



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
South Building Board Room
1400 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:01 p.m. President Phelps 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 5:02 p.m., where the following item(s) were discussed:

A. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6.

The agency negotiator is Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

Employee Organizations: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

The Closed Session ended at 5:45 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members present: President Pat Phelps, Vice President Peggy Buckles, John Andersen, Dr. Betsy Connolly, and Mike Dunn.

Administration present: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Victor Hayek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; and Elle Welch, Executive Administrative Assistant.

President Phelps welcomed attendees to the meeting and read the procedural announcements.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Phelps asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition: National Blue Ribbon School Awards

Mr. Jim Garza, Director, Secondary Education, explained that the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups across the nation. There were 329 schools (279 public and 50 private) recognized for this award this year. He introduced Ms. Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education, who announced that both Westlake

High School and EARTHS Magnet School were two of the four schools in CA to win this award. She introduced Mr. Jeff Rickert, Principal, EARTHS Magnet School. Mr. Rickert and staff described their trip to Washington, D.C. to receive this award and spoke about the details of their school. Mr. Garza introduced Mr. Jason Branham, Principal, Westlake High School. Mr. Branham and staff explained their school and how they excel.

Presentation: Measure I Update Fall 2016 – Pavan Bhatia and Jerome Staszewski

Ms. Pavan Bhatia, Executive Director, Business Services, and Mr. Jerome Staszewski, Director, Technology Services, presented their Measure I Bond update to the Board. This presentation detailed the new technology CVUSD has added to schools, listed current projects, and showed the requirements of the Field Act for schools regarding earthquake safety measures. Ms. Bhatia and Mr. Staszewski answered questions from the Board.

There was one speaker for this item.

- The speaker Cathy Carlson commented on Bond Oversight Committee meetings.

Comments from the Public

President Phelps asked if there were any public speakers. There were 35 speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Cathy Carlson, commented about school raffles involving alcohol.
- The 2nd speaker, Joe Kirby, advocated for the United Cerebral Palsy Program at the Waverly site.
- The 3rd speaker, Ken Cole, yielded time to the next speaker.
- The 4th speaker, Ardyth St. John, spoke about traffic and parking in Waverly.
- The 5th speaker, Brian Winic, commented on Waverly and the Conejo Valley HS relocation.
- The 6th speaker, Modestine Tardif, spoke against the first speaker's comments on school raffles.
- The 7th speaker, Kathleen Canfield, supported the United Cerebral Palsy program at Waverly.
- The 8th speaker, Mike Tsai, yielded time to the next speaker.
- The 9th speaker, Amy Ciandella, described bullying from a community member.
- The 10th speaker, Chris White, yielded time to the next speaker.
- The 11th speaker, Jessica Stephens, countered the first speaker and discussed bullying.
- The 12th speaker, Maren Clark, commented on unsatisfactory restroom conditions at her school.
- The 13th speaker, Hailey Ng, commented on classes she is enrolled in and solar energy options.
- The 14th speaker, Mason Moser, spoke about equitable funding for athletic programs.
- The 15th speaker, Andrew L'Heureux, expressed dissatisfaction with restrooms at his school.
- The 16th speaker, Joeseeph Holladay, discussed security for student parking lots.
- The 17th speaker, Evan Ahshule, commented on effectiveness of school assemblies.
- The 18th speaker, Megan Marino, was not present when her name was called.
- The 19th speaker, Susan Hanscom, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her service on the Board.
- The 20th speaker, Rocky Capobianco, thanked Mrs. Buckles for being a student advocate.
- The 21st speaker, Cindy Goldberg, thanked Mrs. Buckles for attending community events.
- The 22nd speaker, Bill Gorback, thanked Mrs. Buckles for attending student events.
- The 23rd speaker, Paula Nathan, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her volunteering and support.
- The 24th speaker, Maria Steck, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her years on the Board.

- The 25th speaker, Gail Ginell, thanked Mrs. Buckles for being a wise and experienced voice.
- The 26th speaker, Joanie Prince, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her hard work and friendship.
- The 27th speaker, Ethel Chambers, thanked Mrs. Buckles for being a powerful advocate for kids.
- The 28th speaker, Karen Ise, thanked Mrs. Buckles for caring and being committed to students.
- The 29th speaker, Mario Contini, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her years on the Board.
- The 30th speaker, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, thanked Mrs. Buckles for standing up for students.
- The 31st speaker, Patti Yomantas, thanked Mrs. Buckles for being active in the community.
- The 32nd speaker, Jeff Baarstad, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her years as a Board member.
- The 33rd speaker, Dianne McKay, thanked Mrs. Buckles for teaching her so much over the years.
- The 34th speaker, Julie Saul, thanked Mrs. Buckles for everything she's done in the community.
- The 35th speaker, Justine Fischer, thanked Mrs. Buckles for her advocacy.

President Phelps thanked Mrs. Buckles for her eight years on the Board, saying she's selflessly given her time and effort to CVUSD students. She presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Board.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus thanked Mrs. Buckles, saying it has been an honor to have her on the Board. Mrs. Buckles has a deep appreciation for students, and she values Mrs. Buckles' wisdom, thoughtfulness, and global perspective she's shared. Dr. Bonitatibus' favorite learner moment was visiting the Westminster Free Clinic, where CVUSD students had the opportunity to intern with doctors and nurses. She congratulated Gina Mandell for being the Teacher of the Month. Thanking the Board election candidates, she said the community is fortunate to have so many citizens who are passionate about public education. This week is American Education Week, and with Thanksgiving coming up, Dr. Bonitatibus thanked CVUSD staff for all that they do, saying that each day, CVUSD honors our country's and community's values.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Buckles said she was overwhelmed by the support and thanked those who were in attendance. Dr. Connolly thanked everyone who came to show their support, and thanked Mrs. Buckles for staying focused, making tough choices, and for coming to each Board meeting well informed. Mr. Andersen thanked Mrs. Buckles for everything she's done for the district. He mentioned having attended the Teacher of the Month event and the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" campaign at Acacia Elementary School, hosted by the Los Angeles Rams and Wells Fargo, partnered with the American Red Cross. Mr. Dunn offered Mrs. Buckles his best wishes, saying it was very kind for so many people to come to the meeting to recognize Peggy's years on the Board. President Phelps reported on the last DAC meeting she attended, mentioning guidelines for volunteering and updates on homework.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Human Resources

A. Board of Education Appointment to the Personnel Commission

Mr. Andersen asked if a motion was needed for this item or if it was only an announcement.

Mr. McLaughlin replied that if he is selecting someone for this position then a motion is not needed. Mr. Andersen announced Nathan K. Harimoto as the intended nominee of the Board to serve as Personnel Commissioner for the term of Dec. 1, 2016 – Nov. 30, 2019. President Phelps said the public hearing will be sometime after December due to the deadline specifications.

Instructional Services

A. Approval of Career Technical Education Advisory Committee

Mrs. Buckles made the motion to approve, with one change. She wanted to substitute Dr. Connolly as the alternate in her place. Seconded by Dr. Connolly.

President Phelps asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5 – 0.

B. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Mr. Dunn made the motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Buckles.

President Phelps asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5 – 0.

C. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and Exhibit 6173 - Education for Homeless Children

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Andersen.

President Phelps asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Business Services

No items.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Buckles made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Connolly.

President Phelps asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of November 1, 2016.

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated Service - Regular Service:

A. Employment / Appointment: Teacher

Order #: R16-117

2. Certificated Service - Exempt:

A. Employment / Appointment: Exempt Specialists

Orders #: E16-043 - E16-046

3. Classified Service:

A. New Employment (Probationary to Perm) / Assignment Change / Change in Status

Orders #: C16-235 - C16-254

B. Substitute / Provisional / Additional Assignment

Orders #: C16-255 - C16-263

C. Establishment / Modification / Elimination of Positions

Order #: C16-264

4. Classified Service - Exempt:

A. Walk-on Coach

Orders #: E16-410 - E16-421

B. Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper, Others

Orders #: E16-422 - E16-439

C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability #20-16/17

D. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization

E. Overnight Trip Request - - TOHS Varsity Dance Team

F. Purchase Order Report #911

G. Addendum to Annual Signature Authorization 2016/2017

H. Approval of 2016-17 TOPASS Projects/Expenditures

I. Approval of 2015-16 TOPASS Agreement Annual Compliance Report

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS-GENERAL

HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Approval of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 School Year Calendars

Dr. Connolly, Mr. Andersen, and President Phelps asked questions about this item; Mr. McLaughlin and Dr. Bonitatibus responded.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of 2017 Summer School/Extended Year Programs

President Phelps asked if there were any comments. Mr. Iezza said that summer school will be at Newbury Park High School.

B. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment

President Phelps asked if there were any comments. Mr. Andersen asked questions about EARTH'S Magnet School enrollment; Dr. Connolly and Mr. Iezza responded.

C. Approval of Replacements of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

President Phelps asked if there were any comments. Dr. Connolly asked questions; Mr. Iezza responded.

BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3230 – Federal Grant Funds

President Phelps asked if there were any comments; there were none.

B. Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 3270 and Administrative Regulation 3270 – Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies

President Phelps asked if there were any comments; there were none.

C. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3440 – Inventories

President Phelps asked if there were any comments; there were none.

D. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability

President Phelps asked if there were any comments. Mr. Andersen asked questions; Dr. Hayek responded.

E. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3512 – Equipment

President Phelps asked if there were any comments; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Phelps adjourned the Open Session at 9:00 p.m. **The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 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.

November 15, 2016

Date

Clerk

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Superintendent