

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

**October 6, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of October 6, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 4:30 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 4:34 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*
 - 1. District Superintendent
- B. Public Employee Discipline-Dismissal-Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §5495*)
- 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 6:03 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

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, Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology Services, and Pete Peterson, Director, Planning & Facilities.

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

Dr. Stephens announced that the Board had decided to appoint a subcommittee consisting of Pat Phelps and himself to explore the Board's options for the selection of the next Superintendent.

OPENING PROVISIONS

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Agenda with the following changes: change II. Opening Provisions D. 1. from Magnet to Charter and on page 25 Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Lacrosse Booster Club, replace all references to Westlake High School to Thousand Oaks High School, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentations

- **Bridges Charter School Petition**
Lori Peters, Teacher, and Randall Witt, Board President of Bridges Charter School, presented the Bridges Charter School petition to the Board of Education. One public speaker spoke in support of the charter and 21 public written statement cards were presented in support of the charter.
- **Westlake High School Solar Schools Club**
Students Adam Raudonis, Founder, and Michelle Carney presented information regarding a proposed solar panel system for a building at Westlake High School. The students have raised over \$4,000 for the project and a local restaurant, Sea Casa, is donating 25% of their revenue to the effort.

Student Board Members

Earlier in the evening, the students met with the Board and staff during closed session, and then walked through an orientation of the Board room and procedures with Mrs. Cosaro. Corey Prahl, representing Conejo Valley and Century High Schools, sat with the Board. Edward Cruz, representing Newbury Park High School, Heather Lutz, representing Thousand Oaks High School, and Erin Apregan, representing Westlake High Schools, reported on topics such as maintenance work at the schools over the summer, various charities, new classes offered at the schools, Red Ribbon Week, new community garden, Back-to-School Nights, athletics, homecoming events, International Week, club activities, college workshops, blood drives, fundraisers for the troops, choir and band activities, dance team competitions, and guest speakers.

Comments from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Council PTA President, Randi Dennen, discussed back to school activities planned over the summer and put to good use once school opened. She discussed the networking meeting that was held the previous day with representative from each of the schools as well as principals and district office staff. Ms. Dennen announced that the PTA Reflections Gallery will take place on November 23 at the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. The theme is: "Beauty is..." Several schools are having fall or Halloween carnivals, which are fund raisers for those schools. Many schools are participating in the "school cents" program at the Oaks Mall. By having your receipts stamped at guest services, your school will get credit. At the end of the year, the schools will get mall gift cards.

District Advisory Council (DAC), Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, reported from the meeting in September where the council heard reports on summer school, including on-line classes, facility upgrades, personnel changes and a budget report. Ms. Dollenmayer invited the community to check the DAC webpage on the District's website: www.conejo.k12.ca.us under the tab "Parents & Students."

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Financial Secretary Dianne McKay spoke for Mike Soules, CSF President, about the success of the "Walk for Healthy Schools" event. Over 400 walkers, including school board members, staff, parents and community members walked in support of Healthy Schools. Ms. McKay thanked the families who so generously donated funds to offer grants to school sites, and mentioned the CSF planning retreat on Saturday, October 10.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini gave praise to the amazing level of support for the students, staff and families of students due to the death of two of our students last week. Mr. Contini thanked Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education, for orchestrating the crisis teams assigned to the schools and the many professional staff who were involved. He also thanked the many community outreach organizations that came forward to help.

Mr. Contini asked Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, to report on the options the board will have to consider for the future of the Outdoor School Program.

Comments from the Public

One speaker spoke in support of woodshop at Redwood Middle School; one speaker spoke in support of the Elementary Counseling program.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mr. Dunn presented Mr. Brandt, Woodshop Teacher at Redwood Middle School, a large tree stump; Mrs. Buckles discuss the "EARTHS After Dark" community program, Mrs. Phelps discussed her new assignment on the Technology Committee and was greatly impressed with the knowledge of technology of the committee members. The goal is to create an environment where people are excited to use technology and integrate it in the curriculum.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Personnel Services****A. Eliminating and Establishing Classified Positions**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the elimination and establishment of new positions as specified, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2009-2010, as attached, and authorize administrative staff to forward the declaration to the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**C. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution #09/10-05: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials**

Dr. Stephens opened a Public Hearing at 7:71 p.m., there were no comments. Dr. Stephens closed the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

D. Resolution #09/10-05: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials

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

E. Approval of Cyber High School Courses to be Offered as a Pilot Program 2009/2010

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the Cyber High School pilot program for the CVUSD in 2009/2010, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Discover Academy of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the DISCOVER Academy of Engineering and Applied Sciences beginning in the 2010-2011 school year in sixth grade adding seventh and eighth grade each subsequent years, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

G. EARTHS Extended Day Kindergarten

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve extended day kindergarten program for EARTHS Magnet School as part of their standard bell schedule, seconded by Mrs.

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 October 6, 2009

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #8430 through #8434
Teachers
2. Classified: C-4736 to C 4767
Bilingual Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Clerk Typist, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Health Clerk, Instructional Media Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Intermediate Clerk Typist/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Site Computer Technician
3. Exempt: E-8931 to E-8982
Advisor, Campus Supervisor, Outdoor Naturalist, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Students

1. #17-09/10
2. #18-09/10

D. Amended Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Students

1. #4-09/10
2. #15-09/10

E. Overnight Trip Request

F. Expulsions

1. Conejo Elementary School #1-09/10
2. Colina Middle School #2-09/10
3. Conejo Valley High School #3-09/10

G. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Thousand Oaks High School Lacrosse Booster Club

H. Purchase Order Report #753

I. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

J. Denial of Insurance Claim

K. Award of Contracts

1. Thousand Oaks High School – Boys' Locker Room
2. Westlake High School – Main Line Repair/Replacement

L. Change Orders

1. Thousand Oaks High School – Gym HVAC Renovation – Ardalan, Inc.
2. Thousand Oaks High School – Classroom Corridor Renovation – Ardalan, Inc.

M. Notices of Completion

1. EARTH'S Magnet School – Asphalt Paving – Landmark Grading & Paving, Inc. DBA Quality Paving
2. Sequoia Middle School – HVAC Furnace Replacement – Steve Spencer HVAC, Inc.
3. Westlake High School – Auto/Band Room Conversion – David Atkin Construction, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5116.1 and Administrative Regulations – Intradistrict Attendance

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Reports from the Strategic Plan Committees: Mrs. Cosaro reported on Committee #1: Instruction.
- 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 8:15 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

October 20, 2009

Date

Clerk

October 20, 2009

Date

Superintendent