

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

**December 1, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:05 p.m. President Betsy Connolly announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, *Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*  
Property negotiators for CVUSD are Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, and Dr. Ann N. Bonitatibus, Superintendent

The following property will be discussed regarding price and terms of payment:  
2498 Conejo Center Drive, Thousand Oaks

The Closed Session ended at 5:15 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**OPENING PROVISIONS**

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Board members John Andersen, Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, and Pat Phelps. Mike Dunn was not present at Roll Call, but arrived around 6:15 p.m. Administration: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; Dr. Jon Sand, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; James Garza, Director, Secondary Education; David Fateh, Director, Planning & Construction; and Mike Buckley, Director, Maintenance & Operations.

Dr. Connolly welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the procedural announcements.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 4-0. (Mr. Dunn was not present for this action.)

**Reports from Student Reporters**

Ilan Morad, representing Westlake High School, Brooke Barker, Thousand Oaks High School, Lauren Sutter, Century High School, and Priscilla Villa, Conejo Valley High School reported on the following activities on their campuses such as Theater events, Holiday choir and band presentations, Spirit Week activities, fundraisers and charities, athletics and many other activities.

**Reports from Parent Support Organizations**

Mike Soules, President, Conejo Schools Foundation, explained the “Cash for Conejo” program for teachers who submit their applications for a \$250 grant for supplies for special projects in their classrooms. To date this year, 28 grants have been awarded. The Foundation is working hard to ensure another great All District Musical Festival season, which will begin on April 18 and run through May 25. Please check the Foundation’s website at

[www.conejoschools.org](http://www.conejoschools.org) for the Festival and other great events. Mr. Soules thanked those who have contributed to the Foundation, and discussed the Foundation's 501C3 status as a non-profit organization.

Susan Hanscom, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), reported from the meeting of November 10, when Dr. Bonitatibus, Superintendent, presented her Greenprint for Learning program along with LCAP goals, and her meetings with the various focus groups. Dr. Connolly, Board President, discussed the role of the School Board with regard to parent organizations. Mr. McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, discussed the new employee evaluation process. The next DAC meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

**Staff Presentation: Update Regarding Conejo Valley Learning Center and the Relocation of Kelley Road Facility**, Dr. Jon Sand, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and David Fateh, Director, Facilities & Construction. Dr. Sand and Mr. Fateh provided a report regarding the proposed projects and the estimated costs and responded to questions from the Board.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Dr. Bonitatibus commented on her pride in the mention of the many charitable and service-oriented projects from the student reporters, particularly during the holiday season when families are in need. Dr. Bonitatibus and Director of Secondary Education, Jim Garza, had the opportunity to attend a forum, Entrée to Employment, which was sponsored by VC Innovates. The Superintendent and Mr. Garza, spoke with students who are interested in becoming teachers. She wished Thousand Oaks High School Lancer football team good luck as they vie for the state championship Friday evening in Camarillo. Dr. Bonitatibus ended with her favorite Learner Moment: while talking with students, grades 7-12, in a Greenprint for Learning Focus Group, they expressed their pride of the reputation of the district and the many opportunities in athletics and other extracurricular activities; however, they went on to express the pressures that may determine their future, academically and course in life. They would appreciate greater access to courses they believe they can handle without having to place as much weight on course prerequisites and petition processes. Dr. Bonitatibus will bring results of her focus group summary to a Board meeting in January.

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

Mrs. Buckles mentioned the State of the City luncheon that she attended with Dr. Bonitatibus and other board members, and was very proud when the School District was mentioned as part of Conejo Valley's many wonderful attractions. Mrs. Buckles also mentioned that she is excited to be attending the California School Board Association's annual conference later in the week. The conference always provides many workshops with current educational interests and a great opportunity to network with other districts and boards around California. Mrs. Buckles thanked all those involved in the Youth Congress Leadership event, which was attended by 87 CVUSD students.

Mrs. Phelps also mentioned her excitement at the State of the City luncheon during a presentation which included a shot of the District and the Board Room. Mrs. Phelps, as the Board's representative to the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families, reported from the last meeting where the following issues were addressed: a debrief of the Coalition's community Meet & Greet, Teen Chat Night, Youth Commission Summit, City's Intern Fair, the next Reality Party (December 5), the Social Host Ordinance, and the new Community Center and after school program for the families at the apartments at 850 Warwick Avenue. The Coalition will also present "December on Warwick" on December 11, which will be holiday inspired.

Mr. Andersen was pleased to be a part of Holiday Reading at Weathersfield with Kindergarten students. Mr. Andersen discussed his "Big Picture Items" for the Board to consider. 1) He presented a publication which describes an author's view on Massachusetts moving away from Common Core Standards and developing their

own tests. 2) He offered a report from heterodoxy.com, “The Yale Problem Begins in High School,” which stated a need for students to have a safe place to go to express their own personal orthodoxy.

Dr. Connolly discussed her visit with Mr. Andersen, Dr. Sand and Sandy Curwood, Director, Child Nutrition, to Colina Middle School’s cafeteria and lunch program. Dr. Connolly explained that she and Mr. Andersen will be visiting student stores to see what foods are being sold at both the middle schools and high schools. She thanked staff at the schools for working with her and Mr. Andersen and said that they will return with a report to the Board and staff on their findings. Dr. Connolly discussed her upcoming attendance at the CSBA conference and discussed the value of the conference. Dr. Connolly announced that on December 8, there will be a Discussion Session regarding Student Freedom of Speech and the impact on school culture.

**ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

**Board of Education**

**A. 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations**

Mrs. Buckles moved that the Board not nominate candidates for the Delegate Assembly this year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. (Mr. Dunn was present for this action and for the remainder of the Board meeting.)

**Personnel Services**

**B. Authorization to Open the 2015-2016 Proposal for Reopener Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the District to reopen for negotiation with the Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA), seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

**Instructional Services**

**C. Approval of Replacements for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6172: Gifted and Talented Student Program**

Mr. Andersen moved to approve replacements for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6172: Gifted and Talented Student Program, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Regular Meeting of December 1, 2015

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

2. Classified Employees: C-9502 to C-9525  
*Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant II, Child Nutrition Assistant-Satellite, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Teacher, Groundskeeper, Health Clerk, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Translator-Interpreter*
3. Exempt Employees: E-15016 to E-1505  
*Campus Supervisor, Coaches, Specialist, Student Helper*

**Regular Board Meeting**

**December 1, 2015**

- C. Trip Requests for Overnight Trips or Trips by Air or Boat
  - 1. Newbury Park High School Dance
  - 2. Thousand Oaks High School Basketball
  - 3. Thousand Oaks High School Dance
  
- D. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations
  - 1. Aspen Elementary School PFA
  - 2. Westlake Hills Elementary PFA
  
- E. Purchase Order Report #890
  
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of 2016 Summer School/Extended Year Programs. Mr. Iezza responded to questions from Board members.
- B. Approval of Title 1 School-Level Parent Involvement Policy for Acacia, Conejo, Glenwood and Walnut. Mr. Iezza responded to questions from Board members.
- C. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5131.2: Bullying. Mr. Iezza responded to questions from Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 7:40 p.m. The Board will reconvene on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m. Discussion Session, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

December 8, 2015

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December 8, 2015

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Superintendent