

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

February 21, 2012

MINUTES**DISCUSSION SESSION: CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA)
CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHARING**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, in a Special Meeting-Discussion Session regarding their attendance to and information sharing from the CSBA Conference in December 2011. Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Janet Cosaro, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, Tim Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

The Board members and staff shared information from various workshops, such as:

- Boost Learning: Data Reflection and Arts for All
- 21st Century Learning
- Beyond the Backpack for 21st Century Learners: Innovative Technology Solutions
- Summer Matters: Every Child Needs Summer Learning and Enrichment Opportunities
- Farm to the Fork: New Perspectives in School Lunches
- Employee Benefits and Relations: Future Trends

The Discussion Session adjourned at 5:15 p.m. into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

The following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
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- C. Labor Negotiations (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
Timothy Carpenter, Negotiator, CVUSD
UACT, CSEA, CVPPA
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline – Expulsion or Suspension (*Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*)
- E. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension (*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*)
- F. Pending Litigation (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a) (3)*)

G. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*)

- 310 Kelley Road
- 2498 Conejo Center Drive
- 2450 Teller and 889 Mitchell Roads
- Southwest Corner of Avenida de los Arboles and Atlas Avenue

The Closed Session ended at 6:12 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

Call to Order and Roll Call: Dr. Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Also present were Robert Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

Dr. Connolly read the procedural announcements and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Agenda with an amendment to the agenda item IV. Action Items – General, Instructional Services J. Approval of New Core Literature Title for English 9CP, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation: Read Across America Day

Janet Cosaro, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, President, Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT), and Donna Mazza, Teacher, Redwood Middle School, presented a Dr. Seuss-type skit to the Board and community as a reminder that March 2 is “Read Across America Day.”

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad made a public announcement regarding the retirement of Janet Cosaro at the end of the school year, and expressed his respect and gratitude for Ms. Cosaro’s professionalism and knowledge. Dr. Baarstad congratulated the secondary school bands who have each had a student selected to perform with the California Honor Band.

Comments from the Public

One public speaker discussed the legalities of holding a public hearing on the waiver for the Romero Bill that was voted on at the February 7 Board meeting. Staff will investigate the process and make any corrections needed at the March 13 Board meeting. One speaker offered the Board the CSEA (California School Employees Association) new contract points of negotiations as part of the “Sunshine” process.

Comments from Individual Board Members

The Board members each offered their praise and appreciation to Ms. Cosaro for her 35 years of dedication to education. Mrs. Phelps also mentioned the excellent annual Chinese New Year’s Celebration event at the Civic Arts Plaza that featured many of our students.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Superintendent****A. Approval of Contract with VCEDNET for Internet Access**

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the contract with VCEDNET to provide Internet access, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Contract with VCEDNET for Web Hosting Services

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the contract with VCEDNET to provide Web hosting services, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Services**C. Resolution #11/12-17: Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services Not Later than the Beginning of the Following School Year**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Resolution #11/12-17, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. One public speaker discussed the legality of the process being used to determine teaching positions that will be retained regardless of seniority. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay.

D. Resolution #11/12-18: Determination of Competency Among Employees Possessing the Same Credential

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #11/12-18, as submitted, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Resolution #11/12-19: Ordering Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #11/12-19, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Adoption of Exhibit 4144, 4244, 4344 – Complaint Submittal Form

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the proposed Exhibit 4144, 4244, 4344 – Complaint Submittal Form, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Resolution #11/12-20: Week of the School Administrator (March 4-10, 2012)

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring March 4-10, 2012, as the “Week of the School Administrator.” seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Dr. Stephens commented on the dedication of the administrative staff, especially at a time when they have more demands with fewer resources. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**H. Approval of Resolution #11/12-13: Read Across America Day**

Mrs. Buckles moved to adopt resolution #11/12-13, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of Extended Day Kindergarten – Maple Elementary

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the extended day kindergarten at Maple Elementary for 2012-2013, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Approval of New Core Literature Title for English 9CP

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the new core literature title 9 (the Hunger Games), seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Approval of New Core Literature Title for English 12CP

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the new core literature title (the Kite Runner), seconded by Mrs. Phelps. One public speaker spoke in opposition to this adoption, stating that the content of the book is not appropriate for high school students. Mr. Dunn stated his concern about the mature content of the book (rape, sexual abuse), and referenced a review of the book from an on-line source. Mrs. Boyan-Held informed the Board that the book was approved last year for the Advanced Placement classes due to the reference to the book in the Advanced Placement exam. This year, the Language Art Articulation Committee decided that the CP students

should also be prepared for the essay portion of the SAT exams, where reference to this book has appeared. Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Dunn voting nay.

Business Services

L. Resolution #11/12-14: School Facility Increase

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Resolution #11/12-14 to increase the School Facility Fees allowed by law, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Urgency Resolution #11/12-15: School Facility

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve urgency Resolution #11/12-15 to immediately increase the School Facility Fees, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Connolly announced that by this action, the Board of Education has approved the appointment of Robert Iezza as Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, as of July 1, 2012. Mr. Iezza thanked the Board and Superintendent for their confidence, and commended Mrs. Cosaro for her mentorship, leadership and dedication.

A. Approval of Minutes (in Section B of the Agenda packet)

1. Regular Meeting February 7, 2012

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: 8987 - 8994
Administrator, Teachers
2. Classified: C-6778 to C-6790
Account Clerk, Bi-Cross Cultural ELD Instructional Facilitator/Spanish, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Assistant-Satellite, Early Care Aide, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Maintenance Plumber, Paraprofessional/Special Ed
3. Exempt: E-11598 to E-11644
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Outdoor Education, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #21-11/12

D. Overnight Trip Request

1. Redwood Middle School Choir
2. Newbury Park High School Culinary Arts
3. Newbury Park High School Culinary Arts
4. Westlake High School Academic Decathlon

E. Expulsion: Los Cerritos Middle School #16-11/12E

F. Purchase Order Report #806

G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

H. Resolution #11/12-21: Authorizing the Borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2012-2013 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) and Participation in the California

School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell the Note

- I. Approval of Contracts for Wireless Telecommunication Services
- J. Formation of Associated Student Body (ASB) for Century Academy
- K. Notice of Completion – Various Sites – Track Repair – Atlas Tracks, Inc. (dba Atlas Track & Tennis)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits for Secondary Schools 2012/2013. There was discussion regarding Oxnard Unified School District’s refusal of all requests for inter-district transfers.
- B. Approval of Summer School/Extended Year 2012 Revised Dates

Business Services

- C. Urgency Resolution #11/12-16: School Facility Fee Increase

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 7:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 4:00 p.m. for Closed Session – Special Meeting (Superintendent’s Evaluation), 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 13, 2012

Date

Clerk

March 13, 2012

Date

Superintendent