

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

November 6, 2007

**MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of November 6, 2007, was called to order by President Dolores Didio at 5:23 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 5:24 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 6:11 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

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

President Didio called the meeting to order at 6:15 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. Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education, was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Reports from Student Board Representatives**

Marina Piper, Thousand Oaks High School, sat with the Board. Marina, along with Aaron Alpert, Westlake High School, and Cody Gregoriadis (sitting in for Gage Morris), Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, and Katie Murphy, Thousand Oaks High School, discussed campus events such as club activities, athletics, theater and choral activities, assemblies, Homecoming events, on-line voting, WIT Academy events, Red Ribbon Week, Relay for Life, Powder Puff events, and college applications.

**Comments from Support Groups**

Conejo Council PTA President, Aleta Smith, reported the shifting of many fund raisers from traditional cookie dough and candy sales to jog-a-thons, spell-a-thons, and direct donation fund raisers. The funds the units raise may include programs in character building, music, PE and art teachers, updating playground equipment and computer labs. The units are busy collecting art work for the Reflections Program, whose theme this year is "I Can Make A Difference By..." The PTA Council had a booth in the Street Fair this year, offering information about the district. The topic of the next Child and Adolescent Disorder Seminar is regarding Substance Abuse and Your Teen, to be held November 27 at the TO Library. Ms. Smith introduced Manzanita PTA President, Lilly Dollenmeyer. Ms. Dollenmeyer and students presented information about the SHRUBS program at their school.

Lorraine O'Neill, Bond District Advisory Council (DAC) Chair, reported from the October meeting. Phil Nelson, the new Director, Planning and Facilities, was introduced and gave his assessment of the District Facilities. A list of completed summer projects included new restrooms for Los Cerritos along with a new air filtration system, woodshop conversion and sound enhancement. Westlake High School also had restroom renovations, new air conditioning and heating system, new fire alarm and bell system. Thousand Oaks High School received additional science lab renovations, ADA parking lot upgrades and gym bleacher replacement. Wildwood had restroom renovations, new concrete and ramps and a new fire alarm was installed. Jack Wilson presented a preliminary list of projects completed with Measure R and State Modernization money for the committee to review. The 2006-2007 annual report will be available in May 2008 so all financial data from the 2007 summer projects and proposed 2008 summer projects will be included, along with plans for any remaining money.

Sue Wells, District Advisory Council Chair, reported from the October meeting, which is traditionally the orientation meeting for new and seasoned reps. Mrs. Beaubien spoke to the group and explained the importance of the DAC/School Board relationship. Mr. Contini gave his State of the District address, which including API scores and declining enrollment. Lang Ranch presented their Safari Montage program, which allows students to see DVD clips that correspond to their lesson plans. The November meeting will include presentations from Dr. Mike Vollmert on "What Do API Scores Mean," the Newbury Park High School AVID Program, and Dr. Baarstad's "District Budget - the Big Picture."

**Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) thanked Dr. Baarstad for the excellent presentation regarding the Proposed Elementary School Closure Evaluation Criteria and committee members: Betsy Connolly (Parent and former DAC Chair), Susan Pease (Teacher), George Coyle (Principal), and Phillip Nelson (Director, Planning & Facilities); 2) thanked the SHRUB (Students Helping Restore Unique Biomes) students from Manzanita who introduced their program to connect youth to the outdoors through stewardship. The students work with park rangers collecting seeds, planting and caring for native plants. The students presented each board member with a native plant; 3) welcomed Dr. Cannings from CLU and the visiting educators from England who have been visiting some of our schools and programs. Mr. Contini thanked the host principals: Martha Tureen (Banyan), Jennifer Boone (Manzanita), Bob Iezza (Conejo), Dena Sellers (Ladera), Vivian Viña (Sequoia) and Athol Wong (Newbury Park High School), and staff members Dr. Baarstad, Linda Peralta, and Max Beaman for conducting special sessions. Board members will meet with the visitors on Friday.

**Comments from the Public**

One speaker stated her concerns about the district's conference and convention budget when schools are being closed and the passage of SB 777. She also mentioned that the new officers on campus carry tazers and guns.

One speaker spoke about a Veteran's Day Celebration at Sequoia Middle School.

**Comments from Individual Board Members**

Mrs. Beaubien mentioned that she, along with Lou Lichtl, Principal, Redwood Middle School, Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education and Athol Wong, Principal, Newbury Park High School, were invited to go to Paxton Patterson, a company that packages career tech programs for high schools. Mrs. Beaubien felt that the program was well worth looking into and would enhance any of the career programs in our district.

Dr. Stephens thanked Lorraine O'Neill for her Bond DAC report and pointed out how the District was able to leverage the original Bond money and receive \$68 million more through state matching grants. He thanked former Superintendent Fraise, current Superintendent Contini, and Jeff Baarstad for their work to see that this was accomplished. The facilities look great! (Dr. Baarstad pointed out that a lot of that money went to plumbing, roofing, and infrastructure – so the job is still not done. Many facilities still have the original flooring and cabinets from the '60s.)

**ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL****Board of Education and Superintendent****A. Reschedule Board Meeting Date of December 4 to December 11, 2007**

Mrs. Phelps moved to not change the regular meeting of Tuesday, December 4, 2007, and schedule another Board meeting for December 18, 2007. Due to the multiple agenda items for the month of December, Mrs. Didio asked for discussion. Mrs. Phelps stated that historically the Board cancels the second meeting in December. Now that the Board is meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, there is no need to cancel the second meeting since the Board has a great deal of business to conduct in December. Dr. Stephens supported the need for two meetings in December and pointed out that Dr. Baarstad wanted to have another study session regarding the very important issue of school closures. Mr. Dunn asked if this was a staff recommendation; the reply was yes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. (*Special Note: After the Board approved reinstating the date of December 4, 2007, they were advised by several Jewish families that December 4 was the evening before the first day of Hanukah, and as such, families celebrate on that evening beginning at sundown. President Didio recommended changing the Board date to December 5 in respect to those family traditions.*)

**Instructional Services****B. Grade Level Configuration: Banyan Elementary School**

Dr. Stephens moved to convert Banyan Elementary School from a K-6 school to a K-5 school effective with the 2009-2010 school year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0, student vote aye.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

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

**A. Approval of minutes:**

1. Regular Meeting of October 23, 2007

**B. Personnel Assignment Orders:**

1. Certificated: #7964 through #7971

*Teachers*

2. Classified: C-3923 to C-3957

*Adult School CASAS Assistant, Adult School Classroom Aide, Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessional Facilitator - Chinese, Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Professional Facilitator – Spanish, Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Clerk Typist, College and Career Guidance Specialist, Maintenance Worker II, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education, Secretary, Senior Clerk Typist*

Exempt: E-7518 to E-7582

*Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*

- C. Expulsions:
  - 1. Los Cerritos Middle School #9-07/08E
  - 2. Los Cerritos Middle School #10-07/08E
  - 3. Newbury Park High School #11-07/08E
  - 4. Redwood Middle School #12-07/08E
- D. Overnight Trip Requests
  - 1. Overnight Field Trip by Bus Request – Madroña Elementary School
  - 2. Overnight Field Trip by Bus Request – Meadows Elementary School
  - 3. Overnight Field Trip by Bus Request – Newbury Park Concert Choir
- G. Purchase Order Report #711
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

- A. Community Advisory Committee Representative
- B. Approval of Visual and Performing Arts Instructional Materials – Grades 6-8

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: Mr. Contini reported from the Joint Meeting on October 24. The Governance and Funding Committee discussed a “marketing plan” and had break out groups to discuss leadership development. A position paper defining the culture of leadership for our district will result from this group. The committee also discussed extended day kindergarten, which all three committees will review. Ms. Cosaro discussed the meeting with the Instruction goals committee, which included the three main goals: Goal 1: English Language Arts and Mathematics target percentages, Goal 2: English Language Learners, and Goal 3, Writing Strategies. Dr. Baarstad reporting from the Facilities committee stated that in addition to school closure criteria, this committee will be looking into long range projections and will report back on the 2008/2008 projects. They will also be looking into gap analysis and the relocation of the Kelley Road properties.
- 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 7:20 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session. *(Note: as stated above, the next meeting will be December 5, 2007.)*

November 20, 2007

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Clerk

November 20, 2007

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Superintendent