

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

November 14, 2006

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of November 14, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:01 p.m. Mrs. Phelps 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)(3)
- D. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters
Pursuant to Education Code §35146
- E. *Labor Negotiations*
Pursuant to Education Code §54957.6
- F. Conference with Real Property Negotiations: Rancho Conejo Boulevard Site
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8

The Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m. with no action to follow.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Vice President Dolores Didio called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, and Dr. Timothy Stephens, President Pat Phelps was absent. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education and Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education, were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add “Bond DAC: Lorraine O’Neill, Chairperson, to the II. Opening Provisions, E.3., seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Heather Higgins, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Heather, along with Taylor Patton, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, Larissa Avisov, Newbury Park High School, and Lily Xia,

Thousand Oaks High School, reported on events at their schools such as ASB/ASG activities, rallies, athletics, band events, College Night, club activities, homecoming events, school-to-career activities, field trips, testing, community services projects, NCLB Blue Ribbon activities, and others.

Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Aleta Smith, Conejo Council PTA President, congratulated the incumbents Phelps, Stephens, and Dunn for their re-election and thanked all candidates for their interest in the District. She mentioned PTA's excitement that Proposition 1D passed. Ms. Smith also commended the students who participated in the Reflections program.

Sue Wells reported for Betsy Connolly, District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairperson, from the last meeting. Ms. Wells stated that Board President Pat Phelps spoke about the DAC-Board relationship and key features of the Board's Code of Ethics. Dr. Simpson asked DAC members to review the DAC handbook, specifically the parent advisory communication structure and policy approval process by which the Board adopts policy. Dr. Simpson handed out budgets for each site and reviewed the budget process. The next DAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 22, at 9:00 a.m.

Lorraine O'Neill, Chairperson, Bond DAC, reported from the meeting of October 18, when Sean Corrigan, Director, Planning & Facilities, presented a report on the \$24 million worth of summer projects completed in a 50-day window while schools were not in session. The District expects to receive about \$35 million due to the passage of Proposition 1D, which will be used for the completion of modernization projects at some schools. The draft of the 2005-2006 Bond DAC Annual Report will be ready in November for review and approval by the council. Once finalized, it will be available for distribution. Ms. O'Neill stated that to date, the District has spent or encumbered around \$119 million in Bond funds on all the school site projects. The original \$88 million Bond earned over \$3 million in interest, and generated about \$29.4 million in matching state and local funds. With the anticipation of the additional \$35 million from Proposition 1D, a total of \$156 million will be generated by or matched from the original \$88 million Bond. The Executive Board members of Bond DAC are now participating members of the District's Facilities Goals Committee so that Bond DAC can better understand the impact the Master Plan will have on modernization spending and monitor these plans as they are developed. The next Bond DAC meeting will be January 25, 2007.

Report from Conejo Schools Foundation

Dianne McKay, Executive Director, thanked the Caruso Company for the contributions from the Lakes skating event throughout the previous evening. She stated that the Foundation's newsletter, *The Mighty Oaks*, will be mailed out soon and that the website is currently under reconstruction. Ms. McKay discussed her experience at the California Consortium of Education Foundation Conference, and mentioned that the Amgen grant is in motion sending some teachers to a science conference and working with local universities and Moorpark College for the lab assistance portion of the grant that they hope to have in place next semester. The Foundation welcomes a new board member, Jackie Dollarhyde. Ms. McKay announced that she will be leaving the Foundation as Executive Director to work with the Boys & Girls Club as Interim President, but will remain on the board of the Foundation.

Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Contini: 1) congratulated re-elected board members Mrs. Phelps, Dr. Stephens and Mr. Dunn and thanked all candidates for their interest in our children and schools; 2) congratulated individuals who were nominated for CLVFFie awards: Jean Gordon, Principal, Acacia Elementary School for her work with Cardiac Kids Have H.E.A.R.T. and for fund raising events that will ensure every district site has an automatic defibrillator and a trained person on staff, Dick Duran, senior

volunteer and wonderful reader at Glenwood Elementary School, and Kyle Luck, former music director at Westlake High School who contributed so much to the music department; 3) applauded Newbury Park High and Redwood Middle School students, staff and parents for their NCLB Blue Ribbon designation; 4) commended Dr. Mike Vollmert and his staff for the informative and excellent Pupil Performance Profile report; 5) thanked DeDe Burke, Colina 7th grade teacher, for her excellence and selection as Chamber Teacher of the Month; and 6) wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Comments from the Public

John Anderson, Newbury Park, thanked the community for the opportunity to run as a candidate for school board, and congratulated the incumbents for their success at the polls. Mr. Anderson asked that Board members consider nominating Mr. Dunn as an officer during the reorganization of the Board in December.

Cathy Carlson, Thousand Oaks, said that any time the Blue Ribbon school designation is used it should be "No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School," and made negative comments in regard to the Neighborhood for Learning program.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Didio referred to previous California School Boards Association (CSBA) conferences where she and other board members brought back valuable information that they learned from some of the workshops. Mrs. Didio cited one meeting where she first heard about how districts could negotiate with the city in regard to redevelopment dollars. Since 1987, over \$14 million dollars have been received from the City of Thousand Oaks through the TOPASS program, which was the result of that CSBA workshop.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

Personnel Services

A. Appointment of the Classified Employees' Nominee to the Personnel Commission

Mrs. Beaubien moved to accept the re-appointment of Mrs. Shirley Koeritz to serve a three-year term on the Personnel Commission, effective December 1, 2006, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

Instructional Services

B. Resolution #06/07-10: Child Care Grant and Application

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the attached child care grant resolution, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Dr. Stephens thanked all those who have made the many wonderful donations to our schools. He asked if the report could reflect a running total of cash donations, Dr. Baarstad responded yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Didio announced and congratulated the following administrative assignments:

Josh Eby as Assistant Principal, Newbury Park High School, Class X, Step A on the certificated management salary schedule for the 2006-2007 school year.

James Cook as Dean of Attendance, Newbury Park High School, Class XIII, Step B on the certificated management salary schedule for the 2006-2007 school year.

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Regular Meeting of October 28, 2006
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #7653 through #7660
 - 2. Classified: C-3493 to C-3518
 - 3. Exempt: E-6740 to E-6813
- C. Expulsions:
 - 1. Westlake High School #4-06/07E
 - 2. Thousand Oaks High School #5-06/07E
- D. Parent Support/Booster Organization Authorization
- E. Purchase Order Report #691
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- G. Acceptance of Cash and/or Equipment Donations
- H. Change Order #1 – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc.
- I. Notices of Completion:
 - 1. Westlake High School – Modular Addition – Mobile Modular
 - 2. Various Sites – Asphalt Paving – Tyner Paving Company
 - 3. Newbury Park High School – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons, Electrical, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of 2007 Summer School/Extended Year Programs. There were no comments.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees. Mr. Contini, Dr. Simpson, and Dr. Baarstad presented an update of the three goals committees. Dr. Stephens pointed out that the parent involvement in regard to the Strategic Plan is excellent, and that folding innovation into each of the components of the strategic plan was a great idea. Mrs. Beaubien complimented everyone on the presentation, but asked that School-to-Career remain as a focus. Mrs. Didio also asked about the School-to-Career classes aligning with Moorpark College classes for continued education and career development. She also agreed that the District's Disaster Plan should be in line with the City of Thousand Oaks' and the Conejo Recreation and Park Districts' plan, and that this would be a good topic for the Intergovernmental Committee to review.
- B. Report from the Staff: There was none.
- C. Report from the Personnel Commission: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Didio adjourned the Open Session at 7:35 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

November 28, 2006

Date

Clerk

November 28, 2006

Date

Superintendent

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