

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

President Dunn announced there were two public comment cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Holly Fleming, yielded her time to Bob Fleming.
- The 2nd speaker, Bob Fleming, spoke about Carden's proposed amendments to the lease and asked the Board to consider the amendments.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9), Claim #VCBA0756681

C. Conference with real property negotiators, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8. Property: 975 Evenstar Avenue, Westlake Village, CA 91361. Agency negotiator: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent. Negotiating parties: Mr. Bob Fleming and Dr. Holly Fleming, Carden Westlake Village, Inc. (successor in interest to Carden Junior School, Inc.). Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

D. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Dr. 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)

E. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

F. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b). Title: Principal, Newbury Park High School

The Closed Session ended at 6:40 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 6:45 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; 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. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Dunn announced the Board was unable to complete the entire Closed Session Agenda and that only the following items were discussed:

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President Dunn then announced that in regards to Agenda Item 1 B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9), Claim #VCBA0756681, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to authorize legal counsel for employees and Board members of the district who are subject to examination under oath related to Claim #VCBA0756681.

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

E. Student Recognitions

Lou Lichtl, Principal, Thousand Oaks High School, recognized the 2017 Ventura County Office of Education winners from Thousand Oaks High School: Vianey Ellison, Josh Williams, Samantha Johnson, Jack Adams, Emily Htway, Elise Okayama, Sarah Cohen, Hannah Schalyo, Lauren Hinkley, Sarah Kazmie, Bronte Brazier and Nathan Holloway.

Jason Klinger, Principal, Los Cerritos, thanked Rita Armstrong, Honors Science Teacher and then recognized the 2017 Ventura County Office of Education winners from Los Cerritos: Olivia Harrington, Ryan Tischhauser and Gregory Levesque.

President Dunn commented on the impressiveness of the projects. Dr. Connolly thanked everyone and congratulated both schools on their great programs and spoke about the awards being a tribute to the wonderful opportunities the students have at CVUSD.

President Dunn announced Open Session Procedures.

F. Reports from Student Representatives

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 representatives spoke about the arrival of yearbooks, welcoming new students, finalizing college selections, student athletes in surfing, pole vaulting and tennis, an internship opportunity with Senator Dianne Feinstein, April graduates, outdoor education, scholarship workshops, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Administrative Professionals Day, booth at the upcoming Conejo Valley Days, AP testing, proms, after-prom events, senior recognition nights, senior picnic, senior Finale Rallies, choir concerts and festivals, WASC accreditation process at TOHS, varsity dance team, Heritage Festival, drama program musical, CAASPP testing, a blood drive and Associated Student Body events.

G. Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Council PTA (CCPTA), Paula Nathan, President, spoke about attending the recent state PTA event in San Jose to receive the Spotlight Award for CCPTA's cardiac screening. She recognized Avalon Nathan for winning an Award of Excellence for her Reflections entry in the Special Artists Film category. She announced that CCPTA successfully completed their second cardiac screening and thanked the Saving Hearts Foundation, Westlake High School, volunteers and all of the sponsors for helping with the event. Mrs. Nathan finished by asking everyone to send box tops to CCPTA at district office.

District Advisory Council (DAC), Susan Hanscom, Chair, spoke about enjoying listening to the student reporters, thanked teachers and recognized Teacher Appreciation Week. She then provided updates from the last DAC meeting, which had the focus of the agenda on issues children face, children in need and social/emotional challenges. Mrs. Hanscom went on to speak about Dr. Heather Chamberlin's presentation to DAC and expressed learning about anxiety disorders in teenagers. She then spoke about Rebecca Stelmar presenting on the BreakThrough program and an experience that was shared from a parent of a self-referred student in the program. She then provided Homework Committee updates and finished by thanking the Board for live streaming the recent Special Session Board meeting.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Cindy Goldberg, Executive Director, began by thanking teachers and spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week. She then spoke about the All District Strings Festival and noted the clusters of students participating that week. She then noted that May would be the last month for the school year that BreakThrough is providing a parent workshop, which will be on Technology, which includes social media to help parents and students stay connected. She announced that information on all events, parent workshops and the All District music festivals are on the CSF website. Mrs. Goldberg reminded all to register online for the Get Ahead program and of the upcoming TEdx Youth at Conejo event at Westlake High School and the theme being Finding Your Groove. She concluded with sharing a recent partnership experience resulting in donations of bicycles, helmets and locks for CSF's Cycles for Success.

H. Comments - Public

President Dunn announced there were no public comment cards submitted.

I. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus spoke about National Teacher Appreciation Week and described a few of the many things teachers do, and then, on behalf of CVUSD leadership, thanked CVUSD's teachers. She then spoke about National School Nurse/Health Care Technicians Day, which is May 10. Dr. Bonitatibus then congratulated Megan Triplett, Principal, Westlake Elementary, for receiving the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Professionals award at their annual 40 Under 40 event. She concluded by speaking about attending the Conejo Valley Student Commission of the Conejo Chinese Cultural Association meeting recently where she interacted with high school and middle school students and their parents.

J. Comments - Board of Education

Dr. Connolly spoke about attending the last Wellness Committee meeting of the year and thanked committee members for their participation, Virginia Beck, Director, Child Nutrition and Juan Santos, Director, Student Services, for spending time with parents in the community.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items.

4. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items.

5. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of 2017-2020 Technology Master Plan

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

6. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Personnel Assignment Orders

C. Contract For Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability #26-16/17

D. Contract For Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability #27-16/17**E. Approval of Notice of Completion – Tenant Improvements – Conejo Valley Unified School District – Ardan Construction Company, Inc.****F. Approval of Notice of Completion – Kitchen Upgrades – Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools – David Atkin Construction, Inc.****G. Approval of Notice of Completion – Office Renovations – Conejo Valley Unified School District Offices – Thomas Schwab Corporation****H. Approval of Purchase Order Report #921****I. Approval of Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**

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

President Dunn announced the Board's approval of Steve Lepire to be the new Principal at Thousand Oaks High School. Mr. Lepire approached the podium and thanked the current TOHS Principal, Josh Eby, and spoke about his tenure at the district including how he began and the positions he has held. He concluded by expressing his excitement and gratitude for the new opportunity and thanked the Board and Superintendent.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES**A. Approval of Amendment of Administrative Regulation 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment**

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Board members inquired about the amendments, fingerprinting and circumstances for felonies to which Dr. McLaughlin responded. Dr. Connolly asked for reassurance that the transportation company that is contracted to the district does require drug testing and suggested that Dr. Hayek confirm this information.

B. Approval of Amendment of Administrative Regulation 4112.6, 4212.6, 4312.6 - Personnel Files

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Dr. McLaughlin noted that there will be a few updated administrative regulations in the following meetings.

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**A. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy 6111 - School Calendar**

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Phelps asked for explanation on the number of days to which Dr. McLaughlin responded.

B. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none.

C. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Board members and staff had discussion on the flexibility the Board has to adjust policy, the purpose of the policy being the state's recognition that students will be able to earn credit back, the excused absences for religious reasons and that the weekend classes are optional and not required. Upon further discussion and clarification on making both weekend days available, the Board decided not to make any further suggestions.

D. Approval of Schedule Change - Banked Time - Westlake Hills Elementary

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Phelps asked how many schools have banked time to which Dr. McLaughlin responded that Westlake Hills would be the district's tenth school on banked time and explained for this school it would be a smooth transition because there are no school buses servicing the site.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Approval of Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3260 - Fees and Charges

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none.

B. Approval of Amendment of Board Policy 5030 - Student Wellness

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett thanked the committee for the comprehensive policy. Mrs. Phelps commented about the detailed descriptions of ingredients and how it has affected her food choices. Vice President Andersen spoke about the FDA rolling back federal mandates. Dr. Connolly explained that the committee and Child Nutrition update the policy in accordance with current law.

C. Approval of Agreement between Best Best & Krieger Limited Liability Partnership and the Conejo Valley Unified School District to Provide Legal Services

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none.

- The lead counsel for Best Best & Krieger (BB&K), Ruben Duran, introduced himself and stated that he looks forward to talking to the district further.

Vice President Andersen spoke about reading about an exclusive arrangement between the district and this law firm to which Dr. Hayek responded. Dr. Bonitatibus explained that if BB&K does not provide a specific service, staff and the Board can go elsewhere to firms that do specialize in a service needed. Board members made comments and then inquired about a retainer fee, if Mr. Duran would be the district's general counsel and his hours to which Dr. Bonitatibus responded. The Board went on to speak about the perception of hiring an attorney to which Dr. McLaughlin clarified that there would be no additional cost and explained the advantages of staff working with one counsel. Discussion went on about the consolidation of work within the district under one counsel, Mr. Duran's presence at board meetings and interaction with the Board, and the transition process that would take place if BB&K is hired.

D. Conejo Valley High School and District Office Relocation Projects

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Phelps thanked staff and contractors for the tour and commented on the speediness of the renovation work being done. Dr. Hayek provided an update on what has been completed, what is currently taking place and what to expect in the coming weeks and months.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 8:45 p.m. and the Board convened back into Closed Session to address the following Closed Session items:

D. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Dr. 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)

E. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

Closed Session ended at 9:48 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 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 2, 2017 _____ Clerk

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