

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

September 18, 2007
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of September 18, 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 5:51 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Linda Peralta, Director, Elementary Education, Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education, and Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add “Recognition, CVUSD’s Nomination for California Teacher of the Year” under Opening Provisions, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mr. Dunn requested that approval of the minutes for Board meeting of September 4, 2007, be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately. Mrs. Didio approved. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition: CVUSD’s Nomination for California Teacher of the Year

Ms. Yoos introduced Karen Everett, Speech & Language Teacher at Meadows Elementary School, as the nominee.

Report on the District's API Scores

Ms. Cosaro provided information for the Board regarding the API results from the 2006-2007 school year. A copy of Ms. Cosaro's presentation may be obtained upon request.

One public speaker provided her assessment of the API scores.

Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Contini: 1) commended the Boys & Girls Club, Colina staff, the Recreation and Park District and the City of Thousand Oaks for the partnership involved in the grand opening of the Boys & Girls Club at Colina Middle School Monday evening; 2) discussed the program, "Rachelle's Challenge," at Thousand Oaks High School, which is a program committed to the message of Rachel Scott to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. Rachel was the first student killed during the Columbine tragedy. 3) discussed how much he enjoyed visiting the schools during the Back-to-School Nights, and thanked the staffs, parents, and principals for their work to ensure the events were successful; 4) invited everyone to the Science and Technology Showcases at each of the high schools, where panels of teachers, local businesses and university professors will hold discussions and then lead tours through the facilities. The events will be October 17- Westlake High School, October 18-Newbury Park High School, and October 22-Thousand Oaks High School; 5) commended the students and staffs for excellent API scores. As a high-achieving district, we have two unique goals: to break through the "glass ceiling" and to close the achievement gap.

Comments from the Public

One speaker invited the Board and community to "The Day of the Horse" event on September 29, 2007. This event is free to all who attend.

One speaker stated her concerns and recommendations regarding tuberculosis.

One speaker questioned the high schools' rules regarding students late to class by more than 15 minutes are considered truant.

One speaker stated her concerns regarding an alert she received that PTA is supporting propositions against family values.

Twelve (12) speakers spoke about declining enrollment: seven (7) speakers were against closing schools, five (5) speakers spoke to support the staff's recommendation to close schools if necessary. Five (5) public written statement forms were received, with three (3) against closing schools and (1) in support of the Board's decision, (1) not committed. *(This is the count of all speakers to the issue of declining enrollment/closing schools, which was cover under Action Items C, D, and E.)*

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**Instructional Services****A. PUBLIC HEARING: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials**

Mrs. Didio opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.; there were no speaker forms submitted. Mrs. Didio closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

B. Resolution #07/08-03: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the attached resolution declaring that each pupil has been provided with sufficient standards-based textbooks and instructional materials consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum framework, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

C. Establishment of Average Elementary School Size

Dr. Stephens moved to establish a target average elementary school size in a range between 475 and 500 students, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens stated that the rationale for this decision is cost effective and this range will help preserve the academic excellence at the school. Mrs. Phelps asked if we were to remove Lang Ranch and Sycamore Canyon's numbers out of the equation, what would the current average be. Dr. Baarstad responded about 450. Motion carried 4-1 (Beaubien, Didio, Phelps, Stephens – yes, Dunn – no).

D. Consideration of Elementary School Closure Decisions for Fall 2008

Mrs. Phelps moved to close no elementary schools in fall 2008 and direct staff to develop budget options for addressing a loss of approximately \$730,000 in the 2008-09 budget due to declining enrollment, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Consideration of Elementary School Closure Decisions for Fall 2009

Mrs. Beaubien moved to defer the issue of fall 2009 school closure decisions to August/September 2008 to allow for the inclusion of fall 2008 kindergarten enrollment, and 2008-09 long-term enrollment projections into the decision-making process, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mrs. Phelps stated her concern about deferring this motion to 2008, especially since we have been educating the public as to what the options are now. She stated that she would not vote for this motion, and would prefer that the staff and Board consider planning for school closure, if necessary, in 2009. However, in the event enrollment improves or the district receives more funding from the State, these plans could be shelved for future consideration, if necessary. Dr. Baarstad confirmed that advanced information was requested by the goals committee. He suggested that we could defer the decision to fall 2008 after the kindergarten numbers are received, and in the meantime staff could work on the criteria that would be used to close schools. The Board would not be locked into the decision to close schools in 2009 unless it was absolutely necessary. Mrs. Beaubien withdrew her original motion. Mrs. Beaubien then moved to close two elementary schools in fall 2009, and direct staff to begin Phase II of the School Closure Decision-Making Process to identify those schools with the understanding that if the budget improves or enrollment changes/increases, we can then go back and revisit this motion and change it, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mr. Dunn requested a parliamentary decision on Mrs. Beaubien withdrawing her original motion without voting on it first. Mrs. Yoos confirmed that Mrs. Beaubien could withdraw her original motion. Mr. Dunn asked why the rush? Mrs. Didio explained that they are voting to go into Phase II to set the criteria for closing schools in order to prepare for the need to do so. However, and hopefully, this plan will not have to be put in place. Motion carried 4-1 (Beaubien, Didio, Phelps, Stephens – yes, Dunn – no).

E. Approval of minutes: Regular meeting of September 4, 2007

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the minutes of Board meeting of September 4, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. One speaker requested that the minutes be changed to better reflect her comments. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

- A. ~~Approval of minutes: Pulled from the Consent agenda and placed as "E" above.~~
- 1. Regular Meeting of September 4, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #7927 through #7940
Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-3861 to C-3887

Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Manager, Custodian, Health Clerk, Instructional Media Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education, Secretary, Senior Account Clerk, Site Computer Technician

- 3. Exempt: E-7300 to E-7887
Advisor, Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Purchase Order Report #708
- D. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- E. Certification of the Impact of the 2007-08 State Education Budget on the 2007-08 CVUSD Adopted Budget
- F. Change Orders
 - 1. #1 – Various School Sites – Asphalt Paving – Tyner Paving Company
 - 2. #2 – Sequoia Middle School – Courtyard Improvements – Thomas Schwab Corporation
- G. Notices of Completion
 - 1. Various Sites – Asphalt Paving at Various Sites 2007-RSC Construction, Inc.
 - 2. Various Sites – Asphalt Paving at Various Sites 2007-Mission Paving & Sealing, Inc.
 - 3. Banyan Elementary School – Roofing Repair Replacement 2007-Letner Roofing Company
 - 4. Newbury Park High School – Mechanical Room Renovation – California Commercial Pools
 - 5. Newbury Park High School and Colina Middle School – Electrical – Reyes & Sons, Electrical
 - 6. Various School Sites – Flooring – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Resolution #07/08-07: K-3 Class Size Reduction Program (SB-1777) Resolution and Application (no comments)
- B. Resolution #07/08-08: Red Ribbon Week Proclamation (no comments)

Business Services

- C. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA) (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, October 2, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

October 2, 2007

Date

Clerk

October 2, 2007

Date

Superintendent

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