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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

At 4:00 p.m., President Dunn announced there were no comment cards submitted. The Board then adjourned into closed session at 4:00 p.m.

B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b): Interim Superintendent Evaluation Process

Closed Session ended at 6:05 p.m.

2. 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 6:11 p.m.

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

President Dunn asked all to join in a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of the victims of the recent tragedy in Las Vegas.

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Dunn announced that the following item was discussed in closed session:

B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b): Interim Superintendent Evaluation Process

F. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to move Reports from Student Reporters to before the Ladera Elementary Presentation and approve the Agenda, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy: Laurel Lyman

Conejo Valley High School: Joe Cardenas

Newbury Park High School: Allison Gennette

Thousand Oaks High School: Katelyn Barker

Westlake High School: Marissa Huang

Students reported on: BBQs, fundraisers, Halloween activities, College and Career Nights, Grad Bash, Back to School Night, Teen Center Advisory Meeting, Lunch with a Judge, a paintball tournament, CVHS's new address as 1402 E. Janss Road, dances, planning for winter rallies, student safety, Sounds of Conejo, practice SAT, annual Senior Talks, college fairs and presentations, athletic games,

ASB, Homecoming Week and rallies, fall blood drive, new clubs, WHS WASC and Leadership Development Day.

D. Presentation by Ladera Elementary Highlighting Activities Reflected in the 2017-2018 LCAP

Ladera Principal, Lori Wall, presented on Ladera's plan for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) to include: special training for teachers, specialized designated spaces, Special Training for Teachers, Specialized Designated Spaces, Creative Programs, Creation Rotations, discovery lab/maker space, New Art Trek STEAM program, next steps, and presented the targeted opening date as August 22, 2018. Vice President Andersen inquired about creating existing boundaries or if students will be accepted by application only to which Ms. Wall responded. Mrs. Everett praised Ms. Wall and her excitement on the Academy.

E. Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: 2017 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Results

Dr. Boone presented on the CAASPP results to include: performance and progress, evidence based responses, overall score and achievement level, overall results, subgroup results, college readiness, EAP results, using reports, results website and CAASPP parent guides. Dr. Connolly inquired about tracking EL students as they move out of the ELL category to which Dr. Boone responded. Vice President Andersen asked if the state is publishing best practices for schools linked to this testing to which Dr. Boone responded. Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Boone discussed Teachers on Special Assignments and the possible effectiveness of them at other districts within the state. Vice President Andersen spoke about tying LCAP and other sources of funding to this and other testing to which Dr. McLaughlin responded. Mrs. Phelps asked about the Early Assessment Program and the college readiness at grade 11 to which Dr. Boone responded. Mrs. Everett asked about the tests and scoring to which Dr. Boone responded.

H. Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Council PTA (CCPTA), Paula Nathan, President, spoke about Strong Start, receiving several Platinum memberships from staff and Board, the recent crisis, working together and asked the Board to be impartial representatives of educational policies.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Mike Soules, President. Cindy Goldberg spoke about the upcoming State of the Schools event, thanked sponsors and partner sponsors, the elementary and secondary parent workshops beginning in October and Cash for Conejo Classrooms.

District Advisory Council, (DAC), Cindy Goldberg, President, spoke about the first DAC meeting and items discussed, Dr. McLaughlin's message and thanked President Dunn for attending DAC's meeting.

I. Comments - Public

- The first speaker, Stephen Gabrielson, was absent.
- The second speaker, Dr. Amy Chen, spoke about long-term consequences and her objection of salacious descriptions in books to distract students from the theme.
- The third speaker, Mary Ann Van Zuyle, spoke about the Board's recent special discussion session and thankfulness of the discussion.
- The fourth speaker, Jon Cummings, yielded his time to Sally Hibbitts.
- The fifth speaker, Sally Hibbitts, spoke about the Board's recent governance training, thanked Board members for attending and explained duties of elected officials.
- The sixth speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about Bring your Bible to School Day on October 5 and religious freedoms in America.
- The seventh speaker, Maureen Meyer, spoke about the negative responses from friends on Snow Falling on Cedars.
- The eighth speaker, Richard Herca, spoke about accountability to the community, state standards for reading and the District's job to teach state curriculum.
- The ninth speaker, George Miller, spoke in support of sound and moral development of students.

J. Comments - Board of Education

Mrs. Everett thanked those who spoke, gave presentations and the student reporters for being present. She then spoke about Keith Jones at Sequoia and Banyan, written about it the Acorn

newspaper. Mrs. Everett then spoke about her daughter's experience at NPHS, and spoke about witnessing the new Chromebooks distribution at TOHS, and Mr. Lichtl in dancing competition, reassured safety on intercom that morning, the recent tragedy in Las Vegas and thanked school faculty and counselors for supporting the students. VP Andersen thanked the public speakers, Teacher of the Month - Chris Catalano, phys ed teacher. He then spoke about CSBA, their training, political advocacy and safety in two months. Dr. Connolly spoke about attending a VCOE legal forum DACA, WASC at WHS, recognized WHS team in working hard to prepare, VCSBA dinner , CSBA Roadshow - local advocacy plan, she will be at Sounds of Conejo. Mrs. Phelps spoke about WHS Homecoming game, Billy (coach), attended ribbon cutting CRPD special needs playground T.O. Rotary used by special needs students, the governance training, the Superintendent's evaluation - immediate action that came out of the governance training. Having own rep on issues, percent spending per student in comparison to the state, board calendar adjustment.

K. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin thanked local law enforcement in continuing their partnership with the District to keep our students and community safe.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution #17/18-04: "Week of the School Administrator" – October 8-14, 2017

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly . President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Dr. Connolly thanked school administrators. Motion carried 5-0.

4. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Resolution #17/18-03 - Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

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 – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. No Items

6. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of Subcommittee's Recommendations for Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Member Selection

Dr. Connolly 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.

7. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

A. Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2017

B. Approval of Minutes - September 25, 2017

C. Approval of Minutes - September 25, 2017

D. Approval of Minutes - September 26, 2017

E. Personnel Assignment Orders

F. Approval of Contracts - Fulcrum Learning Services, Inc. and Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps

G. Approval of Contract - Professional Development

H. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for a Student With a Disability #10-17/18

I. MEASURE I: Approval of Change Order #1 – Roofing Replacement – Thousand Oaks High School – Craig Roof Company, Inc.

J. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Roofing Replacement – Thousand Oaks High School – Craig Roof Company, Inc.

K. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Low Voltage Cabling System – Conejo Valley High School – Pacificom

L. MEASURE I: Approval of Notice of Completion – Flooring – Conejo Valley High School – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.

M. 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.

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Approval of Amendment of Board Policy 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment

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

B. Approval of the California Lutheran University Practicum Training Affiliation Agreement

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Dr. Connolly spoke about being pleased in seeing students going through the programs. Mrs. Phelps explained that these are counseling, marriage and therapy students. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Dr. Juan Santos for bringing in the partnerships with the universities.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of Proposed Rate Increase for CVUSD Outdoor Education Program

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett spoke about the program, how students enjoy it and asked about students who cannot afford to pay to to which Dr. Hayek and responded. Mrs. Phelps spoke about programs through PTAs to help defray costs. Dr. Connolly spoke about diminishing funds and competition and her support of the program. Stephen Sipes, Teacher, then explained the increase in bussing costs and answered the last few questions from Board members.

B. Approval of Career Technical Education Advisory Committee

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Dr. Connolly spoke about the list displaying her as an alternate and suggested looking for a parent to fill the Parent position. Mrs. Everett spoke about the applicants in the Bond Oversight Committee interviews.

C. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

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

D. Resolution 17/18-01 - Public Textbook and Instructional Materials

President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the California Department of Education's 8-weeks timeframe and law against requiring parents to pay for textbooks.

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

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. No Items

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation - Core Literature Material

- The first speaker, Bill Gorback, recognized District parents lost in Las Vegas tragedy and the discussion on this policy in support of trusting the experts.
- The second speaker, Mike Smith, spoke about the value of books, words, beliefs and ideas.
- The third speaker, Alison Eilerman, spoke about Oak Park not requiring students to read controversial books.
- The fourth speaker, Kelley Harris, spoke about concerns with controversial books being far below grade level.
- The fifth speaker, Alex Burum, spoke in support of book content being inappropriate and parents' responsibility to their child.
- The sixth speaker, Deborah Savalla, spoke about the influence of literature in support of removing controversial content and read from the Bluest Eye.
- The seventh speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about state law and education code on the state's recommended curriculum list.

- The eighth speaker, James Mayer, spoke of his family’s experience with good literature and giving parents the freedom of choice to opt out.

President Dunn read a statement card.

- The ninth speaker, Janie Ahlberg, spoke about concerns with providing option to parents to opt out.

President Dunn read another statement card.

- The tenth speaker, Carolyn Guillot, spoke in support of parents deciding what books their children read.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Dr. Connolly spoke about CDE’s recommended literature list online. Mrs. Everett spoke about parent experiences in the opt-out process. The Board went on to discuss making new policy and receiving new or an enhanced policy the Board can vote on. Dr. McLaughlin explained the different types of committees the Board could choose to create and his recommendations. Mrs. Everett spoke about her request to have the committee members speak with parents who have opted out in the past. Mrs. Phelps spoke about looking at the practice of the policy. Dr. Connolly spoke on the value in having Board members in the committee. District administration spoke about their suggestions on how to bring the policy forward. President Dunn read legal counsel’s notes about the majority of the Board on a committee would be subject to the Brown Act. Mrs. Everett then concluded by agreeing to have the Superintendent create the committee with faculty and administration and then an ad hoc committee of two Board members.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 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 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

Date: October 3, 2017 _____ Clerk

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