

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

MINUTES

DISCUSSION SESSION: MEASURE I: FINANCIAL AND BOND INFORMATION

The Discussion Session began at 4:20 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; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Victor Hayek, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Dr. Michelle Morse, Director, Special Education; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; Dr. Jim Garza, Director, Secondary Education; Dr. Juan Santos, Director, Student Support Services and Hyonchin Im-Turner, Executive Administrative Assistant.

President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the Field Act, the continuation school and the Kelley Road rental.

Dr. Hayek introduced Mr. Tim Carty, the district's Financial Consultant from the Piper Jaffray Firm. Mr. Carty presented information on the Measure I bond process, status of where the district is, and how the ballot language should be used to determine what expenses the bond covers. Dr. Hayek also recognized the Bond Oversight Committee members who were in attendance: Mr. Jere Robings, Taxpayers' Association; Mr. Tony Gitt, Senior Citizens' Organization; Mr. Marshall Denninger, Parent Teacher Association; Ms. Gail Ginell, Community At-Large; and Mr. Bill Gorbeck, Community At-Large. Mr. Carty went on to explain Measure I expenditures, approval dates and pass percentages. He summarized Series A bonds, credit ratings, projected tax rates and the possibility of a new plan, which can be adjusted as needed. Dr. Hayek explained the need to keep a reserve amount and that the district is ready for the next round of funds. Board members inquired about things such as municipal bonds, taxable vs. tax-free, tax penalties and transaction costs to which Mr. Carty and Dr. Hayek answered. There were also inquiries from the Board regarding the Facilities Master Plan, if more significant projects are anticipated at sites and the timelines on those projects. Dr. Hayek concluded by stating that the June/July timeframe for the sale of the next bond series would be ideal.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:09 p.m., President Dunn announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, where the following items were discussed:

- A. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT), California School Employee Association (CSEA), and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**
- B. Conference with real property negotiators, pursuant to Government Code §54956.8 Property: 1025 Old Farm Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Agency negotiator: Dr. Ann**

Bonitatibus, Superintendent. Negotiating parties: Ronald Cohen, United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic Children's Foundation of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

C. Pending Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case #56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA

The Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

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, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Sandee Everett and Pat Phelps.

Administration present: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; 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.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Comments from the Public

President Dunn announced there were four speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Richard Mason, spoke about the state directive on age-appropriate curriculum.
- The 2nd speaker, Lucas Conejo, spoke about CVHS and LGBTQ experiences for students.
- The 3rd speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the Field Act and district policy on alcohol at fundraisers.
- The 4th speaker, Nick Quidwai, spoke about the state directive on curriculum and the Measure I attachments to the agenda.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus spoke about recently attending the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Conference and the various sessions she participated in. She then recognized Glen Infuso, Director, Maintenance and Operations, and his team for their efforts throughout the weekend due to weather conditions. Lastly, she spoke about attending Redwood Middle School's 8th Grade Science Fair and the impressive students and projects.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Dr. Connolly spoke about District of Choice and the Board's goal to adopt a resolution that would work with surrounding districts to defeat or modify current legislation. She then recognized the Redwood Middle School's Science Fair and shared her experience in observing the students and projects there. Vice President Andersen spoke in support of Dr. Connolly's concerns about the District of Choice and reiterated that there needs to be added language.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Human Resources

No Items.

Instructional Services

A. Approval of Conejo Valley High School Location.

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Nick Quidwai, spoke about the sale of the CVHS property and cost to move.

Board members asked several questions regarding the current lease, rent increase and staff's suggested solutions to which Dr. Hayek answered. The Board also stated their concerns and goal to review all options earnestly and in dire haste to find a solution. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of the Development and Implementation of 2016-2017 School Accountability Report Cards.

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

C. Approval of Outdoor Education Contract.

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice President Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Resolution #17-16/17 CVUSD NfL State Preschool – Emergency Closure Waiver at Park Oaks Campus.

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

E. Approval of Replacement of Administrative Regulation 5111.1 – District Residency.

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Connolly asked staff about the district's Allen Bill transfers outreach to which Mr. Iezza responded. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 1230 – School-Connected Organizations.

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Dr. Connolly spoke about her experience in attending the Thousand Oaks booster club event and the importance of this AR providing specific guidelines on what is allowed. President Dunn confirmed Dr. Connolly's request to postpone approval. Mrs. Phelps then withdrew her motion. Dr. Connolly made the motion to postpone action on this AR, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Bonitatibus asked the Board for confirmation that staff is to bring this back at the next Board Meeting as an information piece for a second reading, to which President Dunn agreed and confirmed that it would not be voted on at the next meeting.

Business Services

A. Approval of Lease of Space with United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles.

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

- The speaker, Nick Quidwai, spoke about the minutes from the last meeting regarding public speakers' community of residence.

A. Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting of February 7, 2017

B. Personnel Assignment Orders

C. Approval of Notice Completion – Maintenance and Operations – Flooring – Reliable Floor Covering, Inc.

D. Approval of Resolution #16-16/17 – Read Across America

E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization

F. Overnight Trip Request – Los Cerritos Middle School Odyssey of the Mind

G. Overnight Trip Request – NPH School Health Occupation Student of America (HOSA) – Future Health Professionals

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution #16/17-18: Ordering Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Services on the Same Day

Mrs. Everett inquired about the current process to which Mr. McLaughlin answered.

B. Resolution #16/17-19: reduce or Discontinue particular Kinds of Services at the Close of the Current School Year

Mr. McLaughlin gave updates on upcoming retirements and their effects on positions.

C. Approve Layoff Resolution #16/17-20: Reduction/Elimination of Classified Position – Technology Services

Mrs. Phelps asked about the Technology Services department's restructuring to which Dr. Hayek answered.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Staff Presentation Introducing California's New Local Control Funding Formula Accountability System – California School Dashboard

Dr. Boone shared new information about the Dashboard, the background, key features, state indicators, status reports and the next steps before the official launch.

B. Neighborhood for Learning/City Center Program – Elimination of Infant and Toddler Program Services

Mr. Iezza introduced Ms. Amie Mills, Director, Child Development, who explained staff's reasoning behind this recommendation. President Dunn announced there were twenty one speaker cards submitted.

- The 1st speaker, Heidi Remwald, spoke about experience with Infant/Toddler program.
- The 2nd speaker, Ellen Muscarella, spoke about the benefits of the NfL program and asked Board to delay this decision.
- The 3rd speaker, Trista Henden, spoke in support of keeping this program open and asked Board to postpone their decision.

- The 4th speaker, Jenn Greenaway, shared experience and urged Board to consider a different approach.
- The 5th speaker, Suellen Delaney, shared experience as the lead teacher and asked Board to reconsider.
- The 6th speaker Elise Baumann, shared experience and spoke about the benefits of age 0-3 education.
- The 7th speaker, Professor Kristi, spoke in advocacy of the Infant/Toddler program and shared experience observing NfL for Moorpark College.
- The 8th speaker, Devin Laxton, shared experience as a student teacher at NfL.
- The 9th speaker, Cassie Allison, spoke about the difficulty parents will have in search for new childcare.
- The 10th speaker, Carolina Rhodes, spoke about the perceived lack of transparency.
- The 11th speaker, Teri Fischer, shared experience and compared NfL to traditional daycares.
- The 12th speaker, Shelly Mason, shared experience and asked Board to consider other options.
- The 13th speaker, Vonus Wong, shared experience and asked Board to consider more options.
- The 14th speaker, Anne Hicks-Bleecker, yielded her time to Rupi Pamma.
- The 15th speaker, Brenda Hunter, spoke about Market Rate and suggested tuition increase.
- The 16th speaker, Jessica Halle, yielded her time to Rupi Pamma.
- The 17th speaker, Rupi Pamma, shared experience and spoke about raising tuition, lack of transparency and delaying vote from summer to fall.
- The 18th speaker, Randy Smith, withdrew.
- The 19th speaker, Adria Taha-Resnick, was absent.
- The 20th speaker, Angie Simpson, spoke about the difficulty in finding childcare, the costs and waitlists.
- The 21st speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the city's contract with the district for the Infant/Toddler program.

Dr. Connolly asked about detailed information regarding this recommendation to which Dr. Hayek answered. Other Board members went on to inquire about program expenses to which staff answered.

C. Approval of Neighborhood for Learning (NfL) Market Rate Preschool Tuition Fee Increase Effective 2017/2018

Dr. Connolly asked about raising tuition to which Ms. Mills answered. President Dunn announced there was one speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Shelly Mason, spoke about needing transparency and longer notice to parents.

Board members went on to ask staff questions, to which they answered about the financial analysis and tuition increase breakdown. Dr. Bonitatibus proposed to bring this forward with the additional information added as an addendum on the next meeting's Action Items to which the Board agreed.

D. Approval of New Board Policy 5116.2 – Involuntary Student Transfers

Mrs. Everett asked about transfers to which Mr. Iezza answered.

E. Approval of New Administrative Regulation 6173.3 – Education for Juvenile Court School Students

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES

A. Second Reading of New Board Policy 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management

Vice President Andersen asked what is being requested of the Board on this policy to which Dr. Bonitatibus answered.

B. Review of Contracted Legal Services

Dr. Connolly asked questions regarding the purpose of the information to which Dr. Bonitatibus answered. The Board went on to ask several questions on the details to which Dr. Hayek, Dr. Bonitatibus and Mr. Iezza answered. The Board indicated by consensus that staff could proceed with the contract award process with Board involvement only if staff hit a fork in the road and need further guidance.

C. Mitchell Road and Rancho Conejo Facility Update (M&O)

Dr. Hayek gave an update on this in regards to TOPASS funds. President Dunn asked about the parking, Measure I and the district office's Building A to which Dr. Hayek answered.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BOARD MEMBER

A. Relocate CVHS to South Building

President Dunn announced there was once speaker card submitted.

- The speaker, Nick Quidwai, made suggestions on a different location for board meetings and numbering the agenda.

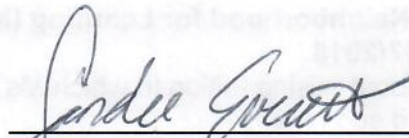
Mrs. Everett asked about square footage and number of staff in the South Building, to which Dr. Hayek answered. Mrs. Phelps commented that this should be a Discussion Session item. Vice President Andersen then made the motion to extend the meeting by 25 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Everett. Motioned carried 4-1, with Mrs. Phelps voting no. The Board members went on to speak about the next steps for this proposal and agreed to plan a time to further discuss the options.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 10:47 p.m. **The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 4:15 p.m. Discussion Session, 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.

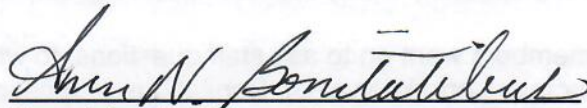
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