

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**South Building Board Room**  
**1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

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## **1. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Public Comments**

At 5:00 p.m., President Dunn announced there were no public comment cards submitted.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

### **B. Public Employee, Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b). Title: Principal, Madrona Elementary School**

### **C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) Section 54956.9) Claim #VCBA0756681**

### **D. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §48900, et seq. (Expulsions)**

The Closed Session ended at 5:47 p.m.

## **2. 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 6:02 p.m.

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

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Interim Superintendent; Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services; 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 in Closed Session the Board unanimously voted to reject Claim #VCBA0756681 and that the following items were discussed:

- **Public Employee Appointment, pursuant to Government Code §54957. Title: Principal Madrona Elementary School.**
- **Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §48900, et seq. (Expulsions)**

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

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Motion carried 4-0.

### **E. Comments - Public**

President Dunn announced there were twenty public comment cards submitted:

- The first speaker, Cindy Goldberg, announced that the Conejo Schools Foundation won the 2017 CA Nonprofit of the Year and thanked the Board for their support of students and families.
- The second speaker, Lauren Gill, spoke about literature, process and urged Board to approve *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (Part-Time Indian)*.
- The third speaker, Isabella Adina Van Etten, yielded time to Celeste Russi.
- The fourth speaker, Celeste Russi, spoke about parent permission slips in regards to core literature books and *Part-Time Indian*.
- The fifth speaker, Ayanna Gaines, spoke about the importance of exposing students to books that have characters they can relate to.
- The sixth speaker, Barb Owens, yielded her time to Lucia Lemieux.

- The seventh speaker, Lucia Lemieux, spoke about trained instructional staff, parents' choice to opt out, and censorship.
- The eighth speaker, Gwen Cummings, thanked Mr. Dunn for bringing *Part-Time Indian* to the attention of her family and spoke about the book.
- The ninth speaker, Jon Cummings, spoke about qualified staff and the Board's responsibilities to the students.
- The tenth speaker, Jane Purden, yielded time to Janie Alberg.
- The eleventh speaker, Janie Alberg, read a letter from a Westlake High School parent.
- The twelfth speaker, Emily Spitler-Lawson, spoke about her experience in teaching the *Part-Time Indian* book.
- The thirteenth speaker, Bill Gorback, spoke about the *Part-Time Indian* book and asked the Board to approve it.
- The fourteenth speaker, Shannon Diffner Nese, spoke about the parent group who will read *Part-Time-Indian* and invited the Board to join.
- The fifteenth speaker, Cathy Carlson, spoke about the *Kite Runner* book and *Part-Time Indian*.
- The sixteenth speaker, Shoshana Brower, spoke about her family's experience reading *Part-Time Indian*.
- The seventeenth speaker, Leslie Eichenbaum, spoke about her experience teaching about books and *Part-Time Indian*.
- The eighteenth speaker, Annie LaFianza, thanked Cindy Goldberg and spoke about her family's experience with literature.
- The nineteenth speaker, Sally Hibbitts, spoke about AAUW's concern that the core literature will not be allowed for students during the upcoming school year.
- The twentieth speaker, Lori Jacobs, spoke about the language in question in the core literature titles and permission slips.

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

Vice President Andersen spoke about receiving emails from the community and having conversations with some of them on parent participation in core literature titles. Mrs. Everett then spoke about *Part-Time Indian*, *Snow Falling on Cedars* and clarified the misunderstandings in the community about the core literature titles. Mrs. Phelps spoke *Part-Time Indian*, *Snow Falling on Cedars* and asked about the timing in process of getting approved titles into the curriculum to which Mr. Iezza and Dr. McLaughlin responded. The Board and staff went on to discuss the details of the core literature item on the board meeting agenda. Mr. Dunn concluded by speaking about being please with the significant progress the district has made since the last election and highlighted the improvements.

#### **G. Comments - Superintendent**

Dr. McLaughlin thanked summer school employees and district staff, then recognized the various summer school programs.

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

#### **A. Approval of Amendment of Administrative Regulation 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel**

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Everett inquired about substitute personnel to which Dr. McLaughlin responded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

#### **A. Approval of Permanent Status for Pilot Courses**

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Vice President Andersen. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion. Mrs. Phelps commented on behalf of Dr. Connolly and stated being pleased with the amount of pilot courses. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **B. Approval of 2017/2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan**

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 4-0.

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

### **A. Approval of 2017-2018 Adopted Budget – General Fund and Ancillary Funds**

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 4-0.

### **B. Resolution #16/17-36: Approval of Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan 2017-2018**

Vice President Andersen made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. President Dunn asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. Motion carried 4-0.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

### **A. Personnel Assignment Orders**

### **B. Expulsion - Student 8-16/17 E**

### **C. Approval of Agreements for Legal Services**

### **D. Approval of Award of Contract for Roofing Replacement at District Office and Thousand Oaks High School.**

### **E. Approval of Purchase Order Report #925**

### **F. Approval of Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**

Mrs. Phelps made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. Motion carried 4-0. President Dunn announced that Amy Simmons-Folks was selected as the new Principal of Madrona Elementary School. Mrs. Simmons-Folkes then approached the podium, thanked all and spoke about her appreciation of the opportunity.

## **7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – HUMAN RESOURCES**

No Items.

## **8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

No Items.

## **9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL – BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **A. Approval of Update to Board Policy 3551 and Administrative Regulation 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund**

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

### **B. Conejo Valley High School and District Office Relocation Projects**

Dr. Hayek updated the Board on the progress with the CVHS renovations and confirmed all is on time, on schedule and on budget.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

### **A. Adjournment**

President Dunn adjourned the Open Session at 7:41 p.m.

**The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 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.

Date: June 27, 2017 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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