

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

December 12, 2006  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of December 12, 2006, was called to order by President Pat Phelps at 5:05 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 5:07 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 5:50 p.m. with no action to follow.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**

**OPENING PROVISIONS**

Mrs. Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Janet Cosaro, Director, Curriculum and Max Beaman, Director, Secondary Education were also in attendance.

**Oath of Office for Elected Board Members**

Mrs. Phelps handed the gavel to Mr. Contini, who proceeded to issue the Oath of Office to re-elected Board members Dunn, Phelps and Stephens.

**Reorganization of the Board of Education**

Mr. Contini asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board. Mrs. Beaubien moved to nominate Dolores Didio for the office of President of the Board, motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Contini handed the gavel to new President Didio, who thanked Mrs. Phelps for her excellent year of leadership, and then proceeded with the nominations.

Mrs. Didio asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Dr. Stephens moved to nominate Dorothy Beaubien for the office of Vice President, motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Didio asked for nominations for the office of Clerk of the Board. Mrs. Phelps moved to nominate Dr. Stephens for the office of Clerk of the Board, motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Didio asked for appointment of a Board Representative to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization. Dr. Stephens moved to nominate Pat Phelps to serve as the Board Representative to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization, motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Didio asked for a nomination regarding the date, time and place of regular meetings. Mrs. Beaubien moved to set the meetings to the first and fourth Tuesday of each month on a pilot basis beginning with July 1, 2007, through November 2007. Dr. Stephens seconded the motion. Mrs. Beaubien stated that this will hopefully provide better communication opportunities between the District and the City staffs. Dr. Stephens seconded the motion. Mr. Contini asked that Board allow staff input at the next Board meeting, Mrs. Phelps agreed it was a good idea to hear from staff. Motion carried 5-0. *(Due to the impact of the holidays and holiday break, staff will bring forward a report to the Board at the January 23, 2007, meeting.)*

Mrs. Didio stated that, "The committee assignments for the upcoming year will be filled by appointment formally at our next Board meeting of January 9, 2007. Board members will be assigned to their current committees for purposes of continuity for the upcoming year unless it is brought to my attention that a Board member wishes to have another committee assignment."

Mrs. Didio again thanked Mrs. Phelps for her year as President, and her continued service on the board. Dr. Stephens added that the position of President of the Board is a difficult position, and Mrs. Phelps led "world class" meetings.

Mrs. Phelps thanked everyone for their support, and stated that it was a good year of many accomplishments.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**Recognition: Boeing**

Blythe Jamieson, representative from Boeing, stated Boeing's support for education. Mr. Contini thanked Boeing for their tremendous support over the past several years, particularly in the area of technology and SuccessMaker training for teachers.

**Reports from Student Board Members**

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

Higgins, Westlake High School, reported on events at their schools such as ASB/ASG activities, rallies, athletics, band events, club activities, school-to-career activities, field trips, testing, community services projects, culinary arts program, "Every 15 Minutes," holiday programs and others.

#### **Reports from Parent Support Organizations**

Aleta Smith, Conejo Council PTA President, reported on the Reflections Art Viewing and Recognition Ceremony. 164 pieces of art had been selected by judges and were on display at the Thousand Oaks High School cafeteria. Ms. Smith introduced Lilly Dollenmayer, PTA President, Manzanita Elementary, who provided information about Manzanita, PTA contributions, and the special program for dads.

Betsy Connolly, District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairperson, discussed presentations from the last meeting, "English Language Learners Strategies for Success" by Lisa Dritz, Assistant Director, Pupil Services, and "A Day in the Life of an English Language Learner Student" at Manzanita and Park Oaks Elementary Schools by principals Jennifer Boone and Dave Becker. Ms. Connolly praised the District programs that help students with language challenges. The next DAC meeting will be December 19, 2006.

#### **Report from Conejo Schools Foundation**

Pam Garvin, President, expressed gratitude to Patti Yomantas and Dianne McKay for their work in securing a \$115,000 grant from Amgen, thanked Caruso Development for donating proceeds from the opening event at The Lakes to the Foundation, expressed the appreciation the Foundation has for the support of the community, and welcomed calls from persons who wished to be on the board. Board member Terry McCallum will be coordinating the summer school enrichment program this year along with the All-District Band Festival, which will be held at the Civic Arts Plaza: Strings – May 9, 2007, Orchestra: May 21 - 23, 2007.

#### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Superintendent Contini: 1) thanked Lilly Dollenmayer, PTA President, Manzanita Elementary, for her inspiring report and commended Manzanita for their special program for dads - "WatchDOGS of America" (Dads of Great Students). Over 150 dads have committed to spend one full day at the school, monitoring halls and other duties, while wearing special identifying T-shirts with the above group name; 2) mentioned a special index by the Washington Post that has placed all three of our high schools in the top 1,250 nationally and 177 state-wide for having programs that most challenge students. This is determined by a formula: divide the number of AP, IB, and other college tests taken by all high school grade levels by the number of graduating seniors; 3) cited recognition for our students who took Advanced Placement tests, with 455 students placing at the level of scholars, scholars with honors, and scholars with distinction. 4) commended Newbury Park High School for their wonderful NCLB Blue Ribbon celebration last Sunday and earlier student rally. Mr. Contini was touched by Principal Athol Wong's recognition of former Principal, Max Beaman, and his wife's dedication to the students at NPHS; 5) commented on his visit to the Reagan Library and the "We the People" Program for 8th grade students throughout the District. He commended the students for their excellent presentations, and the staff and judges for their dedication and contributions to the program.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Three speakers discussed the following concerns: accountability of school awards, retrofitting schools being considered for closure to house Conejo and Century High Schools, AIDS education in all high schools, and expansion of SAT preparation classes to all high schools.

**Comments from Individual Board Members**

Dr. Stephens commended Newbury Park High School for the NCLB Blue Ribbon award ceremony, and stated that the Blue Ribbon is the most prestigious award given to public schools in our nation. He thanked Max Beaman and Athol Wong for their leadership. Dr. Stephens also complimented Redwood Middle School for their NCLB Blue Ribbon designation.

Mr. Dunn has questions about the proposed building of Conejo Valley High School regarding funding sources, and asked for a staff report regarding the cost of closing schools versus cutting personnel.

Mrs. Didio also commended Newbury Park High School for their great NCLB Blue Ribbon celebration.

**ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL****Personnel Services****A. Amendment to Board Policy 834.9 – State and Federal Funded Programs Uniform Complaint Policy (First Reading)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend Policy 834.9, “State and Federal Funded Programs Uniform Complaint Policy,” seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Approval of Employee Salary Adjustments for District Non-Represented Employees for 2006-2007**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to adopt the proposed 2006-2007 salary schedule increase, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**Instructional Services****C. Approval of Outdoor Education Contract**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the expenditure of funds as presented in the contract with The Foundation for the Junior Blind, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Middle and High School Supplemental School Counseling Program Plan and Application**

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program grant application and plan for 2006-2007, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens asked if this was one-time money for seven additional counselors, Dr. Baarstad replied no, it's an on-going program. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Resolution #06/07-11: Child Care Grant CSCC – 4260 and Application**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the attached child care grant resolution, second by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

**Business Services****F. 2006-2007 First Quarter Financial Statements**

Mrs. Phelps moved to accept the 2006-2007 First Quarter Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Dr. Baarstad offered a presentation on the financial statements, and stated that the State economy is thriving and the outlook for education is good. Mrs. Didio stated that she was happy to see that Adult Education had improved their fiscal status. Bernie Carr, Principal, was commended for his hard work to ensure that the Adult Education budget had improved. Mr. Dunn asked if the

District were planning to employ a utility conservation organization to oversee utility usage, Dr. Baarstad agreed.

**G. Approval of Increase to District Mileage Allowances**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the revised schedule of District Mileage Allowances, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0.

**H. Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks, the Conejo Recreation and Parks District and Shapell Industries**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the purchase and sale agreement as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens commended Mrs. Beaubien and Mrs. Didio for all their work over the years to ensure this would be a win-win situation. Mr. Dunn also complimented Board members who were involved. Motion carried 5-0

**ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Stephens.

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting of November 28, 2006

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #7668 through #7675
2. Classified: C-3536 to C-3546
3. Exempt: E-6855 to E-6884

C. Expulsions:

1. Sequoia Middle School #9-06/07E
2. Sequoia Middle School #10-06/07E
3. Colina Middle School #11-06/07E
4. Redwood Middle School #12-06/07E

D. Overnight Field Trip Request

1. Manzanita Elementary School
2. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team
3. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team

E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations:

1. Westlake Elementary School Parent Faculty Association
2. Westlake Hills Elementary School Parent Faculty Association
3. Redwood Middle School Band Booster Club
4. Sequoia Middle School Chorus Booster Club
5. Newbury Park High School Dance Booster Club
6. Newbury Park High School Girls Volleyball Booster Club
7. Newbury Park High School Girls Volleyball Booster Club
8. Thousand Oaks High School Choral Booster Club
9. Thousand Oaks High School Boys Water Polo Booster Club
10. Westlake High School Competitive Cheer Booster Club
11. Westlake High School Dance Booster Club

F. Parent Support/Booster Organization Authorizations (new groups):

1. Cypress Elementary School Umbrella Booster Club
2. Sequoia Middle School Technology Booster Club

G. Purchase Order Report #693

- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Change Order #2 – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes & Sons Electric, Inc

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Instructional Services**

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

**REPORTS AND CONCERNS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Didio adjourned the Open Session at 7:38 p.m. and wished everyone happy holidays. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

January 9, 2007

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