



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Conejo Valley High School (CVUSD Board Room)
1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

President Gill announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted, and both speakers received three (3) minutes to speak. The Board then convened into Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2). Number of matters: 1. Carden Westlake Village, Inc.

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor P. Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 1335 Calle Bouganvilla, Thousand Oaks, California 91360. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; BRIDGES Charter School

D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor P. Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 2000 La Granada Dr., Thousand Oaks, California 91362. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; MATES Charter School

E. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. Art Trek (Case 56-2021-00551873-CU-OR-VTA)

F. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2022110225

Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Gill called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members present: Board President Lauren Gill, Board Vice President Cindy Goldberg, Board Clerk Lisa Powell, Board Trustees Karen Sylvester and Bill Gorback, and Student Board Trustee Gabby Lopez.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; and Kenneth Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; and Dr. Shanna M. Egans, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Gill asked for a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of the Westlake High School students and families who were affected by the tragic accident on April 18, 2023, involving the loss of one student’s life and the injury of three other students.

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Gill announced that the following items were discussed in Closed Session:

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There was no Board action taken on this agenda item.

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F. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2022110225

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Powell.

Motion carried: 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Lopez.**

E. Student Recognition – California All-State Honor Band

Board members and District administration recognized middle and high school students for achievement in performing arts for being selected to perform with the California All-State Honor Band.

F. Student Recognition – California State PTA Reflections Program Winners

Board members and District administration recognized elementary and middle school students who received awards at the state level for their submissions to the PTA Reflections Program competition.

G. Student Recognition – Thousand Oaks High School Wrestling – CIF Champions

Board members and District administration recognized the Thousand Oaks High School Wrestling team and coaches for their victory as the 2022-2023 CIF Champions.

H. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy – Harry Esau

Conejo Valley High School – Aria Turner

Newbury Park High School – Sophia Di Stefano

Thousand Oaks High School – Maya Campo subbed for Andrew Schuberg

Westlake High School – Sophia Kane was not present

Students reported on: planning for yearbook, graduation and senior activities; landscaping project completion for Century Academy; planning for the 2023-2024 school year; school program changes and expansions; CAASPP testing; guest speakers; new student restrooms at Conejo Valley High; CTE program activities; senior seminar presentations; school leadership events; field trips, SDAC interviews; ASG activities; International Week at Newbury Park High; art shows; spring music concerts; dance and theater performances; Women’s History Month activities; spirit weeks; GSA Night of the Ball dance; blood drives; Latino Connections Club dance; All District Music Festival; Administrative Professionals Day; CTE Construction Industry Education Foundation (CIEF) Design competition; Moorpark College student preview day; and support for students, staff and families at Westlake High School.

I. Comments – Public

President Gill announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak.

J. Comments - Board of Education

Board members provided comments and expressed condolences and support for the Westlake High School community.

K. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments and expressed condolences and support for the Westlake High School community.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Business Services - Approval of Resolution #22/23-23: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of 2023-2024 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs)

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. Dr. Hayek provided background on the TRANs loan process and responded to a Board member's question regarding potential benefits to the district on the extended deadline for tax payments. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

B. Student Services - Approval of Resolution #22/23-25: In Support of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

C. Student Services - Approval of Resolution #22/23-26: In Support of Jewish American Heritage Month

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

D. Student Services - Approval of Resolution #22/23-27: In Support of National Mental Health Month

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

E. Instructional Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Lopez. As requested by President Gill, Trustee Lopez provided a summary of the amendments to this Board bylaw as approved by the Student District Advisory Committee (SDAC). There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

F. Instructional Services - Approval of New Middle School Core Literature Title - When Stars are Scattered

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Mr. Loo responded to a Board member's question regarding when this title will be available in the library. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

G. Instructional Services - Approval of New High School Core Literature Titles - Interpreter of Maladies, Purple Hibiscus, and World of Wonders

Trustee Gorbach made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Powell. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

H. Human Resources - Approval of Resolution #22/23-13: "National School Nurse Day" – May 10, 2023

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

I. Human Resources - Approval of Resolution #22/23-12: "National Teacher Appreciation Week" – May 8-12, 2023

Trustee Gorbach made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Powell. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Gorbach. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Lopez.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Board of Education - Approval of Minutes

B. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9100 - Organization

C. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders

D. Human Resources - Approval of Agreement Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and University of Massachusetts Global

E. Human Resources - Receipt of the 2023-2024 Proposal for Successor Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Conejo Chapter #620

F. Human Resources - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)

- G. Human Resources - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 4111, 4211, 4311 - Recruitment and Selection**
- H. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- I. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with STAR Education, Inc.**
- J. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Conejo Valley**
- K. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract - Mustang Marketing**
- L. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract - Pegleg Entertainment - WHS**
- M. Instructional Services - Approval of New Contract - American Red Cross - NPH**
- N. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - TOH Cross Country**
- O. Instructional Services - Approval of New Contract - Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**
- P. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Agreement for Inter-District Services (Orientation and Mobility) Between the Ventura County Office of Education and the Conejo Valley Unified School District for the 2023-2024 School Year**
- Q. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Agreement for Inter-District Services (Physical Therapy) Between the Ventura County Office of Education and the Conejo Valley Unified School District for the 2023-2024 School Year**
- R. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract - McGraw-Hill Education, Inc./ Achieve3000**
- S. Student Services - Approval of New Contract - Teach & Talk Speech Therapy**
- T. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with Imagine Learning, Inc.**
- U. Student Services - Approval of New Contract - Dynamic Education Services, Inc.**
- V. Student Services - Approval of New Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #33-22/23**
- W. Student Services - Approval of New Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #34-22/23**
- X. Student Services - Approval of New Contract - Insight Neuropsychology**
- Y. Business Services - Approval of Transfer of Funds - March 2023**
- Z. Business Services - Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- AA. Business Services - Ratification of Warrants - March 2023**
- BB. Business Services - Ratification of Workers' Compensation Claims (under \$50,000)**
- CC. Business Services - Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**
- DD. Business Services - Approval of Amendments to the Facility Use Rules and Regulations**
- EE. Business Services - 2023-2024 District Fee Review: Facility Use Fees**
- FF. Business Services - 2023-2024 District Child Nutrition Review: School Lunch Meal and Ala Carte Pricing**
- GG. Business Services - MEASURE I - Notices of Completion**
- HH. Business Services - MEASURE I: Award of Contract – Modernization – New Concrete – Colina Middle School**
- II. Business Services - MEASURE I: Award of Contract – Modernization – Concrete Demolition – Colina Middle School**
- JJ. Business Services - MEASURE I: Award of Contract – Modernization - Landscaping – Colina Middle School**

KK. Business Services - Award of Contract – MEASURE I: Modernization – Electrical – Colina Middle School

LL. Business Services - Award of Contract – Roofing – Remove and Replace – Newbury Park High School

MM. Business Services – Approval of Resolution #22/23-29: Resolution of the Applications for Funding School Facility Program for Colina and Sequoia Middle Schools

NN. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)

OO. Business Services - Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)

PP. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services - Presentation: WASC Reports from CVHS and TOHS

Mr. Loo provided background on the WASC accreditation process and criteria and introduced Mr. Manzer and Dr. Bergmann, who presented information on the recent WASC accreditation visits to their school sites. Their presentation encompassed information from their respective WASC committee final reports, including each site's areas of strength, areas of growth, highlights from the final report, an overall report summary, and next steps. Mr. Manzer and Dr. Bergmann responded to questions from Board members regarding student and parent input during the WASC visit, social emotional learning curriculum improvements, most challenging feedback topics to address, SDAC involvement during SPSA meetings, and professional learning related to Thousand Oaks University.

B. Instructional Services - Presentation: Elementary Reading and Literacy

Dr. Sellers presented information on elementary reading and literacy, including the process to address elementary reading and literacy following direction from the Board, Committee members, District responsibilities related to reading literacy, the science of reading, the five components of reading, breakdown of the Wonders curriculum, ELD and Specialized Academic Instruction curriculum, assessments and benchmark results, intervention support, and next steps. Mr. Loo and Dr. Sellers responded to questions from Board members regarding ELD strategies, fluctuation in growth gaps, committee purpose, Wonders curriculum training, intervention during ELOP, and implementation of the Wonderworks special education curriculum.

C. Instructional Services - Presentation: High School Ethnic Studies Update

Mr. Loo provided an overview of California law and provided background on the process and timeline related to Ethnic Studies curriculum implementation, the curriculum description, and teacher training, support, and collaboration opportunities. Mr. Loo then introduced the teachers who contributed to the Ethnic Studies presentation, including Mr. Hutton, Ms. Chappell, and Mr. Lynch (not present). Mr. Hutton and Ms. Chappell presented an update on their Ethnic Studies classes, including the course description, social location, highlights from the Éxito Conference at the University of California, Santa Barbara, accomplishments and challenges, examples of key instructional strategies and activities, and student reflections. Mr. Mercer provided an update on next steps, including course permanency, professional development, advertising strategies, and enrollment growth. Mr. Mercer responded to a Board

member's question regarding whether the enrollment numbers for Century Academy's online class were included in the presentation, and if there is an option for an in-person class for that site.

D. Instructional Services - Presentation and Approval of Instructional Materials Adoptions for 2023-2024

Mr. Loo presented information on the instructional materials adoptions for the 2023-2024 school year, including a review of the highlights of Board Policy 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, prior and upcoming instructional material adoptions, a summary of the proposed materials, estimated cost, and next steps. Mr. Loo responded to questions from Board members regarding how the textbook adoptions were prioritized, DAC review of piloted curriculum, connection between Grade 5 Social Science and We the People curriculum, and the possibility of a transition to digital textbooks.

E. Student Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education

Dr. Egans provided background on the amendments based on Gamut language related to Child Find obligations and new law related to designating a main point of contact to coordinate and complete the transition from Part C to Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Board reached consensus to provide direction for District staff to work with Trustees Goldberg and Sylvester on verbiage changes prior to approval at a future Board meeting.

F. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9310 - Board Policies

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the amendments based on Gamut language and responded to questions from Board members regarding verbiage revisions. The Board reached consensus to provide direction to District staff to revise the bylaw with the changes recommended by the Board prior to approval at the next Board meeting.

G. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw and Exhibit 9323.2 - Actions by the Board

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the amendments based on Gamut language related to a super majority, and responded to a Board member's question regarding whether the bylaw distinguishes between a super majority and a two-thirds vote. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

H. Human Resources - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 4119.1, 4219.1 and 4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights

Mrs. Valentine provided background on the amendments based on new law, Education Code, and changes in Labor Code. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

I. Human Resources - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 4216 - Probationary/Permanent Status

Mrs. Valentine provided background on the amendments related to employee probationary and permanent status as it pertains to a merit district. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members did not add any topics for discussion at future Board meetings.

B. Adjournment

President Gill adjourned the Open Session at 9:51 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. Open Session, at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

May 3, 2023

Date



Board Clerk

May 3, 2023

Date



Superintendent

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