

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****November 1, 2011****MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of Tuesday, November 1, 2011, was called to order by President Peggy Buckles at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Buckles asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:01 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
  - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
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- C. Labor Negotiations (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)  
Timothy Carpenter, Negotiator, CVUSD  
UACT, CSEA, CVPPA
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline – Expulsion or Suspension (*Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*)
- E. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension (*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*)
- F. Pending Litigation (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a) (3)*)
- G. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*)  
*Kelley Road Property, Conejo Center Drive Property, Mitchell Road Property, Avenida de los Arboles Property; Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, CVUSD Negotiator*

The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

**REGULAR SESSION****OPENING PROVISIONS**

Mrs. Buckles called the Regular Session of the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Buckles led the Pledge of Allegiance, read the procedural announcements and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Janet Cosaro, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education and Jack Wilson, Director, Facilities and Construction. Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, was not present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**Student Board Representatives**

Lauren Chi, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Rebekah Solomon, Thousand Oaks High School, Hannah Degani, Newbury Park High School, Sydney Crawford, Century Academy and Jessica Romero, Conejo Valley High School, reported on events on their campuses such as athletics, band and chorus, ASB, PTSA/PFA activities, rallies, Homecoming events, Red Ribbon week events, fund raisers, Halloween activities, WASC visit (WHS), blood drives, charity drives for the holidays, and many more. Rebekah Solomon expressed the deep sadness of the campus due to the loss of a student.

**Parent Support Organizations**

Cindy Goldberg, Representing Conejo Schools Foundation, congratulated the following teachers who are recipients of the "Cash for Classrooms" for the month of November: Marsha Jones, Conejo Valley High School, for a poetry book to be written by students; Janet Dieterle, Madroña Elementary, for her 4<sup>th</sup> grade book club; Linda Sigelakis, Ladera Elementary, for a disposable camera project for special education students to record their educational experiences; Richard Bateman, Sycamore Canyon, for the Adobe Captivate 5.5 to help differentiate instruction, help auditory learners and to help with teacher training; and Lannette Clifford, Cypress Elementary, for her classroom economy project.

Denise Reader, President, Conejo Council PTA, provided news about two PTAs: Banyan and Wildwood Elementary Schools. Banyan PTA is focusing on four projects: Technology, funding PE, safety and disaster preparedness, and site beautification. Wildwood PTA held their Reflection Gallery last week, held Red Ribbon Week activities including a visit from the local Fire Station 34, and a Fall Festival. They have planned several assemblies for the students throughout the year.

Laurie Lam, Chair, District Advisory Council, reported from the meeting of October 11: Mrs. Buckles discussed the relationship between the School Board and DAC, Dr. Baarstad presented the Board's goals, two teachers discussed the GATE program, and there was a report from the Technology Committee. The next DAC meeting will be on November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

**Comments from the Deputy Superintendent**

Mrs. Cosaro expressed sadness for the loss of a student at Thousand Oaks High School, and commended the district crisis team who helped the students, family and staff work through the loss. Mrs. Cosaro commended Westlake High School Principal Ron Lipari and staff for their recent WASC visit. The team at WHS received praise for their Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and the wide variety of activities offered students. Mrs. Cosaro quoted the team's assessment that, "Students are respectful, motivated to learn, and achieving at high levels."

**Comments from the Public**

One speaker expressed concern about a news article in which a staff member inferred that some students with disabilities are being asked to do things that may be impossible for them. One speaker spoke about the sale of property on Kelley Road and the importance of that property being marked as a historical site and the location of the first school in the Conejo.

**Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mr. Dunn asked to have an Information Item on the November 15 Board Agenda, asking the board to send a letter to the City Council requesting removal of the deed restriction on the Conejo Center Drive property.

Dr. Connolly discussed the meeting of the Ventura County School Boards Association (VCSBA) where the topic was "Rescue and Redemption," a discussion about alternative high school educational programs. Dr. Baarstad was on the panel along with former Superintendent, Dr. Robert Fraisse. Dr. Connolly stated that the information shared was excellent and there are many good support services throughout the County.

Dr. Connolly also discussed a couple of letters she received from community members concerning healthy lunches and the wellness policy. Dr. Connolly said that while the district is struggling with a greatly reduced budget and reduced staff, she would like to request an agenda item regarding alternatives and comparisons with other districts. Mrs. Phelps suggested a discussion session sometime in January; Dr. Connolly agreed.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Buckles expressed sympathy to the two families that lost students this month.

## ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

### Board of Education

#### **A. Establishing the Date for the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board**

Mr. Dunn moved to hold the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education for 2011 on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The meeting will be held at the District Office, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

### Personnel Services

#### **B. School Psychology Week – November 14-18, 2011**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring November 14-18, 2011, as “School Psychology Week,” seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

### Instructional Services

#### **C. Approval of the Outdoor Education Contract**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the expenditure of funds and contract with the Foundation for the Junior Blind, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **D. Approval of APEX Learning Digital Curriculum Online Courses**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve APEX Learning Digital Curriculum online courses for our CVUSD students, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

## ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

#### A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)

1. Regular Meeting October 18, 2011

#### B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #8924 - #8925  
*Teachers*
2. Classified: C-6609 to C-6661  
*Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Assistant-Satellite, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Teacher, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Severely Disabled, Paraprofessional/ Special Ed*
3. Exempt: E-11281 to E-11396  
*Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Naturalist, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*

#### C. Expulsions

- 1. Redwood Middle School #4-11/12E
- 2. Conejo Valley High School #5-11/12E
- 3. Colina Middle School #6-11/12E

D. Purchase Order Report #799

E. Revision of Child Nutrition Start-Up Fund

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no information items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Buckles adjourned the Open Session at 7:08 p.m. The Board will reconvene on **Tuesday, November 15, 2011**, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

November 15, 2011

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