



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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

MINUTES

1. 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 2019100249

Closed session ended at 5:50 p.m.

2. 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 Gorbach, 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:

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C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), OAH Case 2019100249

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

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Everett.

Motion carried: 5-0.

E. Recognitions: Marmonte League Champions (Also CIF State Champions)

Recognitions were given to the following Marmonte League Champion teams:

- Newbury Park High Boys Cross Country
- Newbury Park High Girls Cross Country
- Westlake High Girls Golf
- Westlake High Girls Tennis
- Westlake High Girls Volleyball

F. Presentation: Unified Sports Champions

Dawn Thomas, Assistant Principal of Student Support Services at Thousand Oaks High School, presented information regarding the Unified Sports Champions program. This program supports inclusion at all of the comprehensive high school sites, and all three sites have been recognized as Unified Champion Schools for their efforts to build a culture of inclusivity.

G. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy: Lyn Cavaziel

Conejo Valley High School: Lucy Sussman

Newbury Park High School: Paige Hajiloo

Thousand Oaks High School: Kiara Benioff

Westlake High School: Kyle Huemme

Students reported on: new staff at school sites, parent groups on campuses, success seminars, holiday activities and school spirit events and rallies, toy and clothing drives, Inclusion Week activities, annual Thanksgiving feasts and meal deliveries, field trips to local community colleges, visits from colleges to school campuses, sports accomplishments and tournaments, Visual/Performing Arts events and concerts, Sparkles performance, blood drives, Unified Sports Team presentations, Club Hello Days, Future Lancer Night, outdoor school camp counselor interviews, financial aid open house with Moorpark College, winter sports team tournaments, Gratitude Week at Thousand Oaks High School, annual ASB student leadership retreats, , CBS News segment about Westlake High School, campus guest speakers and winter formal dances.

H. Reports from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF): Laurie Lam provided the report and commented on CSF's work as a non-profit organization, Cash 4 Conejo classroom grants, receipt of the Kenrose Kitchen Table grant to support the mental health of students, and encouraged participation in Giving Tuesday.

Special Education District Advisory Council (SEDAC): Cindy Liu, Chairperson, commented on higher education for children with disabilities, the need to have high expectations for all students and for systemic tools to guide students and counselors, creating multiple pathways to student success, review of SPSA plans, Inclusive Schools Week celebrations and events, and thanked Student Board Trustee Scott for representing all students with grace on the dais.

I. Comments – Public

President Connolly announced that there were 11 public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 yielded time to Speaker 2.
- Speaker 2 spoke about Inclusive Schools Week, the significant impacts of exclusion and inclusion, and thanked the Board and District staff for recognizing the importance of promoting inclusion.
- Speaker 3 spoke about Inclusive Schools Week events.
- Speaker 4 spoke about celebrating Inclusive Schools Week and the importance of inclusion.
- Speaker 5 spoke against the District offering gender diversity curriculum to students in grades TK – 6.
- Speaker 6 spoke about an issue with the rental fees and agreement between CVUSD and the Chinese School.
- Speaker 7 yielded time to Speaker 8.
- Speaker 8 spoke against gender identity curriculum and requested that the District find an appropriate compromise.
- Speaker 9 thanked the School Board members for respectfully listening to speakers.
- Speaker 10 yielded time to Speaker 11.
- Speaker 11 spoke about gender identity curriculum and parent rights.

J. Comments - Board of Education

Board members commented on the following: CVHS Interact Club, Start with Hello activities, drama and music performances, school assemblies, memorial for Teri Sanders, Inclusive Schools Week events, Unified Kickball Game, Colina Future Cougar Night, Thousand Oaks State of the City Address, sports accomplishments and events, Unified Sports Champions, and thanks to student reporters, parent organization representatives, and public speakers.

Student Trustee Scott commented on Inclusion Week celebrations, sports accomplishments, SDAC website and avenue to recommend future Board meeting topics, and thanked the student reporters, parent organization representatives, and public speakers.

K. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin commented on the following: Thanked the Board for attending and supporting District events, attended the Ventura County Office of Education meeting with Dr. Miller to discuss inclusion efforts, thanked staff in supporting students at the school sites, congratulated Newbury Park High School's Cross Country teams and wished them luck at the National Championships in Oregon, and announced that Student Board Trustee Scott will be attending the California School Boards Association Conference along with the Board and District staff.

3. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Board of Education – CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorbach. Mrs. Fitzgerald commented on her reason for running, and mentioned that she will be correcting a typing error on her application prior to submission. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

B. Business Services – Approval of 2019-2020 First Interim Financial Statements

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. Dr. Hayek presented information on the updated financials for 2019 and the budget development process, including the current budget environment and economic factors, guidance from the Ventura County Office of Education, multi-year forecast and risk factors for multi-year projections, operating deficit, COLA and Special Education funding, and an updated 2019-2020 budget timeline.

The Board and District staff discussed addressing this item as an information item first, the shortfall projected for year end, Title II and Title IV funding, grants to augment technology, student learning, professional development activities, and support for low performing students, civic center revenue and fee schedule, the budget projection process and the difference between actuals and projections, salary disbursements, textbook adoption costs, legal expenses and general questions on specific funds.

Mrs. Everett asked for a complete breakdown of projections, the disbursement of classified and certificated salaries, and dues and memberships, and stated a preference to show estimates for each category of funds.

Motion carried: 4-1, with Mrs. Everett voting no.

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Goldberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gorback. President Connolly asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

A. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders

B. Instructional Services – Stipulated Agreement – Student #5-19/20

C. Instructional Services – Stipulated Agreement – Student #6-19/20

D. Instructional Services – Overnight Trip Request – Thousand Oaks High School Varsity Dance Team

E. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Team Play Events - TOHS

F. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000

G. Instructional Services - Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations

H. Student Services – Approval of Contract – Haynes Family of Programs, Inc. DBA: S.T.A.R. Academy

I. Student Services – Approval of Contract – Shiro Perera Torquato, Ph.D.

J. Student Services – Approval of Contract – Dr. Jonine Nazar Biesman

K. Student Services – Approval of Contract – Communication Matters

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

Motion carried: 5-0.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9220 – Board Member Qualifications

The Board and District staff discussed the selection of options within the Board Policy. The Board reached consensus to strike Option 1 at the bottom of page 3, and to keep Option 1 regarding tie votes and strike the remaining options.

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

Mr. Lichtl stated that this is the second review for this policy and regulation. He stated that they were brought forward to the Board in November, and both titles were available for the community to view during preview events. Both titles have been recommended by teachers and discussed with the English Articulation Committee. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members requested that the following items be added to the Future Board Topics list:


- Have information provided regarding the potential means of identifying and discussing issues with IEPs and 504s. **The Board reached consensus to add this item.**
- Concerns about Chinese School fees and agreement – **the Board did not reach consensus to add this item.** Dr. Hayek will reach out to the Chinese School principal to discuss and provide information back to the Board in the Board Report.

B. Adjournment

President Connolly adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. - Budget Work 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.

January 21, 2019

Date



Clerk

January 21, 2019

Date



Superintendent