



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
South Building Board Room
1400 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

MINUTES

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

At 4:45 p.m., the ceremony to swear in newly elected Board member, Sandee Everett, and re-elected member, Dr. Betsy Connolly began. Superintendent Dr. Ann Bonitatibus administered the Oath of Office to both members in front of their friends, family, and CVUSD staff. The other Board members offered their congratulations, and Mrs. Everett and Dr. Connolly thanked everyone for attending the ceremony.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:15 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 5:16 p.m., where the following item(s) were discussed:

A. Pending Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
Case #56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA

B. 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 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Phelps called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Board Members present: President Pat Phelps, John Andersen, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, and Sandee Everett.

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

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

Reorganization of the Board of Education

Dr. Bonitatibus announced that the swearing-in ceremony had taken place earlier in the evening, thanking Child Nutrition Services for catering the reception. After Dr. Bonitatibus offered her congratulations to both Board members, Mrs. Everett commented that she is looking forward to serving on the Board. Dr. Connolly said she is looking forward to continuing as a member of the Board and appreciates the support of the community.

Dr. Bonitatibus briefly explained the reorganization process, stating that a Board member may nominate another member as President of the Board. Nominations do not require a second, but must be accepted by the nominee. Following the new President's election and recognition of the former president, the Board will then vote on Vice President, Clerk, and set the dates, times, and place for upcoming Board meetings. Assignments for committee representatives will be decided on at a later meeting. Dr. Bonitatibus opened the floor for President nominations.

Election of Board President

Mr. Andersen nominated Mr. Dunn as Board President. Mr. Dunn accepted the nomination.

Dr. Connolly nominated Mr. Andersen as Board President. Mr. Andersen declined the nomination.

Mrs. Phelps nominated Dr. Connolly as Board President. Dr. Connolly accepted the nomination.

Dr. Bonitatibus asked for discussion. Mrs. Everett commented that being on the Board is a big responsibility, especially for the President. Dr. Connolly said that the Board needs effective leadership to function efficiently. Mr. Andersen stated he believes diplomacy and cooperation are important, and he had nominated Mr. Dunn with confidence.

The Board voted on Mr. Dunn as President. Motion carried 3-2; Mr. Andersen, Mr. Dunn, and Mrs. Everett voted yes; Mrs. Phelps and Dr. Connolly voted no.

Mr. Dunn is the new Board President.

Mr. Dunn took his place as President and thanked Mrs. Phelps for her year as President, saying she worked hard to ensure CVUSD remained a great district. Mrs. Everett said Mrs. Phelps has been welcoming, helpful, kind, and she respects her highly. Mr. Andersen also thanked Mrs. Phelps for being a great President the past year.

Dr. Bonitatibus thanked Mrs. Phelps, saying she is the longest standing Board member and beyond being the historian, she has been the architect behind the greatness CVUSD experiences today.

Election of Board Vice President

President Dunn opened the floor for nominations of Vice President.

Mrs. Everett nominated Mr. Andersen as Vice President of the Board. Mr. Andersen accepted the nomination for Vice President. There were no other nominations. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

The Board voted on Mr. Andersen as Vice President. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Andersen is the new Board Vice President.

Election of Board Clerk

President Dunn opened the floor for nominations of Clerk.

Mrs. Phelps nominated Dr. Connolly as Board Clerk. Dr. Connolly accepted the nomination.

Mr. Andersen nominated Mrs. Everett as Board Clerk. Mrs. Everett accepted the nomination.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

The Board voted on Dr. Connolly as Board Clerk. Motion failed 2-3; Dr. Connolly and Ms. Phelps voted yes; President Dunn, Mr. Andersen, and Mrs. Everett voted no. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

The Board voted on Mrs. Everett as Board Clerk. Motion carried 4-1; President Dunn, Mr. Andersen, Dr. Connolly, and Mrs. Everett voted yes; Mrs. Phelps voted no. Mrs. Everett is the new Board Clerk.

Set Date, Time, and Place of Regular Board of Education Meetings

President Dunn stated the Board would vote on the dates, times, and place for upcoming Board meetings. Mr. Andersen made the motion to schedule meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., Open Session at 6:00 p.m., to be held in the Board Meeting Room of the District Offices, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

Assignment to Committees

President Dunn announced that Assignments to Committees will be determined during the Board meeting of January 3, 2017. Dr. Bonitatibus gave the current assignments for each committee, and said she will provide an updated list to President Dunn with Career Technical Education added and with the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation removed.

Reports from Student Reporters

- Century Academy: Cajun Holland
- Conejo Valley High School: Madison Robnett
- Newbury Park High School: Sam Klein
- Thousand Oaks High School: Emma Faciane
- Westlake High School: Hannah Dye (absent)

The student reporters spoke about activities on their campuses, food drives, holiday decorations, delivering Thanksgiving meals to families, donations to the L.A. mission, a Make-a-Wish rally, sports teams, music, tutoring, movie nights, and upcoming events.

Reports from Parent Support Organizations

- Paula Nathan, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported about bullying laws for students and adults in the community; their cardiac screening at Thousand Oaks High School; and encouraged the community to join the PTA.
- Susan Hanscom, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC), welcomed new Board member Mrs. Everett and welcomed back Dr. Connolly. She reported about the Homework Committee, saying their goal is to review the current homework policy. She thanked Heather Cousin of Thousand Oaks Library for providing a presentation about the library's services, such as homework help for students. She also thanked Joo Cho of DAC and the Newbury Park Library for keeping DAC updated; and thanked counselors at Newbury Park High School for their presentation on *Naviance*. Last, she commented on protection for volunteers from unwarranted conflicts with some community members.
- Cindy Goldberg, Executive Director, Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), welcomed new Board member Mrs. Everett and welcomed back Dr. Connolly. She reported that CSF is a great place for

end-of-the-year donations, especially for their Cash 4 Classrooms program. Their first ever Starlight Soirée will be held on February 25, 2017.

Presentation: Specialized Home Independent Neighborhood Education (SHINE) – Lanette Clifford and Karin Kritscher

Mrs. Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education, introduced the teachers of the SHINE program, Lanette Clifford and Karin Kritscher. Both teachers explained the program is for K-5 students when traditional schools won't work for them due to various reasons. After detailing the curriculum, they answered questions from the Board. President Dunn thanked them for their presentation.

Comments from the Public

President Dunn asked if there were any public speakers. There were 13 speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the Finlandia Foundation.
- The 2nd speaker, Joe Kirby, spoke to United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) program's use of Waverly site.
- The 3rd speaker, Marc Belforti, commented on the potential displacement of the UCP program.
- The 4th speaker, Donald Geagan, commented on the benefits of the UCP program.
- The 5th speaker, Judy Lalley, spoke about opportunities she enjoys at the UCP program.
- The 6th speaker, Rocky Capobianco, asked that his card be removed as he did not wish to speak.
- The 7th speaker, Nick Quidwai, commented on the Board officer elections and the calendar.
- The 8th speaker, Sergio Sidesman, spoke about the WHS football coach termination.
- The 9th speaker, Kim Powell, talked about adults with disabilities at the UCP program.
- The 10th speaker, Kathleen Canfield, spoke about the adult school's support of UCP program.
- The 11th speaker, Sally Hibbits, commented on AAUW's women's history project.
- The 12th speaker, Frank Chavez, commented on UCP classes for adults with disabilities.
- The 13th speaker, Ardyth St.John, spoke about traffic in Waverly community.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus offered congratulations to President Dunn, Mr. Andersen, and Mrs. Everett for being elected to their new positions. She thanked the PTA for showcasing CVUSD students at the *Reflections* contest, and congratulated the students who would be advancing. Dr. Bonitatibus and four of the Board members attended the CSBA conference, and will provide an update at the next Board meeting. Her favorite learner moment was attending the National Blue Ribbon celebrations at WHS and EARTHs.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mr. Andersen thanked the cerebral palsy community for giving him a tour of their facility. He said it was great that WHS and EARTHs both celebrated winning the National Blue Ribbon award. Thanking TOHS for letting him attend one of their football games, he said it was great to be there. He also went to Fresno to see the boys' cross country team; and mentioned attending the CBSA conference. Mrs. Everett said she enjoyed going to the National Blue Ribbon ceremony at EARTHs, as it was her first event since being elected to the Board. She toured the cerebral palsy facility and was very impressed by their teachers.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Human Resources

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

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Andersen. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Dr. Bonitatibus said that on each calendar, it states that changes may be made to meet the needs of the district. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services

A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Mr. Andersen made the motion to approve; seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Replacements of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Andersen. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of 2017 Summer School/Extended Year Programs

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve; seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

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

Mr. Andersen made the motion to approve; seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Andersen. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3440 – Inventories

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve; seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Andersen. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3512 - Equipment

Mr. Andersen made the motion to approve; seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of November 15, 2016.

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated Service:
 - A. Leaves of Absence: Teachers
Order #: R16-178
2. Certificated Service - Exempt:
 - A. Employment/appointment: Exempt Specialists
Orders #: E16-047 - E16-053
3. Classified Service:
 - A. New Employment (Probationary to Perm) / Assignment Change / Change in Status
Orders #: C16-265 - C16-278
 - B. Substitute / Provisional / Additional Assignment
Orders #: C16-279 - C16-296
 - C. Establishment / Modification / Elimination of Positions
Orders #: None
4. Classified Service - Exempt:
 - A. Walk-on Coach
Orders #: E16-440 - E16-449
 - B. Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper, Others
Orders #: E16-450 - E16-455

C. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization

D. Purchase Order Report #912

E. Purchase Order Report #913

F. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

G. Notice of Completion – PROPOSITION 39 Various School Sites – Energy Management Lighting – Sylvania Lighting Services

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS-GENERAL

HUMAN RESOURCES

No items.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Presentation of 2016 History-Social Science Framework

Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, explained that curriculum framework is an organized plan aligned with standards, and shows what a student should know and be able to do. She provided examples of framework shifts since new history social science

framework was adopted in July, 2016. Her presentation also showed a conceptual progression and new additions to the framework. Dr. Boone answered questions from the Board. President Dunn thanked her for her presentation.

There were two speaker cards submitted for this item.

- The 1st speaker, Andy Pletcher, commented on the Fair Education Act.
- The 2nd speaker, Laura Espinoza, gave Latino citizens' support to agenda items 8A / 8B.

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion; there was none.

B. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction

There were 3 speaker cards submitted for this item.

- The 1st speaker, Jose Pino, commented on equal rights and role models in curriculum.
- The 2nd speaker, Sally Hibbits, spoke about the Fair Education Act and anti-bullying.
- The 3rd speaker, Pamela Lopez, commented on the Fair Education Act.

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion. Dr. Connolly thanked the speakers for their thoughtful comments, and thanked Dr. Boone for an excellent presentation and her hard work.

C. Approval of Replacement of Administrative Regulation 6143 - Courses of Study

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion; there was none.

D. Approval of Title I School-Level Parent Involvement Policies for Acacia, Conejo, Glenwood, Ladera, Maple and Walnut

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion. Dr. Connolly said the policies have shown a lot of progression; Mr. Andersen agreed.

E. Approval of Acceptance of the College Readiness Block Grant for 2016-2017

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion; there was none.

BUSINESS SERVICES

No items.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Conditions for Withdrawing Consent to Access a School Site

There were 3 speaker cards submitted for this item.

- The 1st speaker, Amy Ciandella, commented on the behavior a community member.
- The 2nd speaker, Jackie Luderer, said she is in support of this item.
- The 3rd speaker, Jessica Stephens, spoke about ways to address citizen harassment.

President Dunn asked if there was any other discussion. Dr. Connolly asked questions regarding penal codes and what options there may be to resolve this issue. Dr. Bonitatibus responded by

noting the broad latitude in what is legislated regarding the public attending certain types of meetings and events. Mr. Andersen commented on the potential impact of dysfunction from the Board room to school sites and how it can affect students. Mrs. Everett spoke that, as a parent, she understands this issue. Mrs. Phelps felt there could be possible solutions. Mr. Iezza responded with options that can be exercised. The Board continued to briefly discuss this matter. Dr. Bonitatibus offered to follow up with legal counsel to see if any further guidance through Board Policy or Administrative Regulation could be appropriate. President Dunn asked if there were any closing comments from any of the Board members; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 9:37 p.m. **The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 4:15 p.m. Discussion Session, 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.

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Date

Clerk

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Superintendent