

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****December 2, 2008  
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of December 2, 2008, was called to order by President Dorothy Beaubien at 3:05 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Beaubien asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 3:08 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 3:55 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session. The Board adjourned for the “Thank You” reception for Mrs. Beaubien and Mrs. Didio.

**CALL TO ORDER****OPENING PROVISIONS**

Mrs. Beaubien called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

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. Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, and Marina Mahilevsky, Director, Classified Personnel, were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Reports from Student Board Members**

Meagan Norling-Christensen, Westlake High School, sat with the Board of Education. Meagan and Corey Prah, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, Jordan Dizon, Newbury Park High School, and Jacqueline Manzer, Thousand Oaks High School, reported on campus events such as Thanksgiving drives and events, winter

showcases, toy and Manna drives for the holidays, leadership classes, Renaissance Program, Random Acts of Kindness awards, peer tutoring, club activities, athletics, theater, band and choral activities, art shows, assemblies and rallies, fund raisers, academy programs, school-to-career, and others.

### **Reports from Support Organizations**

Randi Dennen, President, Conejo Council PTA, thanked Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Beaubien for their many years of service. Mrs. Dennen spoke about the Reflections gallery night on November 17. Approximately 200 students were honored. The Council is considering having two evenings next year in order to make room for everyone. Out at the schools, some of the units are hosting family movie nights, parent education program on alcohol abuse and energy drinks, and participating in Manna food drives. Thousand Oaks High School is preparing for the Every 15 Minutes program.

Sue Wells, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), thanked Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Beaubien for their efforts on behalf of the students and staff. Presentations at the last DAC meeting included the Ventura County Sheriff's Department regarding threat assessment, Janet Cosaro regarding the results of the California Healthy Kids Survey, middle school Principals Dr. Love, Los Cerritos, and Mr. Lichtl, Redwood, regarding student involvement, Eilene Green, Director of the Conejo Valley Adult Education Parenting program regarding the new playground, Nancy Schram, Thousand Oaks Library Division Manager, regarding free tutoring services, and Dr. Baarstad regarding the state budget.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Mr. Contini 1) thanked Mrs. Phelps for hosting the Board Retreat at her home last evening, 2) congratulated the Thousand Oaks High School club cross-country for being invited to a national meet in Portland, Oregon; 3) thanked Kim Tetzlaff for Coordinating the "We the People" program and has worked to provide full funding for the program; 4) California Business for Education Excellence/Just for Kids, California Honor Roll for Schools, listed the following schools for their outstanding accomplishments in student achievement: Westlake High School, Aspen Elementary, Banyan Elementary, Madroña Elementary, Maple Elementary, Meadows Elementary, Weathersfield Elementary, Wildwood Elementary, Cypress Elementary, Lang Ranch Elementary, and Sycamore Canyon School.

### **Comments from the Public**

One speaker thanked Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Beaubien for their many years of service to the District and community.

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

Dr. Stephens spoke about attending an EARTHs application meeting, where 316 applications were submitted. He was pleased that 37 of the applications were from families with children in private schools, home schools and/or outside the district. Dr. Stephens encouraged people to listen to Principal Jennifer Boone's presentation regarding EARTHs Magnet School. Mrs. Phelps thanked new Board representative Corey Prahel for the report from Conejo Valley and Century High Schools, and mentioned that many new and wonderful things seem to be going on there. Mrs. Didio commented on the increase of viewers on the Educational Television Channel 20 (59 on Charter Cable) because of the high school football games! This is great news as viewers may find other news about our schools on the channel. She also mentioned that even with budget constraints, CVUSD is still moving forward with exciting programs like EARTHs Magnet and a Child Development Center. Mrs. Beaubien mentioned Principal Boone's presentation can be found on the Educational TV Channel 20. She also mentioned a speaker/writer who presented at Thousand Oaks High School, who was her student years ago at Newbury Park High School!

### **ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

**Instructional Services****A. Approval of UCCP On-Line Courses to be Offered in the 2009 Summer School Program**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the tuition based UCCP on-line courses “Introduction to Health Education,” “Honors Sociology,” and “Honors Psychology,” offered through the Conejo Valley Unified School District as proposed. seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

**Business Services****B. Resolution #08/09-11: Declaring Intention to Lease Meadows and University School Sites (The “Sites”)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #08/09-11, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Didio. One public speaker stated that because MATES was approved as a conversion charter, the site should be available to MATES, and may be illegal otherwise. Dr. Stephens asked if the conversion charter needs to be on the site for one year; Dr. Baarstad stated that our legal council does not agree with MATES. He also stated that the approval tonight would help with the RFP process, but it would not be to award a contract. While the legal issues continue, on January 6, 2009, the lease quotes and bids will be revealed. Mrs. Didio provided history regarding previously closed schools, one of which houses the Adult School, one Cardin School, and another Adult School/Special Education – all of which pay rent. We are constantly moving forward, even when schools have been closed. Mr. Dunn asked if the dispute would be settled prior to awarding a lease agreement; Dr. Baarstad responded that we probably would not move forward with a lease agreement if litigation continued, unless we had a potential partner willing to go into an agreement with this situation. These issues will be brought forward at a potential bidders conference next week. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Regular Meeting of November 18, 2008

**B. Personnel Assignment Orders:**

1. Certificated: #8273-#8280  
*Administrators, Teachers*
2. Classified: C-4436 to C-4447  
*Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education*
3. Exempt: E-8436 to E-8467  
*Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper*

**C. Expulsions:**

1. Thousand Oaks High School #5-08/09E
2. Los Cerritos Middle School #6-08/09E
3. Los Cerritos Middle School #7-08/09E
4. Westlake High School #8-08/09-E

**D. Overnight Trip Request: Thousand Oaks High School Dance Team****E. Amended Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #19-08/09****F. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #19-08/09****G. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations**

1. Acacia Elementary School PFA
2. Aspen Elementary School PFA
3. Conejo Elementary School PFA
4. Cypress Umbrella Booster Club

**H. Purchase Order Report #735****I. Addendum to the 2008-2009 Annual Signature Authorization****J. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment****K. Resolution #08/09-12: To Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions for Employer Pick-Up**

- L. Award of Contract:
- M. Change Orders
  - 1. #1: Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons, Electric, Inc.
- N. Notices of Completion
  - 1. Various Sites – Roofing Repair/Replacement – Solar Integrated
  - 2. Various School Sites – Flooring – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

- A. Resolution #08/09-09: K-3 Class Size Reduction
- B. Approval of 2008/2009 School Plans for Student Achievement
- C. Approval of 2009 Summer School/Extended Year Programs
- D. Approval of Band Uniform Fee Increase
- E. Approval of Establishing a Child Development Center. Mrs. Didio stated that perhaps a closed school could be used for the Center. Dr. Stephens asked what the anticipated enrollment would be? Mrs. Cosaro stated that the district is hoping to begin with four classes with 3 and 4 year olds, and would like to use a site with an existing kindergarten, so that Speech and Language services will be available. Mrs. Cheryl Freitas, Child Care Administrator, added that child care would also be available to the children before and after.

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.
- B. Report from the Superintendent: There were none.
- C. Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Beaubien adjourned the Open Session at 6:12 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, January 6, 2008, 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.

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