

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

December 7, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

The Board meeting of December 7, 2010, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:00 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. 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 5:00 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
 - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
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- C. Labor Negotiations (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
Timothy Carpenter, Negotiator, CVUSD
UACT, CSEA, CVPPA
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline (*Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*)
- E. Pending Litigation (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)*)
- F. Consideration of Pupil Services Matter (*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*)
- G. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*)
Kelley Road – Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, CVUSD Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call to Order: Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education and Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education.

Mrs. Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

OPENING PROVISIONS

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Agenda with the following changes: move item V. Information Items - G.. Approval of Amendments to BP/AR 6181.1 – Magnet/Academy Schools to the first item under Information, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Ben Wallace, Century Academy, Melissa Siple, Conejo Valley High School, Marianna L'Engle, Newbury Park High School, and Jennifer Randolph, Thousand Oaks High School, reported on campus events such as visits to the homeless mission in Los Angeles to bring blankets and supplies for the winter months, Renaissance Awards, Manna Food Drive and other similar charities, field trips, holiday programs, talent show auditions, ASB events, rallies, fund raisers, dance, choral and band events, poetry contests, community services projects, and more.

Reports from Support Organizations

Sue Wells, Secretary, Conejo Schools Foundation, thanked the Oaks for naming Conejo Schools Foundation as beneficiary of the proceeds from the Breakfast with Santa event held at the Lazy Dog Café.

Wendy Laufer, President Conejo Council PTA, reported about the Reflections Program that took place last month and thanked all those involved. She also reported that Colina's PTA membership is up by 70%, and discussed the new agreement Colina has with restaurants at the Lakes for fund raising opportunities. Ms. Laufer discussed the "Going Green" campaign and Healthy Food Promotion at EARTHs.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad mentioned the annual State of the City Luncheon events earlier in the day, which was sponsored by the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the City for highlighting the NFL City Center Program and Executive Director, Janet Fleming, and the success of the Westlake High School football program and head coach, Jim Benkert, during the luncheon.

Comments from the Public

Nine speakers stated their concerns about the affect of Bridges Charter School on the campus at Glenwood Elementary School; one speaker asked that the Board reconsider the Involuntary Transfer for her son.

Dr. Baarstad offered a brief statement about the state's mandate for charter schools, which puts districts in the difficult position of providing facilities. In regard to Bridges Charter on the Glenwood campus, most facilities requests were met, but some of the logistical issues are still being negotiated. Dr. Baarstad commended and thanked Martha Tureen, Principal of Glenwood, for a tremendous job trying to work through the problems. The cafeteria issue is currently being worked on so that Glenwood students will have cafeteria access every day. Dr. Baarstad agreed that if Bridges does expand next year, there will be some problems that the board will be made aware of at the Board meeting on January 4.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Buckles mentioned the many workshop opportunities board members had at the CSBA (California School Boards Association) conference last week and the value of networking with board members from other districts. Mrs. Buckles also thanked Weathersfield Elementary School for asking her to read to students during the Read-a-Thon at the school. Mr. Dunn thanked everyone for his re-election. Mrs. Phelps thanked the Conejo Council PTA for the excellence of the Reflections program and for involving the Board in the awards ceremony.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Personnel Services**

Dr. Baarstad asked Tim Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, to provide background to the next four Personnel recommendations. Mr. Carpenter explained that last year the District negotiated 10 work day reduction and 5.4% salary cut for 2010-11 with the bargaining units, with a contingency that if any unanticipated money came in restorations would be made to employees. Unanticipated one-time federal jobs money and unanticipated previous year ending balance funds have been identified. The following recommendations are for a one-time 5 day and 2.7% salary restoration for 2010-11 using some of these funds.

- A. Approval of 2010-2011 Tentative Agreement with the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the 2010-11 UACT Tentative Agreement, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Approval of 2010-2011 Tentative Agreement with the Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**
Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2010-11 CVPPA Tentative Agreement, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Approval of 2010-2011 Tentative Agreement with the Chapter 620 California School Employee Association (CSEA)**
Mr. Dunn moved to approve the 2010-11 CSEA Tentative Agreement, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Approval of Restoration of Furlough Days for District Managers, Supervisors, and Confidential Employees for 2010-11 School Year**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the restoration of furlough days for District Managers, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Phelps thanked all the organizations for their willingness to compromise during the difficult budget times.

Instructional Services

- E. Approval of the Outdoor Education Contract**
Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the expenditure of funds and contract with the Foundations for the Junior Blind, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Approval of CIF-SS Sanctioning for Girls Lacrosse in the CVUSD**
Dr. Connolly moved to approve the request for girls' lacrosse to be an official CIF-SS sanctioned sport in the CVUSD, seconded by Mr. Dunn. One speaker spoke in favor of the approval. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Approval of Board Policy Revisions (Various Policies – See Attached Chart)**
Mr. Dunn moved to approve Board Policies and Administrative Regulations with the exception of BP/AR 1325, which will be discussed and considered separately and BP/AR 3515.2 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. One public speaker addressed policy 6146.11 regarding on-line schools and private instruction. As a result, the Board pulled this policy for future study. One public speaker addressed Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3515.2 regarding registered sex offenders being given approval to be on school grounds. Both Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Buckles also confirmed their concern about this issue. Dr. Baarstad suggested adding a statement, "Such individuals will be accompanied at all times by a District employee while they are on campus." Motion carried 5-0.
- G1. Approval of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation Revision 1325**
Mr. Dunn moved to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1325 as amended, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Board members discussed several sections of the policy and regulation and asked that Option 1 Closed Forum, be removed. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5116.1-Intradistrict Attendance**
Mr. Dunn moved to amend Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

- A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)
 - 1. Discussion Session – School Choice Options and
 - 2. Regular Meeting of November 16, 2010
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: #8685-8690
Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-5494 to C-5554
Administrative Assistant, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Manager, Clerk, Custodian, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Early Care Teacher, Health Clerk, Instructional Media Technician, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Ph, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Senior Clerk Typist, School Office Manager, Site Computer Technician, Telephone Operator/Receptionist
 - 3. Exempt: E-9835 to E-9911
Advisor, Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Naturalist, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Overnight Trip Request: EARTHs Magnet School
- D. Expulsion: Conejo Valley High School #8-10/11
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations
 - 1. Aspen Parent Faculty Association
 - 2. Conejo Open Program Endeavors Booster Club
 - 3. Cypress Umbrella Booster Club
 - 4. Maple Parent Faculty Association
 - 5. Westlake Hills Parent Faculty Association
- F. Purchase Order Report #779
- F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- G. Notices of Completion: Conejo Valley Adult Education – HVAC Upgrades – Thomas Schwab Corporation

INFORMATION ITEMS

Board of Education

- A. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Ventura County Committee on School District Organization. Dr. Baarstad and Mrs. Phelps will co-author a letter opposing the proposed changes in response to the letter from the State Board of Education. Dr. Connolly asked that the proper protocol for a response be re-checked and followed.

Instructional Services

- B. Announcement of the Board of Education's Nominee for the Position of Personnel Commissioner. There were no questions.
- C. Approval of 2010/2011 School Plans for Student Achievement. There were no questions.
- D. Approval of Consultant Agreement for Afterschool ASES Grant – Glenwood Elementary School. Martha Tureen, Principal, provided additional information about the grant.

- E. Approval of Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan. There were no questions.
- F. Approval of Amendments to AR 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance. There were no questions.
- G. Approval of Amendments to BP/AR 6181.1 – Magnet/Academy Schools. (This item was moved to the top of the Information Items for discussion.) Mrs. Cosaro provided a report for the Board. (The report may be obtained through the Instructional Services Department.) There were 12 public speakers who asked that enrollment procedures remain as is and that another year of data be collected to help the Board with decisions.

Dr. Connolly voiced her concerns about the imbalance of SED (Socio-Economical Disadvantaged) students and the fact that she is in favor of original set-asides and aggressive recruitment. Both Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Buckles stated that they were not in favor of bussing to magnet schools. Dr. Stephens asked that the District wait a year to gather more data before making a change.

Dr. Baarstad stated that staff will recommend that the Board wait a year to revisit this issue when this item comes forward for Action next week. In addressing the audience, he stated that the district has no desire to be involved in social engineering, but Dr. Connolly’s concerns are real as witnessed by the imbalances in some of our schools that were not dealt with when similar situations occurred in the past.

- H. Approval of Open Enrollment (Romero Bill) Waiver Applications. There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 9:30 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

December 14, 2010

Date

Clerk

December 14, 2010

Date

Superintendent