

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, May 1, 2017

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1. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Dunn called the meeting to order at 4:34 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; Dr. 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. Open Session Procedures

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

E. Comments - Public

President Dunn announced there was one public comment card submitted.

- The speaker, Cathy Carlson, gave suggestions on and stated advantages of finding an interim Superintendent.

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD MEMBERS

A. Public Employee Appointment, pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b). Title: Superintendent.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett began by speaking about attending a Brown Act Training at the Ventura County of Education (VCOE) and, upon discussion with Ventura Unified, discovered the possibility of a two-year guarantee with the search firm used, McPherson and Jacobson. After Mrs. Phelps' inquiry on that guarantee, Dr. Bonitatibus explained that she has fulfilled the two-year contract term. Dr. Connolly and Vice President Andersen spoke about the search process, approach options and Ventura's decision to have legal counsel be present on all Board conversations regarding their Superintendent search. Mrs. Everett asked other Board members what the consensus of the Board is on hiring permanently within without looking outside of the district. Mrs. Phelps spoke about an interim, search firms and the Board's need to have outside representation, whether it be a search firm or an attorney. The Board then went on to agree that a search process is needed and that outside assistance would be helpful. They spoke about asking VCOE for assistance, as it is a less expensive and more viable option. Mrs. Phelps spoke about previous search firms having put together meetings to collect input from the community, unions, parent groups and staff for the Superintendent search. Mrs. Phelps then inquired with staff about how previous interims were selected to which Mr. Iezza responded. The Board then spoke about taking first steps in finding three to four search firms to interview. They discussed the process of interviewing all firms and then placing on an Agenda for Board approval before hiring the selected firm. President Dunn asked how soon the Board would designate an interim to which Dr. Bonitatibus responded that the options of personnel and duties could be discussed in Closed Session. The Board also discussed the need to schedule a series of meetings in advance to get the search process in place. The Board then directed Mrs. Im-Turner to research the terms of the contract with McPherson

& Jacobson from 2015. They also spoke about retaining counsel and collectively agreed to refer to VCOE on obtaining interim search assistance and more information on what services VCOE is able to offer. The Board agreed that getting the County's involvement would be beneficial as VCOE would be good advisors and mentioned inviting VCOE to speak with the Board.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:26pm.

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments - Public

President Dunn announced there were no public comment cards submitted.

B. Public Employee Appointment, pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54597 (b). Title: Superintendent.

C. Announcements from Closed Session

President Dunn read the procedural Closed Session announcements and stated that there was nothing to report out.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 6:43 p.m. **The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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: May 1, 2017 _____ Clerk

Date: May 1, 2017 _____ Superintendent