



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CVUSD Board Room
1402 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

MINUTES

1. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. Budget Discussion

Dr. Hayek introduced members of the Budget Committee, and invited up Bill Zasadil to speak about his committee involvement and the process.

President Connolly announced that there were four public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke against the District not providing a video recording of the Budget Work Session and spoke the about District's communication and commitment to the community.
- Speaker 2 spoke about a Brown Act Violation and issues on the agenda regarding Conejo Schools Foundation.

President Connolly asked for clarification on whether students from the remedial summer school are in the same classes as students in the Get Ahead Program, to which Dr. McLaughlin clarified. Mrs. Everett asked for clarification on who is paying for the teachers, to which Mr. Lichtl responded.

- Speaker 3 yielded time to Speaker 4.
- Speaker 4 spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Conejo Schools Foundation and requested clarity on financial information.

Dr. McLaughlin provided clarification on the difference between the remedial and Get Ahead programs, the hiring of staff, payment of teachers, student participation, and the registration processes for each program.

President Connolly stated that she was commencing with the Budget Work Session discussion. Mrs. Everett raised a Point of Order and asked for Mrs. Goldberg and President Connolly to recuse themselves from Discussion Item #2 because it addresses the summer school program. President Connolly stated that Item #2 addresses the remedial summer school program, not the Get Ahead Program, and she plans to provide input to Dr. Hayek and to the committee on items 1-6 in any order or any way that is appropriate.

Board members addressed the following items:

- Item #5 – We The People:

The Board and District staff discussed:

- The importance of this program and its ability to give students a chance to shine from all student groups.
- The possibility of changing the location of this event to take place on individual school sites to reduce the transportation fee. Dr. Hayek responded that the Committee is looking into this option.
- The possibility of asking for input from Student DAC regarding the importance of the program.
- The importance of ensuring equilibrium in program content and experience if offered at each school site as opposed to one location off-site.
- Any limitations that arise from focusing on the We the People curriculum as opposed to other topics.
- The possibility of making this program optional for teachers to participate or polling the teachers regarding their interest in this program.
 - Will making this program optional prevent it from being a common or shared experience among all CVUSD students?
- The possibility of soliciting grants or contributions from the legal community to sponsor this program.

- Item #1 – Transportation:

The Board and District staff discussed:

- Low ridership and high cost per pupil is hard to justify.
- A good assessment of the impact if the District reduces a route or lengthens trips. Dr. Hayek responded that a route costs \$70,000, so that would be the cost savings.
- Tracking bus rider attendance after elimination of routes. Dr. Hayek responded that this information can be tracked.
- The negative impact on students if a route is deleted. Dr. Hayek responded that some routes were put in place when schools closed. He stated that he is hesitant to go deeper than one route due to past conversations. Some students age out, and some students may end up riding the middle school bus.
- Why did transportation costs go up by \$2.2 million? Dr. Hayek discussed the three components of transportation, the percentages for transportation costs and the challenges with bussing contracted services and use agreements. Dr. Hayek offered to provide Mrs. Everett with the transportation cost percentage breakdown.

- Item #2 – Remedial Summer School Program:

The Board and District staff discussed:

- The number of students in the remedial program, the cost of teachers, breakdown of staffing positions, and how many classrooms the remedial program uses.
- The tuition charged by the Conejo Schools Foundation for the Get Ahead Program and the amount of revenue received by CVUSD.

- The possibility of providing an alternate delivery of the remedial summer school program through a charter school and the cost savings of that option.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between CVUSD and the Conejo Schools Foundation for the Get Ahead Program.
- Other Items for Input:
 - Dr. Hayek asked if there is a consensus from the Board to move forward with looking into an alternate delivery for remedial summer school. The Board would like additional information from the Committee before providing a consensus.
 - Focus on the Arts Program – staff provided a description of the program.
 - Fulcrum/Stand Proud Program – concern that students with disabilities cannot participate. Mr. Lichtl responded that this program is offered to all students. Some students do not participate, but not necessarily students with disabilities.
 - Transportation – discussion on the breakdown of the proposed savings.

The Budget Work Session ended at 5:03 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

President Connolly announced that there were no public comment cards submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion (2)

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), OAH Case 2019100364

D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), SCSS Holdings Inv. v. CVUSD, Case 56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA

E. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), SCSS Holdings Inc. v. Art Trek and Conejo Valley Unified School District, Case 56-2019-00536246-CU-CO-VTA

F. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. Price and terms regarding 2498 Conejo Center Drive, Newbury Park, California. Negotiating party: Lindero Partners Consulting, LLC and/or Assignee

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

Closed session ended at 5:50 p.m.

3. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present: President Betsy Connolly, Vice President Cindy Goldberg, Sandee Everett, Bill Gorback, Jenny Fitzgerald and Student Board Trustee Jordan Scott. Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services and Dr. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Connolly announced that the following items were discussed in Closed Session:

B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion (2)

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), OAH Case 2019100364

Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), SCSS Holdings Inv. v. CVUSD, Case 56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA

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Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. **Motion failed: 0-5, with all Board members voting no.**

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to pull Consent Agenda items 5A, 5K, 5N, 5V, 5X and 5BB for a separate vote, seconded by Mrs. Everett. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

E. Reorganization of the Board of Education

President Connolly handed the gavel to Dr. McLaughlin, and Dr. McLaughlin explained the Board reorganization process, stated that the Board had the ability to choose Board representatives for various committees or postpone that decision for a later Board meeting, and opened the floor for nominations for Board President.

Mr. Gorback nominated Dr. Connolly for Board President, and Dr. Connolly did not accept the nomination. Mr. Gorback nominated Mrs. Goldberg for Board President, and Mrs. Goldberg accepted the nomination. Dr. McLaughlin asked if there were any other nominations for Board Presidents or any comments or discussion. Mrs. Fitzgerald thanked Mrs. Goldberg for stepping up to lead the meetings and take the Board President role. Dr. Connolly thanked Mrs. Goldberg for accepting the nomination and offered her advice and support when asked. Motion carried: **5-0, with an honorary yes vote from Student Board Trustee Scott.**

President Goldberg opened up the floor for nominations for Board Vice President. Mr. Gorback nominated Mrs. Fitzgerald for Board Vice President, and Mrs. Goldberg accepted the nomination. President Goldberg asked if there were any other nominations or discussion. Mrs. Everett voiced her concern about new Board members serving in this role and nominated Dr. Connolly for Board Vice President. Dr. Connolly did not accept the nomination. Mrs. Goldberg asked the Board to vote on the nomination for Mrs. Fitzgerald. **Motion carried 5-0, with an honorary yes vote from Student Board Trustee Scott.**

President Goldberg opened up the floor for nominations for Board Clerk. Mrs. Fitzgerald nominated Mr. Gorback, and Mr. Gorback accepted the nomination. President Goldberg asked if there were any other nominations or discussion. Mrs. Everett voiced her concern about new Board members serving in this role. Mrs. Fitzgerald confirmed her approval of Mr. Gorback in this role, and also for Mrs. Goldberg in her new role. **Motion carried 5-0, with an honorary yes vote from Student Board Trustee Scott.**

President Goldberg announced that the next action was for the Board to designate a Board representative to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization and asked if the Board was planning to choose or postpone the assignment of Board representatives for various committees. Mr. Gorback asked if the person designated for this committee could already be holding a post on the Board, to which Dr. McLaughlin responded yes. Mr. Gorback nominated Mrs. Fitzgerald to serve on this committee, and Mrs. Fitzgerald accepted the nomination. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary yes vote from Student Board Trustee Scott.**

President Goldberg stated that the next item would be setting the time and place for regular Board of Education meetings, to which Dr. McLaughlin responded that this will be addressed under Action Item 4A. President Goldberg stated that Board committee assignments will be determined at a later time, and requested that Board members email her individually by January 7, 2020, to let her know which committees they would be interested in being assigned to.

F. Recognitions: CVUSD Inclusion Heroes

Dr. Miller provided some background on how this recognition was brought forward as an idea from THRIVE as a means of nominating and recognizing employees who have made a significant effort in welcoming and supporting students with diverse needs. She stated that an online application was created, and over 60 nominations were received. The District selected five nominees to be acknowledged, and Dr. Miller read statements submitted for each of the five recipients and presented them with their awards.

G. Comments – Public

President Goldberg announced that there were four public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 clarified that comments made at a previous Board meeting on behalf of the Hispanic community do not represent her views, and spoke about her support for the decisions that the District makes for all students.
- Speaker 2 spoke about clarified that comments made at a previous Board meeting on behalf of the Hispanic community do not represent her views, and spoke in favor of the District's sexual health curriculum adoption process.
- Speaker 3 spoke about the FIRST LEGO League at Earths Magnet School and their learning and accomplishments.
- Speaker 4 spoke against the Board passing over Mrs. Everett as a nominee for the Board President role.

H. Comments - Board of Education

Board members commented on the following: Thanked all the speakers for their comments, thanked District staff for their prompt responses to questions for tonight's meeting, CSBA conference workshops and guest speakers, Jordan Scott and Mikayla Quintara representing CVUSD at the CSBA Annual Education Conference, attendance at DAC and DELAC meetings, volunteer reading at Sycamore Canyon Elementary School, Conejo Elementary and OCLM's Fiesta event, attendance at school band, choir and drama performances, Teacher of the Month presentations at Lang Ranch Elementary School and Redwood Middle School, volunteering at the Latino Leadership Dance, thanked community members who are involved at the school sites and for being engaged stakeholders, congratulated the CVUSD Inclusion Heroes and the FIRST LEGO League at Earths for their accomplishments, recognizing the positive things happening in the District, congratulated the Newbury Park High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams and TOHS Student Michael Morales for their performances at the national competition, community response for assistance at our local toy drives, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Student Trustee Scott thanked the public speakers for their comments, congratulated the CVUSD Inclusion Heroes, spoke about her attendance at the CSBA Annual Education Conference, the Core Literature preview night, the Executive Student DAC Board Meeting, and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

I. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin commented on the following: Thanked the band, orchestra, strings, and choir teachers for their work with the students and for their stellar performances, thanked the parents for their support and attendance at these performances, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

4. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Board of Education – Approval of Scheduled Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2019-20 and August 2020 Through December 2020

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Goldberg asked if there was any Board discussion. The Board and District staff discussed the option of having the previously created Ad Hoc Committee revisit working with Thousand Oaks City Council to come to an agreement about respective Board meeting schedules. Dr. McLaughlin stated that the Board has the option to approve the Board meeting dates from January through June of 2020, and bring back the remaining dates in April or May of 2020 for approval.

Mrs. Fitzgerald amended her motion to approve the scheduled Regular Board meeting dates through June of 2020, seconded by Dr. Connolly. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

B. Instructional Services – Core Literature Adoption – High School as per AR 6161.12, Middle School as per BP/AR 6161.1

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. President Goldberg announced that there were three public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke on behalf of teachers in support of adopting *Just Mercy* as a literature option for our students.
- Speaker 2 spoke in favor of adopting *Forget Me Not* at the middle school level, but not in favor of adopting *Just Mercy* for ninth grade students due to its sexual content.
- Speaker 3 spoke about attending the Core Literature review night and addressed concerns about the age appropriateness of *Just Mercy*.

The Board and District staff discussed individual opinions on the core literature selections, concerns about sexually explicit and traumatic material, the relevance, justification and selection process for both novels, the alternative assignment process, and focusing on supporting all students and their social emotional needs in an exceptional and thoughtful way when handling mature content. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

C. Authorization for Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) to Solicit Donations and Raise Funds from November 2019 through June 2020

Mrs. Goldberg recused herself from this item, and Mrs. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly.

Mrs. Everett asked if Dr. Connolly was planning to recuse herself because of her involvement on the Executive Board of the Conejo Schools Foundation, to which Dr. Connolly responded that recusals are for individuals who have a financial interest and that she would not be recusing herself from the agenda item. Vice President Fitzgerald announced that there were two public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke against the Conejo Schools Foundation charging tuition for the Get Ahead Program and requested that parents be refunded for fees charged for that program.

Dr. McLaughlin clarified that there have been no findings that the Conejo Schools Foundation has done anything illegal, and there has been no documentation received from any authority stating that the Get Ahead Program is illegal.

- Speaker 2 spoke against the Conejo Schools Foundation charging tuition for the Get Ahead Program and addressed the revenue received by CVUSD from the Conejo Schools Foundation.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if any clarifications were needed. Dr. McLaughlin clarified that the \$25,000 in revenue received by CVUSD from the Conejo Schools Foundation were dollars recouped based on the parameters within the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conejo Schools Foundation and CVUSD, and that this type of revenue is generated by all user groups that rent our facilities.

The Board and District staff discussed whether there is proof of any investigation regarding

Conejo Schools Foundation, to which Dr. McLaughlin responded that a Uniform Complaint had been submitted tying CVUSD and the Conejo Schools Foundation together as one entity, and is currently being handled through the Uniform Complaint Process. Further discussion included a discussion on Board Policy 1260 – Educational Foundation, the current review and revision of this policy by District staff, and its relation to the Conejo Schools Foundation and their authorization to solicit donations on behalf of CVUSD from November 2019 through June 2020 or until the revised Board Policy 1260 has been approved by the Board. Background on why the Conejo Schools Foundation originally followed the provisions in line with parent support and booster organizations was also addressed.

Mrs. Everett stated that Board Policy 1260 does not provide Conejo Schools Foundation with the authorization to fundraise on behalf of CVUSD, as that authorization expired on November 1, 2019. Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the booster authorization process and stated that not all parent support and booster organizations meet the deadline, and that some authorizations are brought forward after the deadline. Mrs. Everett stated that the proper remedy would be for CVUSD to refund the parents and inquired about an email sent from Dr. McLaughlin's office regarding offering discounts to employees for Get Ahead Program tuition. Dr. McLaughlin clarified that this email has been sent out by the Human Resources Office for as many years as the Foundation has offered the discount, but was sent out from the Superintendent's Office this year due to the transition of the employee who sent the email from Human Resources to the Superintendent's Office. He stated that this email will be sent out next year by the Human Resources office.

There was further discussion on AB1575, Title V Pupil Fees, Board Policy 1230, Conejo Schools Foundation's 501c3 status, a clarification as to why the Conejo Schools Foundation previously sought authorization as a booster organization, and dialogue regarding their ability to solicit and fundraise on behalf of the District, schools and students.

Dr. McLaughlin added that since January 2019, Mrs. Everett has made a number of false accusations publicly against him, and read the list of accusations. Mrs. Everett called a Point of Order, to which Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that Dr. McLaughlin could continue because he was responding to an accusation made during the current Board meeting.

Motion carried: 3-1, with Mrs. Everett voting no, and an abstention from Mrs. Goldberg.

5. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

President Goldberg offered a Point of Privilege to allow Student Board Trustee Scott to make a comment regarding an upcoming agenda item prior to her parting. Trustee Scott asked the Board, when considering Consent Agenda Item 5B –Board Members Qualifications, to alter the age requirement if student board members are included in that bylaw. She also stated that the Student District Advisory Council will alter the section of their bylaws regarding Student Board Member qualifications. Dr. McLaughlin confirmed that there is a specific Board Policy for Student Board Members, and he will review that policy to make sure the age requirement is altered, or that the Board has the option to table the item until changes are made.

President Goldberg stated that the Board would start the approval of the consent agenda by addressing pulled items 5A, 5K, 5N, 5V, 5X and 5BB, in the order given.

A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. President Goldberg asked for Board discussion on this item. Mr. Gorback requested that the minutes for the meetings on November 5 and November 13, 2019, reflect that Student Board Trustee Scott was in attendance. The Board reached consensus to amend the minutes to reflect Trustee Scott's attendance during the meeting. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary yes vote from Student Board Trustee Scott.**

K. Instructional Services – Approval of Course – Academic Decathlon Honors

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. The Board and District staff discussed the structure of the competitions, the focus of the curriculum and each year's competition, preparation of students for county and state level competition, justification for changing this course from College Preparatory to Honors, and availability of this course on our high school campuses. Mr. Joseph Nigro provided some background on the program, course and how the teams are structured, and Mr. Lichtl confirmed that Westlake High School will be offering the course, with anticipated offerings at Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools based on administrative decisions at those sites.

Motion carried: 5-0.

N. Student Services – Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Hatch & Cesario, Attorneys-At-Law

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. The Board and District staff discussed the billing structure for the legal services for this vendor and how incremental billing can affect the overall rate compared to other billing structures. Mrs. Fitzgerald requested that Student Services provide her information regarding the rates and billing structures of other firms that the District uses.

Motion carried: 5-0.

V. Business Services – Approval of Resolution #19/20-10: Authorizing the Procurement of Internet Connections Utilizing Public Contract Code Section 20118.2

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. The Board and District staff discussed the difference between what is currently in place and what is planned based on the approval of the resolution. Further discussion included a justification for the need to procure a bid to provide the service for internet connections between the District and the surrounding school sites as a renewal agreement when the current agreement expires next year. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

X. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's exceeding \$5,000)

President Goldberg recused herself from this agenda item. Mrs. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. The Board and District staff discussed the payment from CVUSD to Conejo Schools Foundation for the 2019 All District Music Festival, addressing a breakdown of the costs to hold the event, background on the program and past agreements for contributions and fees, and the fundraising process by Conejo Schools Foundation to sponsor this event. Further discussion included the possibility of moving this event to an alternate location due to cost, and a clarification that this agenda items comes forward for Board approval every year.

Motion carried: 3-1, with Mrs. Everett voting no, and an abstention from President Goldberg.

BB. Business Services – Ratification of Warrants – November 2019

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. The Board and District staff discussed specific line items on the warrants list, to which Dr. Hayek provided a

breakdown for each item questioned. Further discussion included questions on the impact of public records requests on attorney fees, dialogue on the purchase order process, and a Board member request for more information on the warrants list for each line item.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Mrs. Goldberg asked for a motion to approve the remainder of the amended Consent Agenda. Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald.

- B. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9220 - Board Member Qualifications**
- C. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders**
- D. Human Resources – Approval of Student Teaching Agreement – Brandman University**
- E. Human Resources – Approval of Student Teaching Agreement – Western Governors University (WGU)**
- F. Human Resources – Approval of Salary Schedule – Classified Campus Safety Employees – Non-Represented**
- G. Human Resources – Approval of Salary Schedule – Exempt Non-Classified Employees – Non-Represented**
- H. Human Resources – Receipt of the 2019-2020 Proposal for Successor Collective Bargaining Negotiations Co-Submitted by the Conejo Valley Unified School District and the Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**
- I. Instructional Services – Stipulated Agreement - #7-19/20 SA**
- J. Instructional Services – Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations**
- L. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Accelerate Learning, Inc.**
- M. Student Services – Approval of Contract – Advanced Medical Personnel Services, Inc.**
- O. Student Services – Transportation Services Agreement with West Shield Adolescent Services**
- P. Student Services – Approval of Contract – The Genesis Group, Inc.**
- Q. Business Services – Approval of Addendum to the Certification of Signatures for 2019-2020**
- R. Business Services – Approval of Agreement with National Charter, Inc.**
- S. Business Services – Field Contracts for 2019-2020**
- T. Business Services – Approval of Ad Hoc Maintenance Agreements for 2019-2020**
- U. Business Services – Approval of Statement of Work for Microsoft Enterprise Mobility + Security Solution Services**
- W. Business Services – Award of contract – Paige Lane Improvements – Conejo Valley High School**
- Y. Business Services – Ratification of Purchase Order Report (PO's under \$5,000)**
- Z. Business Services – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- AA. Business Services – Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- CC. Business Services – Approval of Transfer of Funds – November 2019**

Motion carried: 5-0.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Human Resources – Approval of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Year Calendars

Mrs. Valentine commented that the District worked with UACT leadership to construct the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year calendars. The Board and District staff discussed the interest level of teachers at different grade levels to start and end the school year earlier and to end the first semester before winter break, a survey sent out to UACT stakeholders to solicit feedback, and a clarification on the timeline for approval of the 2022-2023 school year calendar.

B. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

Mr. Lichtl commented on the work of the Board Ad Hoc Committee and District staff, and the process regarding the request for Board Policy and Administrative Regulations changes. He commented on new language, the policy and administrative regulation in relation to students who are truant or absent with a valid excuse, language changes regarding pass/fail grading, and elimination of the term “concurrent.” The Board and District staff discussed the differentiation between truant and absent students, the process for dealing with chronically absent or truant students, and recommended language changes. Mrs. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Lichtl to review the CSBA research memo to make a distinction about the approach as it specifically relates to truancy, to which Mr. Lichtl responded that he would have that information available at the next Board meeting for review prior to Board approval.

C. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Mr. Lichtl commented that several changes were based on the new statute and updates to reflect current practices. The Board and District staff discussed changes to the Board Policy related to dual enrollment and GPA, the option to purchase or borrow a cap and gown, and wearing military branch uniforms and tribal regalia to graduation ceremonies.

D. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements

Mr. Lichtl commented on language added to provide guidance for migrant and newcomer students related to graduation credits, the definition of a full time student based on dual enrollment coursework, and the newly established appeal process.

E. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

Mr. Lichtl commented on language added or altered to provide clarification related to alternative credits to be earned toward graduation, authorization by the school’s principal to reduce the school day for a student to pursue dual enrollment, and the need to strike the term “concurrent.” The Board and District staff discussed the GPA bump received for dual enrollment courses present on a student’s transcript.

F. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.12 – High School Credit for Concurrent Enrollment in High School and College Classes

Mr. Lichtl commented on language changes to add principal provisions to reduce the student's school day to pursue dual enrollment, and Committee-created language that dual enrollment courses, through the agreement with the Ventura County Community College District, would qualify for honors level credit and be reflected in the student's weighted and indexed GPA. The Board and District staff discussed the verification process for completion of online college classes, recommended language changes, the maximum number of dual enrollment credits and how that equates to semester and yearlong classes, communicating information out to students and parents regarding the dual enrollment process, and the opportunity to take extra classes in a subject area that do not count toward graduation credits but are reflected on the college transcript.

G. Instructional Services – Approval of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6175 – Migrant Education Program

Mr. Lichtl stated that this Board Policy and Administrative Regulation are brand new and cover all aspects of migrant education pursuant to California Education Code and the Every Student Succeeds Act. Mr. Lichtl requested that the Board email him directly with questions so that research can be done and information can be reported back prior to Board prior to final approval. The Board and District staff discussed the newcomer student program, the process for providing high school credit to newcomer students, funding available for this program, and the process currently used to identify migrant students.

Mr. Gorback made a motion to extend the meeting to no longer than 11:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. Motion carried: 5-0.

H. Board Discussion – Retreat Agenda – 8/28/2019

Dr. McLaughlin commented that a Board Retreat will likely be scheduled in January or February of 2020, and that agenda items that the District has not taken action on from the Board Retreat on August 28, 2019, will be placed on the agenda for discussion. Dr. Connolly requested that a progress report be provided on each item on the agenda, to which Dr. McLaughlin agreed. The Board and District staff discussed the process for setting the agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat, and referenced Brown Act rules related to the posting of agendas.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

The Board discussed the intention to hold a Discussion Session in January 2020 for a debrief of the CSBA Conference that the Board, District staff, the Student Board Trustee and the Student District Advisory Council President attended to share ideas and favorite experiences. Dr. McLaughlin confirmed that information regarding the date and time for this Discussion Session was emailed to the Board, and has been added to the agenda for the January 7, 2020 meeting.

B. Adjournment

President Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 10:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 4:00 p.m. – Discussion Session, 5:00 p.m. - Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. - Open Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room/Board Conference Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

February 18, 2020

Date



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Clerk

February 18, 2020

Date



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Superintendent

