

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**South Building Board Room**  
**1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

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## **1. 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Interim Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; and Hyonchin Im-Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant.

### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures**

President Dunn announced that Closed Session did not take place due to there being no agenda items.

### **D. Approval of the Agenda**

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

### **E. Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum and Assessment - Steps to School Board Approval of Core Literature**

Dr. Boone presented on the District's steps in the approval of core literature. Board members then asked questions to which Dr. Boone responded. The Board then engaged in discussion with Dr. Boone to include how the district selects core literature titles, themes that instructional staff consider in the books, the district's current lists and options available for alternative choices for parents.

### **Procedural: F. Comments - Public**

President Dunn announced there were 14 speaker cards submitted.

- The first speaker, Martin Manzer, Principal, Conejo Valley High School (CVHS), welcomed all to the new CVHS and expressed his gratitude to the Board and district personnel.
- The second speaker, Bill Gorback, spoke about CVHS and *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (Part-Time Indian)*.
- The third speaker, Todd Smith, spoke about teaching principles and his views on how the Board should make decisions.
- The fourth speaker, Stephen Wolfe, spoke about Thomas Jefferson's guiding principle for democracy and *Part-Time Indian*.
- The fifth speaker, Thomas Adams, deferred his time to Timothy Bond.
- The sixth speaker, Timothy Bond, spoke about the Board's obligation to represent the community.
- The seventh speaker, Deborah Baber Svalla, spoke about the power of words and the books in the district's curriculum.
- The eighth speaker, Sam Sorbo, spoke about finding middle ground and compromising on core literature books.
- The ninth speaker, Sally Hibbitts, spoke about teachable moments in current events.
- The tenth speaker, Nelson Buss, spoke about *Part-Time Indian* and classic books with similar content.

- The eleventh speaker, Nick Quidwai, spoke about his suggestions to improve the Board meetings the new Interim Superintendent and suggested meetings be held in the high school auditoriums.
- The twelfth speaker, Angie Simpson, spoke about the need for the district to address racism, bigotry and misogyny and parents' right to opt-out.
- The thirteenth speaker, Shreya Chattopadhuay, spoke about experiences in the classrooms at NPHS and asked the Board to trust the teachers.
- The fourteenth speaker, Dianne Fritsche, spoke about her son's experience and *Part-Time Indian*.
- The fifteenth speaker, Lindsay Filgas, spoke about Part-Time Indian and other books with controversial topics.
- The sixteenth speaker, Nivi Shaham, spoke to contest the Board's censorship of the *Part-Time Indian*.
- The seventeenth speaker, Colleen Delaney, spoke about her son's experience and Part-Time Indian.
- The eighteenth speaker, Cindy Muscatel, spoke about *Part-Time Indian* and the lessons in the book.
- The nineteenth speaker, Lauren Gill, spoke about *Part-Time Indian* and making students college-ready.
- The twentieth speaker, Mandy Jacob, spoke about access to many other books that are not controversial.
- The twenty-first speaker, Rory Smith, spoke about *Part-Time Indian* and its complex themes.
- The twenty-second speaker, Ron Gerber, spoke about his experience with his son in the district.
- The twenty-third speaker, Tony Dolz, spoke about the responsibility of parents in their children's education.
- The twenty-fourth speaker, Alan Munson, spoke about the right for parents to have the option to choose their children's curriculum.

### **G. Comments - Board of Education**

Dr. Connolly spoke about the CVHS renovations and praised and congratulated staff. Mr. Andersen spoke about CVHS and thanked all involved. He then spoke about the CSBA Delegate convention and recommended an approach for a new policy for the district. He then make a formal request for the Board to hold a discussion session to draft a policy on core literature titles. Mrs. Everett thanked and recognized those involved in completing the CVHS relocation project. She then spoke about her participation in the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee member interviews in recent weeks. Mrs. Phelps thanked and congratulated Mr. Manzer and all involved in the CVHS project. Mr. Dunn spoke about CVHS and his current reading of the biography of Willie Mayes.

### **H. Comments - Superintendent**

Dr. McLaughlin recognized and thank Dr. Boone for her efforts and preparations in the core literature presentation. He then went on to thank staff and district departments for preparing the school sites for the start of the school year. He then went on to make a statement about a recent social media video that surfaced.

## **2. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **A. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

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

### **B. Approval of the Amendment to the Azusa Pacific University Student Teacher Program Agreement**

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion and Mrs. Everett commented that this is an excellent program. Motion carried 5-0.

## **3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

### **A. Approval of New Core Literature Titles for English**

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded Mrs. Phelps. Vice President Andersen made a motion to approve the two books individually, seconded by Mr.s Everett. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Mrs. Everett asked questions to which Mr. Iezza responded. Motion carried 3-2 with Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Phelps voting no. Vice President Andersen made motion to approve *The Wild Truth* as a new core literature title, seconded by Mrs. Everett. The Board went on to discuss how to staff defines what core literature list to which Dr. McLaughlin explained. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Connolly made motion to approve *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* for addition to the core literature curriculum list for ninth grade English, seconded by Mrs. Phelps.

President Dunn announced there were 14 speaker cards submitted:

- The first speaker, Bill Hicks, was absent.
- The second speaker, Christy Hodson, asked that literary works be chosen that engage and inspire students.
- The third speaker, Lori Jacobs, spoke in support of both books and shared her experience.
- The fourth speaker, Jennifer Eis, spoke about the Board's role in the core literature approval process and shared her son's experience.
- The fifth speaker, Jon Cummings, spoke about the lessons in and in support of *Part-Time Indian*.
- The sixth speaker, Gina Muscatel, read a statement from an absent community member in support of *Part-Time Indian*.
- The seventh speaker, Megan Hibbitts, yielded her time to Sally Hibbitts.
- The eight speaker, Sally Hibbitts, spoke in favor of *Part-Time Indian* and trusting the district experts.
- The ninth speaker, Bonnie Shubb, spoke about the Ventura County Civil Alliance State of the Region report and trusting the district experts.
- The tenth speaker, Joanna Burns, spoke about her experiences teaching the lessons of several books and not focusing on graphic content.
- The eleventh speaker, Mary Anne Von Ziel, spoke about her concerns with parents choosing what their children learn about based on values.
- The twelfth speaker, Janie Ahlberg, read a letter from the American Library Association to the Board in support of intellectual freedom.
- The thirteenth speaker, Nick Quidwai, questioned approving a book that will get many parents upset and noted many other books available to choose from.
- The fourteenth speaker, Silas Neshwai, asked the district to be transparent with all information regarding this topic.

The Board went on to hold a discussion to include policies, vetting processes, Lexile categories, parental rights and inquired further on the approval process to which the executive administration responded. At 10:21 p.m., Vice President Andersen made a motion to extend the meeting to 10:45 pm, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0. Further discussion took place amongst the Board on the motion on the floor, which was to approve or disapprove *Part-Time Indian*. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Dunn voting no.

### **4. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### **A. Approval of New Board Policy 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management**

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.

### **5. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes - June 20, 2017**

#### **B. Approval of Minutes - June 27, 2017**

- C. Approval of Minutes - July 25, 2017**
- D. Personnel Assignment Orders**
- E. Overnight Trip Request - Sycamore Canyon 7th Grade Outdoor Leadership**
- F. Overnight Trip Request - Westlake High School Jazz Band**
- G. Overnight Trip Request - Westlake High School Regiment Marching Band**
- H. Boat Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Geologic Information Systems (GIS) Field Trip to Santa Cruz Island**
- I. Overnight Trip Request - Westlake High School Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony**
- J. Approval of Addendums to Board Policy 3551 and Administrative Regulation 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund**
- K. Approval of Application to Receive Mandate Block Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2017/2018**
- L. Approval of Agreement with EdFiles for Scanning Software and Inactive Files Scanning Services**
- M. Approval of Revolving Cash Funds for 2017/2018.**
- N. Approval of Addendum to Annual Signature Authorization for 2017/2018**
- O. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**
- P. MEASURE I and Proposition 39: Approval of Change Order #2 – Energy Efficiency – Various Sites – McKinstry Essention, LLC.**
- Q. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Storm and Slope Drainage Renovations – Ladera Elementary School - Ardan Construction Company, Inc.**
- R. MEASURE I and Proposition 39: Approval of Notice of Completion – Energy Efficiency – Various Sites – McKinstry Essention, LLC.**
- S. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Epoxy Flooring – Thousand Oaks High School – Ray-Mac Painting, Inc.**
- T. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Flooring – Banyan Elementary School – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.**
- U. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Flooring – Horizon Hills – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.**
- V. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Tenant Improvements – Conejo Valley High School – Thomas Schwab Corporation**
- W. Approval of Notice of Completion – Interior Painting – Conejo Valley Unified School District Offices and Horizon Hills – Ardan Construction Company, Inc.**
- X. Approval of Notice of Completion – Flooring – Aspen Elementary School – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.**
- Y. Approval of Notice of Completion – Flooring – Conejo Elementary School – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.**
- Z. Approval of Award of Contracts - Under the Guidelines of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCAA)**

**AA. Approval of Purchase Order Report #926**

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.

**6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES****A. Approval of Agreement Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and California State University, Northridge - Psychology and Counseling Program**

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

**7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES****A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures**

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

**B. Approval of Replacements of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.7 - Physical Education**

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

**C. Approval of Replacement of Board Policy 6142.93 - Science Instruction**

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett requested information on the adoption of the state of California's Next Generation Science Standards, the district's science curriculum framework and asked if any changes made to this policy are required by law to which Mr. Iezza responded.

**D. Approval of Replacements of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6174 - Education for English Learners**

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

**E. Schoolwide Program Waiver at Ladera Elementary School**

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

**8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES****A. Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 3550 and Administrative Regulation 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program**

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Vice President Andersen inquired about competitive sales and club-provided lunches to which Dr. Hayek and Virginia Beck responded.

**B. Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 7214 - General Obligation Funds**

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

**C. Conejo Valley High School and District Office Relocation Projects**

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Dr. Hayek commented all is on schedule.

**9. ADJOURNMENT****A. Adjournment**

President Dunn adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

**The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at the CVUSD Board Room located inside Conejo Valley High School at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

Date: August 15, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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