

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

October 23, 2007  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of October 23, 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 5:02 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 6:15 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

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

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting.

Present were Board members Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Dorothy Beaubien and Pat Phelps were not present. 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 and Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add Information and Discussion item “Public Hearing and Appointment of a Personnel Commissioner.” seconded by Dr. Stephens.

**Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) thanked the agencies that have shared information regarding the fires and local air quality; 2) reported on the sessions with Dr. Barry Posner, world-renowned in the area of leadership development. Four of our Board members attended the sessions, along with many of our principals and other management. 3) discussed the inter-governmental relations meeting that was held last week with the District, the City, and CRPD. Board and staff representatives met to discuss topics such as possible school closures, the School Resource Officers (SRO’s), Youth Outreach Program, Teen Reality Parties, Parent Resource Centers, and the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families. The City Manager invited all to the upcoming Local

Economic/Demographic Outlook Study Session. These meetings are to promote open lines of communication between the agencies; 4) complimented the staff on moving forward with a “culture of leadership” that is commendable; 5) thanked Linda Peralta for her years of exemplary service to our District as she moves on to the Pleasant Valley School District as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. We’ll miss you, Linda!

### **Comments from the Public**

One speaker spoke about her views on California School Boards Association (CSBA) and its stand on various issues.

One speaker asked Mrs. Cosaro to explain the Academic Performance Index (API) scoring process. Mrs. Cosaro explained that the process is very complicated. The API is calculated on a scale of 200 to 1000, with 800 being the target score for school districts. It has become more difficult over the years as every school gets a score, but it is judged on student performance and weighted performance bands of far below basic, below basic, basic, basic proficient and basic advanced. Within those groups the individuals are weighted, depending upon the test they take, and the grade the test is given in. In 2006 some of the weighted scores were changed for socio-economically disadvantaged students, English Language Learners and students with disabilities that were not counted in before. Another issue that makes it difficult to measure from year to year is the change in weights from year to year. You cannot look at the scores as 0-100, with traditional assignments of 90-100 being an A, 80-90 a B, etc. These scores are developed and determined by the California State Department of Education

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

Dr. Stephens thanked the Superintendent for apprising the parents, staff and community about the fires and air quality. He thanked Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Beaubien for their efforts over the years to get the Intergovernmental Relations Committee together to discuss issues that affect everyone in the community. Dr. Stephens also thanked Mr. Contini for facilitating Dr. Posner’s leadership presentation to district staff and board members.

Mr. Dunn complimented Debbie Gonzales, Administrative Assistant, Instructional Services, for her thorough and detailed minutes from the District Advisory Council (DAC) meetings.

Mrs. Didio commended the leadership presentation by Dr. Posner, and pointed out his ability to meet and engage everyone in the room and remember their names. She also mentioned the Intergovernmental Agency meeting, and hopes to discuss Educational Television Channel 20 at the next meeting, and on-going revenue.

## **ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**

### **Personnel Services**

#### **A. PUBLIC HEARING: California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 620 Initial Proposal**

Mrs. Didio opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.; there were no speaker forms submitted. Mrs. Didio closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

#### **B. Formal Receipt of 2007-2008 Reopener Contract Proposal Submitted by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 620**

Mr. Dunn moved to formally receive 2007/2008 Proposal for Reopening Bargaining Negotiations submitted by California School Employee Association’s proposal, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **C. Resolution #07/08-10: School Psychology Week, November 4-10, 2007**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring November 4-10, 2007, as “School Psychology Week,” seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 3-0.

Instructional Services**D. Approval of District Library Plan**

Mr. Dunn moved for the Board of Education to approve the District Library Plan, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 3-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 3-0.

- A. Approval of minutes:
  - 1. Regular Meeting of October 2, 2007
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
  - 1. Certificated: #7947 through #7962  
*Teachers*
  - 2. Classified: C-3901 to C-3922  
*Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Custodian, Director, Maintenance & Operations, Health Clerk, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Instructional Media Technician, Maintenance Worker II, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education, Preschool Assistant Teacher, School Office Manager, Secretary*
  - 3. Exempt: E-7428 to E-7517  
*Advisor, Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*
- C. Contracts for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Students
  - 1. #23-07/08
  - 2. #24-07/08
- D. Expulsions:=
  - 1. Thousand Oaks High School #5-07/08E
  - 2. Sycamore Canyon School #6-07/08E
  - 3. Conejo Valley High School #7-07/08E
  - 4. Conejo Valley High School #8-07/08E
- E. Overnight Trips by Airplane Requests
  - 1. Meadows Elementary School
  - 2. Sycamore Canyon School
- F. Overnight Trip Requests
  - 1. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team
  - 2. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team
- G. Purchase Order Report #710
- H. Change Orders
  - 1. #1 – Los Cerritos Middle School – Phase 1 Modernization – Viola, Inc.
  - 2. #2 – Indefinite Quantity Fencing – Magnum Fence and Security, Inc.
  - 3. #4 – Sequoia Middle School – Courtyard Improvements – Thomas-Schwab Corp.
- I. Notices of Completion
  - 1. Various Sites – Asphalt Paving at Various Sites 2007-Tyner Paving Company
  - 2. Sequoia Middle School – Courtyard Improvements – Thomas Schwab Corporation

**INFORMATION ITEMS****Instructional Services**

- A. Grade Level Configuration – Banyan Elementary School. Mrs. Didio requested an explanation as to why Banyan will not convert until the 2009/2010 school year. Mrs. Cosaro explained that based on a review of enrollment projections, Sequoia Middle School's current seventh grade class has 433 students and the school will not have capacity for Banyan's incoming sixth grade for the 2008-2009 school year. However, in the 2009-2010 school year, the eighth grade class will be considerably lower and will be able to accommodate the incoming sixth graders. Dr. Stephens asked if the Middle School concept has been a resounding success; Mrs.

Cosaro responded yes, the transitions have been successful. Mrs. Didio asked if Banyan was required to go to Sequoia or can they attend Sycamore Canyon. Mrs. Cosaro responded that students from Banyan would have to "choice" into Sycamore Canyon.

**Personnel Services**

- C. Public Hearing and Appointment of a Personnel Commissioner. There were no comments.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: Mr. Contini reported that there will be a joint meeting of all three committees on Wednesday, October 24.
- 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 7:06 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, for a Study Session regarding Criteria for School Closures at 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

November 6, 2007

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Clerk

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