

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

At 5:00 p.m., President Dunn 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 no speaker cards submitted. The the following items were discussed:

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)

C. Public Employee Appointment/Employment pursuant to Government Code § 54957. Title: Administrator

D. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code 35146, Action Other than Expulsion

The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

2. REGULAR SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members present: President Mike Dunn, Vice President John Andersen, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Sandee Everett and Pat Phelps.
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 Hyonchin Im-Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant.
President Dunn welcomed attendees to the meeting and read the procedural announcements.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

E. 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: Melissa Kern

Student Reporters spoke about a blood donation drive, a barbeque for students and staff, college acceptance letters received, a Navy career advisor visit, the Renaissance assembly, a soccer tournament, a new recycling program, the Ventura County Mock Trial, upcoming Band, Strings and Jazz events, Spirit Week, the Gay-Straight Alliance dance, an annual talent show, the T.O. cluster charettes, the upcoming WASC visit, a track invitational, the TOHS Girls Basketball Team's Championship win, and the Character Counts breakfast.

F. Reports from Parent Support Organizations

- Conejo Council PTA: Paula Nathan, President, spoke about two scholarships that the PTA will be awarding to graduating seniors.
- District Advisory Council (DAC): Rocky Capbianco, Member, spoke about the complaints made against DAC and the requirements of meeting minutes per the Brown Act.
- Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF): Cindy Goldberg, Executive Director, spoke about the Odyssey of the Mind tournament, their Starlight Soiree, the Get Ahead program, parent workshops on anxiety prevention, the All-District Music Festival, and TEDX Youth.

G. Presentation: LCAP - Staff Discussing Updating Coordinated Health Services within the District

Dr. Michelle Morse, Director, Special Education, introduced Dr. Heather Chamberlin, Mental Health Services Coordinator. Dr. Chamberlin presented updates on the Mental Health Program by describing the program components and then identifying the

ongoing assessments that take place at the schools. She spoke about protocols and structures for responding to identified needs, intervention pilots and went on to explain the data from student profiles and program interventions. Dr. Chamberlin talked about current training and possibilities for the future. She concluded by speaking about the next steps that will be taken for the program.

H. Comments - Public

President Dunn announced there were three speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Dr. Jason Peplinski, Superintendent, Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD), with Mr. Bill Daniels, Board President, SVUSD, spoke in support of CVUSD's Resolution on the District of Choice program and SVUSD's hiring of a lobbyist to assist Simi Valley's efforts.
- The 2nd speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the complaint against DAC and about the NFL program.
- The 3rd speaker, Bill Gorbach, spoke about the district's responsibility to be an inclusive district.

I. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus began by clarifying that the district is currently negotiating with the city on the lease agreement renewal for the NFL program and that parents should not be concerned about the program being eliminated. She explained that only the Infant/Toddler portion of the program is being discussed regarding modifications. Dr. Bonitatibus went on to speak about the ingenuity at the Odyssey of the Mind tournament at WHS and attending the Ventura County Mock Trial. She noted that the presiding judge gave compliments to CVUSD's having three of the four top teams and then she thanked VCOE, the coaches, and volunteers involved. She then spoke about watching the TOHS Lady Lancers' win at the Regional CIF playoff game and concluded by detailing her participation in Read Across America day. Dr. Bonitatibus thanked Madrona, Lang Ranch, EARTHs and Westlake Elementary for hosting her as a guest reader and also thanked community members for participating at the schools that day.

J. Comments - Board of Education

Vice President Andersen spoke about the Teacher of the Month, Kimberly Retan Garcia from Sycamore Canyon, and noted the amount of support that award recipients receive from staff. He then encouraged school staff to nominate colleagues for this award. Mrs. Phelps thanked Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) for recognition at the Starlight Soiree and spoke about the other award recipient, Frank LaGuardia. She went on to speak about the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families meeting where they are currently reviewing and working on updating bylaws originally created as the Joint Powers Authority. Mrs. Phelps concluded by speaking about the Youth Commission's Parent Information Program on mental health issues of teenagers and the city's upcoming workshop to help the community understand new marijuana laws. Mrs. Everett then congratulated Mrs. Phelps on her award from CSF. Dr. Connolly thanked CSF and their board for the soiree and congratulated Mrs. Phelps and Mr. LaGuardia. She then acknowledged the email requests she and other board members have received regarding a Safe Haven Resolution and asked that she be emailed again from folks who are interested in viewing the California School Board Association's documents regarding current state laws that protect students and families.

3. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD MEMBER

Action: A. Approval of the Relocation of Conejo Valley High School (CVHS) to the CVUSD Office South Building

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice President Andersen. President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Cathy Carlson, presented suggestions on the CVUSD-owned land behind the South Building.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett and President Dunn both spoke, respectively, about the reasons that led to their supporting this move. Vice President Andersen stated that he could not vote to approve this tonight and confirmed the board is in agreement about the sense of urgency in this matter. Mrs. Phelps made corrections in being quoted and spoke about the importance of giving CVHS one good move. Dr. Connolly acknowledged this issue and stated she could not vote for it tonight without the information, discussion and input from staff. The Board went on to speak further about their stance on this matter, what is necessary for review before a decision is made and suggested amending the motion to postpone this action to a later date. Mrs. Everett made the motion to postpone action, seconded by Vice President Andersen. The Amended Motion carried 5-0.

4. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL - HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution #16/17-18: Ordering Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day

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

B. Resolution #16/17-19: Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services at the Close of the Current School Year

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

C. Resolution #16/17-20: Layoff/Reduction/Elimination of Classified Positions - Technology Services

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

5. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of New Board Policy 5116.2 - Involuntary Student Transfers

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

B. Approval of New Administrative Regulation 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students

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

C. Approval of Neighborhood for Learning - Market Rate Preschool Tuition Fee Increase Effective 2017/2018 School Year

President Dunn announced there was one speaker card. Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

- The 1st speaker, Heidi Renwald, suggested the Board approve only a 10% fee increase based on previous year data and requested the upcoming year's forecast.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Board members asked questions to staff to which Mr. Iezza answered. President Dunn announced there was one more speaker card.

- The 2nd speaker, Carolina Rhodes, recommended that the upcoming year's projections are evaluated before fee increases are decided upon.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of 2016-2017 Second Interim Financial Statements

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

President Dunn announced at 8:20 p.m. there would be a five minute break. The meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Personnel Assignment Orders

C. Stipulated Agreement - Student 5-16/17 SA

D. Overnight Trip Request - NPHS Dance Team - USA Dance Nationals

F. Overnight Trip Request - WHS Academic Decathlon Team

G. Approval of Venue Change for the K-8 Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program -

H. Approval of Purchase Order Report #917

I. Approval of Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

J. MEASURE I: Approval of Award of Contract - Kitchen Upgrades - Various Sites

K. MEASURE I: Approval of Award of Contract - Kitchen Upgrades – Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools

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

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 1230 - School-Connected Organizations

President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Cathv Carlson, made suggestions on changing the Administrative Regulation and the Board Policy related to it.

President Dunn asked staff questions about the amendments to which Mr. Iezza answered. Dr. Connolly made the suggestion that section E should be moved into section D to which Mr. Iezza agreed and confirmed. Mrs. Phelps commented on the extra protection this gives to booster clubs from unwanted expenditures.

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of 2016-2017 Comprehensive Safety Plans

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion.

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD MEMBER

A. Resolution #16/17-23: Against Public School - District of Choice for 2017

President Dunn announced there were two speaker cards.

- The 1st speaker, Grace Torpoco, expressed her opinion on how the district can be more competitive and suggested the resolution state what the district supports.
- The 2nd speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the diversity in Oak Park.

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Dr. Connolly stated that the resolution was created to advocate for changes to be made to the current District of Choice (DOC) legislation. Board members went on comment on the program and asked staff questions regarding interdistrict transfer students' data to which Mr. Iezza responded. Dr. Bonitatibus expanded on the surrounding districts' support in giving students and families a choice and confirmed that if the program sunsets, districts, including CVUSD, would not require DOC students to return to their home districts. She notified the Board that she emailed all Board members and staff the four bills that have been introduced to address DOC. Dr. Connolly went on to explain the language in Assembly Bill 1087. Board members spoke further on their thoughts of DOC and asked Dr. Bonitatibus if she has been contacted by Assemblymember Irwin since her meeting with surrounding districts' Superintendents, Board members and Union representatives to which Dr. Bonitatibus answered that she had not. Vice President Andersen suggested a sub-committee to work on rewording the resolution. Dr. Connolly stated that she and Vice President Andersen would work on making changes to the resolution's wording that affirms the district's values. The Board agreed to place two Action Items at the next regular meeting; one for the creation of a sub-committee and another to adopt the Board Resolution.

B. Joint Board/Staff Conversation for Choosing a New Site for Conejo Valley High School

President Dunn announced there were three speaker cards.

- The 1st speaker, Bill Gorback, recognized Martin Manzer, Principal, Conejo Valley High School, and suggested that the Board ask him about his opinions on relocating the high school.
- The 2nd speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about CVHS enrollment and suggested building portables on land behind CVUSD South Building.
- The 3rd speaker, Nick Quidwai, spoke about the urgency of this decision to be made and inquired about the financial plan.

President Dunn asked if there were any questions or discussion. Board members explained their views and concerns and asked staff questions to which Dr. Hayek responded. Board members then went on to ask staff what their concerns are with the possibility of CVHS relocating to the South Building and inquired amongst themselves what other options of locations there are. They asked more questions about the facilities at Park Oaks, University Center and Horizon Hills to which Mr. Iezza responded. Dr. Bonitatibus suggested planning a discussion session to talk about a business plan, the other facility options mentioned, and to have further discussion on the South Building. Dr. Hayek mentioned that time is critical if they are looking at an August occupancy date. Dr. Bonitatibus recommended the discussion session take place the following Tuesday, which then the Board discussed what time to schedule. Vice President Andersen made the motion to extend the meeting by five minutes, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0. The Discussion session time of 4:00 p.m. was suggested.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 10:43 p.m. **The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 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.

Date: March 7, 2017  Clerk

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