

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

**August 18, 2015
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. President Betsy Connolly 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. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:07 p.m., where 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*)
 - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, *Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*
Property negotiators for CVUSD are Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, and Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent

The following properties will be discussed regarding price and terms of payment: 2498 Conejo Center Drive and 667 Rancho Conejo Boulevard, Thousand Oaks

The Closed Session ended at 5:40 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Board members John Andersen, Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, and Pat Phelps. Administration: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus, Superintendent; Dr. Jon Sand, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education; and James Garza, Director, Secondary Education.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from the Public

Four public speakers discussed concerns about culture and climate with leadership at Thousand Oaks High School.

After the first speaker, Dr. Connolly read a statement to make speakers aware of the risk of making a defamatory claim against an employee or person affiliated with the District when relating a purported fact rather than an opinion. Doing so may place the speaker at risk of civil liability.

One public speaker stated that the lack of air conditioning at some schools during the summer is difficult for staff, students, and parents and options need to be considered.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Bonitatibus introduced the new Director, Secondary Education, James Garza, and welcomed him to CVUSD. Dr. Bonitatibus discussed the various summer school activities around the District during the summer, and the numerous Measure I construction sites and projects, including roof replacements, parking lot pavement, flooring and carpet replacements, and security fencing, to name a few. Next week approximately 19,500 students will enter our schools, with around 1,000 of them joining Dr. Bonitatibus’s experience of being “the new kid” at school. By the time school opens for classes on August 26, three thousand employees, working in various jobs, will be welcoming these students. Dr. Bonitatibus mentioned her “Greenprint for Learning” plan that will assist her to learn more about the community. The “Greenprint for Learning” will be posted on the District’s website over the next few months, and will be presented at various forums – online and in person – to asking parents, staff, and community members to join her in a Greenspace. This will be a space for sharing ideas for the continued and future success of CVUSD. Dr. Bonitatibus stated her excitement for the new school year to begin!

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Phelps reported from the County Committee on School District Organization meeting held this summer, whereby the Oxnard School District proposed a change in the election process for their board members. Mrs. Phelps stated her appreciation for the process and the thoughtful consideration of Committee Members. Mrs. Phelps referred to an editorial in the LA Times, which had a poignant message about public schools, “Education, it has been said, is the soul of society and few institutions embody our hopes and dreams as much as our public schools. They are the cornerstone of our community and foundation for our future, where children from all backgrounds are given the tools to shape their lives and our world.”

Mr. Andersen had several questions regarding clarity of reporting processes for employees, and expressed his expectation that employees should have clear understanding of the complaint process.

Mr. Dunn asked for clarification of the complaint procedures and forms. Mr. McLaughlin explained the difference between the two complaint procedures and forms: the Uniform Complaint process, Administrative Regulation 1000 and Administrative Regulation 4030. Mr. Dunn asked if the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) had any authority over the complaints. Mr. McLaughlin stated that they may, depending on the outcome. Mr. Dunn asked if the complaint brought forward would be heard by the Board. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he is compiling the complaint and his investigation for the Board to consider during Closed Session on September 1, 2015. Mr. Dunn stated that the District’s response to complaints may be appealed beyond the District.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Personnel Services

A. University of Southern California Student Teacher Program

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the agreement for the University of Southern California Student Teacher program, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2015-2016, as attached, and authorize administrative staff to forward the Declaration to the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

C. Award of Contract with SYSCO Ventura for Food and Groceries Products

Mr. Andersen moved to approve the contract with Sysco Ventura, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Special Meeting of July 21, 2015
2. Special Meeting of August 6, 2015

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated Employees: #9983 to #9992
Exempt Coaches/Specialists, Speech/Language Pathologists, Teachers
2. Classified Employees: C-9304 to C-9326
Child Care Assistant, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Nutrition Production Supervisor, Custodian, Health Clerk, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Graphics Technician I, Groundskeeper, Maintenance Plumber, Maintenance Worker II, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/SDC, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Secretary, Senior Clerk Typist, School Occupational Therapist, Site Computer Technician I
3. Exempt Employees: E-14781 to E-14823
Campus Supervisor, Coaches, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Approval of Application to Receive Mandate Block Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2015/2016

D. Approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2015/2016

E. Quarterly Report of Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints

F. Approval of Addendum to Annual Signature Authorization 2015/2016

G. Amendment of Award of Contract – Technology Infrastructure Upgrade 2015 – Various Sites

H. Change Order #1: Westlake High School – Roofing Replacement 2015 – Channel Islands Roofing

I. Notices of Completion

1. Westlake High School – Gym Waterproofing Project – Ardalan Constructional Co., Inc.
2. Westlake High School – Roofing Replacement 2015 – Channel Islands Roofing
3. Wildwood Elementary School – Child Care Modular Addition – Silver Creek Industries, Inc.
4. Wildwood Elementary School – Electrical Connection – Scott and Sons Electric
5. Various Sites – Gym Flooring – Pacific Floor Company, Inc.
6. Various Sites – Flooring 2015 – Reliable Floor Covering

J. Purchase Order Report #883

K. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.9: Academic Honesty. Mrs. Phelps pointed out that the Policy and Regulation includes the Acceptable (Student) Use Policy (AUP), which was researched and written by the Technology Committee. She commended the Technology Committee for their work on this document; Dr. Connolly concurred.
- B. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.4: Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting. There were no questions or comments.
- C. Approval of Amendments to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5144.1: Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. Mr. Andersen had several questions about harassment on the internet. Dr. Bonitatibus provided responses.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 7:36 p.m. The Board will reconvene on **Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 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.

September 1, 2015

Date

Clerk

September 1, 2015

Date

Superintendent