

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Conejo Valley High School
1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

At 5:05 p.m., President Dunn announced there was one public comment card submitted.

1. Bob Fleming spoke about Dr. McLaughlin's start as Interim Superintendent.

B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation, pursuant to Government Code §54957; Title: Superintendent

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code §54957.6; Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent, Agency Negotiator: Board President

Closed Session adjourned at 6:04 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 6:09 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

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Dunn announced that by a 5-0 vote, the Board has appointed Dr. Mark McLaughlin as the Superintendent of the Conejo Valley Unified School District.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve the Agenda with Board Comments to be placed before Public Comments, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy: Laurel Lyman substituted by Shelby Shea

Conejo Valley High School: Joe Cardenas substituted by Josephine Parks

Newbury Park High School: Allison Gennette

Thousand Oaks High School: Katelyn Barker

Westlake High School: Marissa Huang

Students reported on: academic updates, new classes, Red Ribbon Week, Breast Cancer Awareness, Becoming an Outdoor School Counselor, Cash for College Rally, Senior T-Shirts, First Annual Blood Drive, athletics and playoffs, Spirit Week, Teacher Recognition, 'Movember' donations, Thanksgiving activities, food drives, college planning nights, winter sports teams, Homecoming, Winter Rally, student leadership activities and an assembly with a motivational speaker.

F. Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Council PTA (CCPTA), Paula Nathan, President, spoke about National PTA Reflections Program, then went on to speak about the PTA's support of teachers, volunteers and schools.

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF), Cindy Goldberg, Executive Director, spoke about taking Conejo Elementary fifth graders to City Hall for a mock City Council meeting, CSF's parent education workshops in conjunction with the Breakthrough program and CSF's All District Music Festival winning the city's Inaugural Mayoral Award for Excellence in the Arts.

District Advisory Council (DAC), Cindy Goldberg, President, spoke about the October Orientation Meeting, a citizen who shared concerns regarding literature and thanked veteran staff on the Council. She concluded with details on Police Chief Tim Hagel's visit and presentation at the DAC meeting.

G. Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: 2017 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Results

Dr. Boone presented on the 2017 LCAP results and responded to Board member inquiries.

H. Presentation: Measure I Update - Dr. Victor Hayek & Mr. Tim McCabe

Dr. Hayek provided an update on Measure I projects. Board members asked questions and made comments on the bond funds for all of the District improvements to which Dr. Hayek responded to.

I. Comments - Board of Education

Mrs. Everett spoke about her presentation on her proposed Board Policy amendments. Vice President Andersen spoke about attending events including the ribbon cutting at the Los Cerritos futsal courts. Dr. Connolly spoke about Mrs. Everett's presentation on her proposed Board Policy amendments and then went on to speak about attending events including the City Council meeting with Mrs. Phelps, where they discussed available housing units, the Wellness Committee meeting, and the Chamber of Commerce breakfast. Mrs. Phelps spoke about meeting with the Superintendent's Core Literature Committee, Ad hoc Committee, and also attending the City Council meeting.

J. Comments - Public

At 8:11 p.m., President Dunn announced there would be a short break and adjourned the meeting. The meeting then resumed at 8:24 p.m.

President Dunn announced there were 57 comment cards submitted:

1. Allison Gennette spoke about proposed policy amendments and the current policy on opting out.
2. Susan Hanscom yielded time to Rocky Capobianco.
3. Rocky Capobianco spoke about the parents who comprise District committees.
4. Joanna Burns spoke about her observations of Board members.
5. James Schonholz spoke about his personal experience as a student and books he's read in the classroom.
6. Sally Hibbitts yielded time to Bonnie Shubb.
7. Bonnie Shubb spoke about Mrs. Everett's campaign and quoted her answers to press questions.
8. Richard Herko spoke about hearing all community members and the Board's responsibilities.
9. Richard Kick yielded time to Seana Mekari.
10. Seana Mekari spoke about her experiences teaching literature.
11. Rebecca G. spoke in support of teachers and her experiences as a District parent.
12. Dr. Simon spoke about her observations of Mrs. Everett.
13. Steve Howei yielded time to Dr. Amy Chen.
14. Dr. Amy Chen spoke in favor of deferring to the California Department of Education's standards on literature selections.
15. Tom Adams spoke about parents' responsibilities in children's educations.
16. Deborah Baber spoke about surveys given to different parent populations.
17. Danielle Sanford spoke about her experiences writing student recommendation letters.
18. Wendy Goldstein spoke about her experiences as a parent in the District.
19. Fey Ouyang yielded to Sue Heraper.
20. Sue Heraper read a letter addressed to the Board from the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom.

21. Nelson Buss spoke about his experience as a District parent in favor of not approving Mrs. Everette's policy amendments.
22. Kari Ballard yielded time to Katie Keeler.
23. Katie Keeler spoke about her experience as a current District teacher and in favor of disapproving Mrs. Everett's policy amendments.
24. Tim Cooley - absent.
25. Michelle Brimhall Cooley - absent.
26. Mel Pralgo yielded time to Lucia Lemieux.
27. Lucia Lemieux spoke as a current District teacher against Mrs. Everett's policy amendments.
28. Thomas Smith yielded time to Marty Crawford.
29. Marty Crawford spoke as a District teacher and community resident in response to Mrs. Everett's policy amendments.
30. Mandy Jacob thanked Mrs. Everett and spoke in favor of the District's providing alternative literature material.
31. Heather Spohr spoke about her experiences as a District student and in support of teachers.
32. Ritika Iyer spoke about her experience as a District student against censorship.
33. Marissa Buss spoke in favor of the District maintaining its competitiveness.
34. Amy Montano - absent.
35. Sharon Debidour spoke about choosing the Conejo Valley to live in and Mrs. Everett's policy.
36. Quinn Muscatel spoke as a current District student against censorship.
37. Olivia Johnson spoke as a current District student in favor of the Core Literature Committee's policy amendments.
38. Kara Buss requested that the Board focus on policies that improve District programs.
39. Tam Le spoke as a current District student in favor of allowing children to be subjected to literature content.
40. Ashley Cooper - absent.
41. Nick Quidwai spoke in favor of approving the policy brought forward.

K. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin withheld his comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Approval of Resolution #17/18-05: "School Psychology Awareness Week," November 13-17, 2017

Vice President Andersen 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.

4. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items.

5. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

No Items.

6. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL - BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of Superintendent Contract

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. President Dunn announced specific contract terms then Board members commented individually. Motion carried 5-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

A. Approval of Minutes - October 17, 2017

B. Personnel Assignment Orders

C. Approval of Contract - Junior Blind of America

D. Approval of Contract - Team Play Events

E. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability - #12-17/18

F. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability - #13-17/18

G. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability - #14-17/18

- H. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement For a Student With a Disability - #15-17/18**
- I. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization**
- J. Notice of Completion - Interior Painting - Conejo Valley High School - Ray-Mac Painting, Inc.**
- K. Notice of Completion - Slope Stabilization - Conejo Elementary School - C. Carson Construction, Inc.**
- L. Notice of Completion - Phase 1 Outdoor Futsal Play Court - Los Cerritos Middle School - Conejo Park and Recreation District**
- M. Notice of Completion - Tenant Improvement Doors and Hardware - Conejo Valley High School - Thomas Schwab Corporation**
- N. Notice of Completion - Surveillance Monitoring System - Conejo Valley High School - UTNetworks**
- O. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- P. Acceptance of Donations/Gifts to the Conejo Valley Unified School District**
- Q. Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's exceeding \$5,000)**

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

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Approval of Proposed Rate Increase for CVUSD Child Care and Wonder Preschool Tuition

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

B. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment

President Dunn postponed this item until the next Board meeting.

C. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance Permits

President Dunn postponed this item until the next Board meeting.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 4112.21 - Interns

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

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

No Items.

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

A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Phelps spoke about her understanding of what transpired with the Core Literature Committee, the Ad hoc Committee and recommended putting the Committee's policy on their next meeting's agenda. President Dunn asked Board members to hear public comments first to which they discussed. Public comment speakers were then called.

1. Jenny Fletcher spoke as a current District student in opposition of these amendments.
2. Stephanie Burns yielded time to Joanna Burns.
3. Joanna Burns spoke in opposition of these amendments.
4. Colleen Delaney spoke in opposition of these amendments.
5. Mark Lion - absent.
6. Richard Perko spoke about test scores and college-readiness.
7. John Edny yielded time to Robin Lilly.
8. Robin Lilly spoke in opposition of these amendments.

Mrs. Everett moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. and allowing board discussion to begin at 10:45, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Steven Gabrielson yielded time to David Gabrielson.
10. David Gabrielson spoke in favor of these amendments.
11. Paula Nathan spoke in opposition of these amendments.
12. Carla Stevenson yielded time to Heather Farrell.
13. Heather Farrell spoke in opposition of these amendments.
14. Lynn Kelsy spoke in opposition of these amendments.
15. Debra Baber spoke in favor of these amendments.
16. Valerie White - absent.
17. Carolyn Guillot read passages from *The Bluest Eye*.
18. Tony Dolz - absent.
19. Joan Lopez read passage from *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett spoke about a teacher's comment and read several emails she recently received. Board members then held conversation on the policy amendments and process. At 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Everett made the motion to continue the meeting an additional five minutes, seconded by Vice President Andersen. The Board then continued their discussion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Dunn adjourned the meeting at 11:19 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 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: November 7, 2017 _____ Clerk

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