:

Dr. Neil C. Schmidt has been appointed Interim Superintendent, effective September 12, 2001, until selection of a permanent superintendent. Dr. Schmidt was present and was introduced.

Leadership Associates has been contracted to perform a superintendent search, effective September 12, 2001.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Exemption Certification (STRS) for Emergency Employment of Retired Members Dale Ackerman and Phalba Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Stephens commented that the District is fortunate to have

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excellent retired personnel such as Mr. Ackerman and Mrs. Thomas to fill in where needed. A.R. #01 filed.

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(CONT.)**

Mrs. Del Campo moved to approve the Exemption Certification (STRS) for Emergency Employment of Retired Member Dr. Neil Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #02 filed.

Mrs. Didio moved to employ Leadership Associates to conduct the superintendent search, seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #03 filed.

**SUPT.
SEARCH**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Del Campo. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 28, 2001, A.R. #1—Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests; A.R. #2—Pilot Courses: French 5AP; A.R. #3—Foreign Language Textbook and Material Adoption; A.R. #4—K-12 Science Grade Level Standards; A.R. #5—K-8 Science Courses of Study; A.R. #6—K-2 Elementary Reporting System; A.R. #7—Alternative School Accountability Indicators; A.R. #8—Approval of Adult School Courses for 2001-2002; A.R. #9—Purchase Order Report #590; A.R. #10—Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #11—Rejection of Insurance Claim (Martin); A.R. #12—Transfer of Funds. Dr Stephens again thanked Linda Vranesh and Martha Mutz for their leadership on the K-2 Elementary Reporting System. He asked if the grades 3-5 reporting system would be reading soon; Mrs. Vranesh and Mrs. Mutz said they expected the system to be presented sometime next year. .

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

INFORMATION

INFO.

The Board received information regarding the Secondary Standard Math Software Adoption; there was no discussion.

The Board received information regarding the 2000-2001 Fourth Quarter Financial Statement. Mrs. Didio commented that the District does a great job with half the amount of money that many of the larger districts receive per average daily attendance (ADA) of students.

There were no items of legislation; however, Dr. Simpson asked for support of legislation AB 508, corrective legislation for the Governor’s Scholarship Program.

**ITEMS OF
LEGISLATION**

There was no report from the Personnel Commission.

PERS. COMM.

President Phelps adjourned the regular session at 7:28 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

_____ Date

_____ Clerk

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_____ Secretary