

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

March 4, 2014
MINUTES
(Revised 3/18/14)

DISCUSSION SESSION – MISSION/VISION REVIEW AND STRATEGIC GOAL SETTING

At 4:10 p.m., President Peggy Buckles opened the Discussion Session, and asked if there were any speakers to the agenda item. There were none. Dr. Baarstad provided the Board's Core Beliefs, Vision and Priorities that the Board developed four years ago. The Board discussed a few amendments to update the plan.

The Discussion Session ended at 5:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:10 p.m. President Peggy Buckles announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Buckles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., read the procedural announcements and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, Robert Iezza, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Linda Bekeny, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, and Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services. Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Elementary Education, Dr. Jon Sand, Director, Curriculum & Assessment, and David Fateh, Director, Planning & Construction, were also present.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda with one change: add one more number to Action Items – Consent, B. Personnel Assignment Orders, 1. Certificated Employees: 9543, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Student Representatives

Sarah Jimenez, representing Newbury Park High School, Sierra Newell, Westlake High School, and Mirna Villeda, Century Academy, discussed events on their campuses such as fund raisers for various charities, blood drives, senior activities, art festivals, Talent Shows, ASB events, WASC visits, finals, choir, band competitions, athletic events, Community Garden plantings and other activities.

Reports from Community Support Organizations

Debbie Bulko, President, Conejo Council PTA, introduced JR Washburn, PTA President, Sycamore Canyon School. Ms. Washburn introduced students from the Middle School PTA Club, who presented a PowerPoint about activities at Sycamore Canyon School.

Rocky Capobianco, Chairperson, District Advisory Council (DAC), stated that the following reports were provided to the Council at the meeting of February 11: Superintendent Baarstad presented information about a potential school bond measure for 2014 and Dr. Carlos Dominguez, Director, Ventura County Office of Education Regional System of District & Support addressed legalities and duties of School Site Councils; The next meeting will be

held on Tuesday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please visit DAC's webpage at <http://www.conejo.k12.ca.us/Parents/DistrictAdvisoryCouncilDAC.aspx>.

Mike Soules, President, Conejo Schools Foundation announced that over \$500,000 has been raised. The analysis of the giving shows that \$.92 of every \$1 is put back into the schools; the remainder is used for administration and overhead. Many thanks to those who have given and those who may give in the future. The Foundation will be providing funds to expand the use of the successful Naviance Program to Middle Schools, and provide training for all counselors. Mr. Soules also reported that the Foundation, along with the District, will be offering professional development opportunities for elementary physical education teachers in the future. Summer School prep is well on its way as the Foundation continues to manage the program for the District. Mr. Soules reminded everyone that the Music Festival season is coming up, with the full schedule on the Foundation's website. He thanked the students, parents, staff and the many volunteers. For this and other information about the Foundation, please see their website at www.conejoschools.org.

Comments from the Public

22 cards were received by speakers who stated their concerns about sexual harassment of female students on school campuses, discipline actions, and other issues at Westlake High School. Several speakers spoke of their displeasure with the Superintendent, Board members and administration at Westlake High School.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad addressed the issues of the Public Speakers, saying that the incident of sexual harassment is reprehensible, and that staff has been reminded of procedures regarding reported sexual harassment on their campuses. He stated that the testimonies and many documents he has read regarding the altercation at Westlake High School and the subsequent recommendation for suspension of Dominic Conti was read and processed by Westlake High School Principal Ron Lipari, Director of Secondary Education Dr. Jeff Davis, Assistant Superintendent Robert Iezza, and the Board of Education. At every level of due process, the recommendation for suspension was upheld. In regard to Dr. Baarstad's comment at the District Advisory Council (DAC) on February 11, "time to take off the gloves," he apologized to the Board and Community.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mr. Dunn stated his discomfort with the Conti issue, and that he has submitted an appeal to the Office of Equal Opportunity at the California Department of Education to overturn the Dominic Conti suspension. Mrs. Buckles discussed her attendance at the Youth Congress and visited the BMW Design Center with them. She spent time visiting with the Sister City delegation from China with the City of Thousand Oaks, hoping that the District will connect with students from the Sister City. She also attended the Thousand Oaks Youth Summit at the Thousand Oaks Library with Dr. Sand and Dr. Baarstad. Dr. Stephens mentioned that he is on the Chamber Education Committee, which has changed its name to "Education Workforce and Development Committee." Many local business speakers visit the committee to discuss local business needs and education for the future workforce. Dr. Connolly stated her concern that the Conti suspension issue is spreading out over the entire community and turning into a criticism of the entire District. Dr. Connolly reported from the Wellness Committee that representatives from the Los Robles Hospital introduced the new, non-breathing resuscitation program that may be introduced into Health or other academic classes. The Wellness Committee has also turned its focus on physical education and physical activity as a partner to healthy eating and possible policy changes.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Superintendent

A. Approval of Contract with VCEDNET for Internet Access

Mr. Dunn moved approve the contract with BCEDNET to provide internet access, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**B. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 0420-School Plans/Site Councils**

Mr. Phelps moved to approve revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 0420-School Plans/Site Councils, as submitted, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Mr. Dunn asked if each school had a different policy to decide who gets on the site council. Mr. Iezza stated yes, each school has its own method. Mrs. Buckles asked if it was possible to add to the Regulation that a parent should be the chair of the School Site Council. Mr. Iezza explained that sometimes it's difficult for principals to get a parent in that roll. It was agreed that the Regulation would read, "School site councils shall operate in accordance with procedural meeting requirements and shall, whenever possible, be chaired by a parent." Mrs. Phelps asked to cancel her previous motion and changed her motion to approve revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 0420-School Plans/Site Councils, as amended, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulations 0520.2 – Title 1 Program

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the salary placement for the new job class, School Office Manager II, to be on salary range 58: \$2,945-\$3,588 on the CSEA Salary Schedule, and approve the salary placement for the existing job class, Leader Groundskeeper, to be on salary range of \$3,349-\$4,090 on the CSEA Salary Schedule, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits for Elementary Schools 2014/2015

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the 2014/2015 proposed school choice capacity limits for elementary schools at a ratio of 22:1 for Transitional Kindergarten, 20:1 for grades K-3, and 32:1 for grades 4-6, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits for Secondary Schools 2014/2015

Mr. Dunn moved to approve the 2014/2015 proposed school choice capacity limits for secondary schools, seconded by Dr. Connolly. 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.

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

1. Special Closed Session of February 18, 2014
2. Regular Meeting of February 18, 2014

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. ~~Certificated Employees: #9534-9542 9543~~ (amended in approval of the Agenda)
Exempt Adult Education Teachers, Exempt Coaches, Teachers
2. Classified Employees: C-8234 to C-8256
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Behavior Intervention Specialist, Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Assistant – Satellite, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Teacher, Groundskeeper, Lead Groundskeeper, Paraprofessional / Bilingual – Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, School Office Manager II, Site Computer Technician I, Telephone Operator/Receptionist
3. Exempt Employees: E-13450 to E-13486
Campus Supervisor, Coaches, Outdoor Education, Proctor, Specialist

C. Overnight Trip Requests

- 1. Newbury Park High School Dance Team
- 2. Newbury Park High School Future Business Leaders of America
- 3. Newbury Park High School Future Health Professionals
- 4. Westlake High School Chorus

- D. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations
 - 1. Newbury Park High School Boys Basketball
 - 2. Thousand Oaks High School Band
 - 3. Conejo Valley Unified School District Conejo Schools Foundation

- E. Purchase Order Report #851

- F. Approval to Participate in CalNet 3 Contract for Long Distance Services

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Buckles adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The Board will reconvene on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., Open Session at 6:00 p.m.** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 18, 2014

Date

Clerk

March 18, 2014

Date

Superintendent