

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

September 13, 2005

MINUTES**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of September 13, 2005, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:00 p.m. 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 5:02 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

1. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal
Pursuant to Government Code §54957
2. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
3. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
Property: Rancho Conejo Boulevard, Assessor's Parcel Number 667-0-340-030
Agency Negotiator: Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Realty
5. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter
Pursuant to Education Code §35146

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m. Dr. Stephens announced that the Board took no formal action during Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Stephens welcomed guests and read the procedural announcements.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens; Administration: Dr. Robert Fraise, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services.

Dr. Stephens welcomed and introduced the new Student Board Representatives.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

Reports from Student Board Representatives

Jill Zino, Newbury Park High School, sat with the Board and offered her vote on issues on the agenda. Jill, along with Morgan Lopker, Thousand Oaks High School, and Kelly Feiweles, Westlake High School, provided the Board with reports from their schools regarding topics such as activities to help with the hurricane Katrina victims along the Gulf Coast, new classes offered at their schools, athletic events, college workshops, Career Academy and School-to-Career activities, field trips, API scores, band and color guard activities, freshman welcoming events, and upcoming homecoming events.

Reports from Support Organizations Leadership

Sue Wells, Conejo Council PTA President, gave a report on the objectives of the National PTA and the mission of the State PTA. The theme this year is "Uniting Our Community."

Dianne McKay, President, Conejo Schools Foundation, discussed the Foundation's enrichment summer school program and thanked Bernie Carr, Brad Baker, Jon Sand and Bob Iezza for their leadership in the program, and for the instructors for their wonderful and creative programs. Mrs. McKay also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rick Caruso for their generous gift and encouragement to the guests at the opening of *The Lakes* to contribute to the Foundation. The Foundation's initiatives for the 2005-06 school year are: technology site grants for schools; a college counselor for high schools; musical instruments for all students; "We the People" program expansion; increased library funding; mini-grants for excellence in education for teachers; elementary school counseling expansion; and All-District Band Festival for the 3rd year. Mrs. McKay presented the Board with the second installment from the Foundation of \$50,000, completing the \$100,000 pledge last year. Dr. Stephens accepted the check and thanked the Foundation.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Fraise: 1) mentioned that in the wake of the effects of hurricane Katrina, many of our schools are looking at ways support those in need. He stated that the staff would like to encourage schools and affiliated groups to work through the American Red Cross. Dr. Fraise informed the Board that our District has about a half-dozen families that have enrolled in our schools, and we welcome them and hope to make their transition as comfortable as possible. 2) invited Sycamore Canyon School students Mansee Desai, Michael Iorga, Ohara Odahara, Royce Wells, and their parent/coach, Donna Wells, to the dais. These students entered the Ventura County Fair in the Academic Rodeo and placed 2nd, which won \$1,000 for their school! The students and Mrs. Wells presented the check to Assistant Principal, Brad Benioff. 3) presented a report on the state of the District in regard to the budget and API scores. Dr. Fraise proudly announced that our API average for the elementary schools is 860-up 10 points; middle schools 869-up 22 points; and high schools 818-up 29 points! Congratulations to students and staff for these outstanding numbers!

Comments from the Public

Nick Quidwai, Newbury Park, questioned the length of time of the Board's closed session meeting at the August 23, 2005, meeting; discussed his concern that the Board did not dedicate a moment of recognition to the passing of Mildred Lynch, former board member; and thanked Mr. Dunn for his work as a public servant.

Comments from Individual Board Members

- Mrs. Didio discussed the Board's tour (August 23, 2005) of district facilities and impact of the choice for quality buildings and improvements at each of the school sites. The district has spent millions on bond and state-matched fund to make our schools safer, cleaner, and more comfortable for the students and staffs. Mrs. Didio stated that she is already looking forward to next year's tour, which should include a state-of-the art science lab at Thousand Oaks High School, as well as other high-profile improvements. It's the long-range planning and planned funding that is necessary for these projects to be successfully completed, and she commended the staff. Mrs. Didio stated that she was proud to be part of the majority vote on the approval of a staff plan to fund the construction of quality classroom additions this summer instead of lesser cost and lesser quality series of temporary buildings. The upgraded buildings will be financed through a Certificate of Participation, which allows the District to receive the money now and pay the costs off over time with a predictable source of non-general fund money per our developer fee account.
- Mrs. Phelps mentioned that she saw a news story on KTLA this past Sunday that highlighted Aspen Elementary School and the results of a donation from KTLA to that school's computer lab. Mrs. Phelps thanked KTLA for their contributions. She also complimented Newbury Park High School for their new student store.
- Dr. Stephens commented on the School-to-Career breakfast at Los Robles Greens, and thanked Mrs. Barbara Sponslor for her sponsorship, helping to connect schools with local businesses. Dr. Stephens commended the District's students and staffs for the excellent API scores and pointed out the all four of the middle schools and three comprehensive high schools met the annual yearly progress (AYP) and exceeded the state goal of an 8000 academic performance index (API).

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**Instructional Services****1. Resolution #05/06-02: Child Care Grant CSCC-4260 and Application**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the attached child care grant resolution, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

2. Resolution #05/06-03: K-3 Class Size Reduction Program (SB-1777) Resolution and Application

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the attached resolution related to class size reduction, and approve the submission of the application for class size reduction funding, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye.

3. Public Hearing: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials

Dr. Stephens called a Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. John Anderson, Newbury Park, and Nick Quidwai, Newbury Park, submitted speaker cards to the issue. Mr. Quidwai questioned the textbook committee's research on these textbooks, and asked that the committee do a thorough investigation and not just approve without research. John Anderson asked that the Board provide other opportunities for parents to become involved in the selection of textbooks other than through the PTA and DAC. Dr. Stephens asked Dr. Fraisse to respond: Dr. Fraisse stated that the Public Hearing was for the purpose of making a public statement that there are sufficient textbooks and materials for the students in the District; Dr. Simpson further stated that it is a legal requirement that the District hold a public hearing for this issue, and that

the issue was presented at the last Board meeting as an information item. Dr. Stephens closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

4. **Resolution #05/06-04: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the attached resolution declaring the sufficiency of funds for student textbooks and materials, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

5. **Approval of 6-8 Intensive Intervention Standards-Based English Textbooks**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt and purchase the textbooks and instructional materials recommended by the teachers for secondary students whose reading achievement is two or more years below grade level, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

6. **Approval of Participation in AB466 Professional Development**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the submission of the application for AB466 funding, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

7. **Approval of Adult School Courses for 2005/06**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Adult School courses for 2005/06, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

Business Services

8. **Resolution #05/06-06: 2005-06 Gann Appropriation Limit**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt Resolution #05/06-06, Gann Appropriations Limit for 2005-06, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

9. **2004-05 4th Quarter Financial Statements**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to accept the 2004-05 Fourth Quarter Financial Statements as amended, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Phelps and Dr. Stephens thanked Dr. Baarstad for a great report; Dr. Baarstad replied that the credit goes to Drs. Fraisse and Simpson for their important suggestions and support, and mentioned that this District has dealt with cuts for three straight years. The staff will hold a Study Session for the Board on the budget on October 25, 2005 (instead of a regular Board meeting). Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0; student vote aye.

- A. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting of August 23, 2005, and Expulsion Hearing of August 30, 2005.
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
- C. Certificated: Teachers
- D. Classified: Child Care Assistants, Child Nutrition Assistants, Credentials Technician, Custodians, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Bilingual Spanish, Paraprofessionals/ Special Ed, Pre-School Assistant Teacher, Site Computer Technicians, Substitutes
- E. Exempt: Athletic Coaches, Campus Supervisors, Specialists, Student Helpers
- F. Readmission of Expelled Students: #6-04/05E and #10-04/05E
- G. Overnight Trip Requests: Thousand Oaks High School Journalism/Yearbook Club

- H. Purchase Order Report #670
- I. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- J. Acceptance of Cash and/or Equipment Donations
- K. Change Order #1—Various School Sites Flooring

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Resolution #05/06-05: Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. There were no comments.
2. Study Committee to Review Alternative Educational Opportunities.
Mrs. Didio stated that she was very pleased to see this coming through for approval; Dr. Stephens agreed and stated that this will be another opportunity/choice for our students. Mrs. Phelps stated that she would like to see parent representation from other support groups, such as PTA added to the list of representatives. John Anderson, Newbury Park, stated that he would like to see other avenues of access for parents to be on the committee besides PTA and DAC.
3. Approval of K-12 English/Language Arts Courses of Study. There were no comments.

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 7:17 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

Date

Clerk

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Superintendent

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