

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****December 1, 2009  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of December 1, 2009, was called to order by President Timothy Stephens at 5:00p.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 5:00 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. 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 6:02 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

Dr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Deputy Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Also in attendance were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Margaret Saleh, Director, Special Education and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

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

**OPENING PROVISIONS****Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Agenda with a correction on page 136 Approval of 2010 Summer School/Extended Year Program, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports from Student Board Members,**

Heather Lutz, representing Thousand Oaks High School, sat with the Board. Heather, along Miranda Fang, representing Westlake High School, Corey Prahl, representing Century/Conejo Valley High Schools, and Edward Cruz, representing Newbury Park High School, reported on athletics, homecoming events, various club activities, college workshops, blood drives, assemblies, fundraisers for the troops, Winter Dance, holiday charities, choir and

band activities, dance team competitions, report cards, student senate events, school-to-career activities, field trips, and guest speakers.

### **Comments from Parent Support Organizations**

Conejo Council PTA President, Randi Dennen, discussed the Conejo Council Reflections Gallery at the Thousand Oaks High School PAC. 155 students from 16 schools were honored in the categories of Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Film Production, Dance, Choreography, and Musical Composition. 80 entries will be submitted to the 12<sup>th</sup> District PTA, which includes all of Ventura County. Some will be honored on January 20 at the Ventura County Office of Education. The units are busy with holiday projects and charities. Manna, Toys for Tots, Mary Health of the Sick, cards, food, pillowcases, white socks and flip flops (for hospital stays), ground coffee for soldiers, Case Pacifica, pennies for patients with lymphoma and leukemia, the local Giving Tree, and table decorations for the community Christmas dinner.

District Advisory Council (DAC), Lilly Dollenmayer, Chairperson, reported from the meeting in November, where several presentations were offered: Dr. Stephens, Board President, offered the timeline and Superintendent selection process, Discover Academy by Vivian Viña, Principal, Sequoia Middle School, Technology Committee by Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum and Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology, CVUSD Website by Donna Bowen, Administrative Assistant, Business Services and Web Site Committee member. Complete minutes and agenda for the next meeting may be found on the District's website at [www.conejo.k12.ca.us](http://www.conejo.k12.ca.us) Click on "Students & Parents," drop down "District Advisory Council (DAC)."

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Mike Soules, provided information on the expenditures of some of the site grants provided by the Foundation: Banyan Elementary: to underwrite their SRA program; Ladera Elementary School - Safari Montage program; Madroña Elementary – Intervention Reading specialist; Los Cerritos Middle School – Skill Building Camp; Redwood Middle School – renovate a storage room to become the student store; Newbury Park High School – Mock Trial and Robotics programs; Thousand Oaks High School: four new LCD projectors for classroom use. You can find this and more about the site grants on the Foundation's website [www.conejoschools.org](http://www.conejoschools.org). Mr. Soules stated that the Foundation is performing a comprehensive review to set priorities to develop a 3-year strategic plan, which will include a clear vision and path for the future.

### **Comments from the Public**

One speaker asked that staff be more sensitive about the language used regarding District Office staff during budget discussions, one speaker thanked the Board and staff as he retires from his term as California Schools Employers Association (CSEA) President.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Mr. Contini hoped everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and time off. He announced that the Office of Public Health had requested a couple of school district sites for school-based H1N1 vaccine clinics. However, the sites (Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools) are not available on that day. Thanks to Jim Freidl, General Manager for the Conejo Recreation and Park District, the OPH may use Borchard Community Center in Newbury Park for the vaccination clinic. Many thanks to CRPD for the community support.

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

Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Buckles said thanks and good-bye to Stan McClain as he steps down from his position as President of CSEA. They also commented on the success of the PTA Reflections Program and thanked all those involved. Mrs. Buckles and Dr. Stephens commented on having attended Conejo Elementary School's Open Classroom Harvest Festival and Mrs. Buckles enjoyed Mrs. Byington's Immigration program at Aspen Elementary School. Dr. Connolly encouraged everyone to get the H1N1 vaccine if at all possible.

## **ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

### **Board of Education and Superintendent**

**A. Consideration of Resolutions #09/10-12 or Resolution #09/10-13 to Grant or Deny a Petition to Form the BRIDGES Charter School**

Dr. Connolly moved to approve Resolution #09/10-13 to deny a petition to form the BRIDGES Charter School, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. 10 public speakers spoke in favor of the Charter; 21 Public Written Statement Forms were submitted in favor of the Charter and one not in favor of the Charter. There was much Board discussion. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay. (A copy of the CD which includes the full board discussion about the Charter may be obtained from the Superintendent's office.)

**B. Board Policy Revision Process (Series 7000) Second Reading**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the proposed revisions to all Board policies and Administrative Regulations within Series 7000 with the exception of Board Policy and Administration Regulation 7310 Naming of Facilities, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Approval of Board Policy 5141.6 School Health Services**

Mr. Dunn moved to not approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.6 – School Health Services, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

**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 December 1, 2009

**B. Personnel Assignment Orders:**

1. Certificated Employees: #8449 through #8460  
*Counselors, Teachers*
2. Classified Employees: C-4830 to C 4857  
*Bilingual Cross-Cultural ELD Paraprofessional Facilitator/Chinese, Child Nutrition 1, Custodian, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Health Clerk, School Office Manager, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Special Ed*
3. Exempt Employees: E-9095 to E-9075  
*Advisor, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*

**C. Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team****D. Expulsions:**

1. Westlake High School #5-09/10
2. Redwood Middle School #16-09/10

**E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization**

1. Westlake Hills Parent Faculty Association
2. Newbury Park High School Girls Basketball Booster Club
3. Newbury Park High School Wrestling Booster Club
4. Thousand Oaks High School Track & Field Booster Club

**F. Purchase Order Report #757****G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**

- H. Award of Contract: Westlake High School Gym HVAC Ventilation Renovation
- I. Notices of Completion
  - 1. Thousand Oaks High School Gym HVAC Renovation – Ardalan Construction Company
  - 2. District Office Concrete/Masonry – C.P.F. Masonry

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

- A. Approval of 2010 Summer School/Extended Year Programs. There were no comments.
- B. Approval of 2009/2010 School Plans for Student Achievement. Dr. Stephens commented on the 50% loss in School Improvement Plan (SIP) funding.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

- A. Reports from the Strategic Plan Committees: Mrs. Cosaro discussed the presentation made to Committee #1 regarding survey for magnet/academy schools: K-5 #1-International Baccalaureate (IB), #2-Dual Immersion, and #3-Communications/Multi-Media. 6-8 #1-Bio Tech, #2-International/Humanities
- 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 8:40 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 5:00 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.

December 15, 2009

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Clerk

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Superintendent