

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

At 5:01 p.m., President Connolly announced that there was one comment card submitted.

- Speaker 1 provided the Board with the phone number of her attorney.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 5:54 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 6:01 p.m.

Board Members present: President Connolly, Cindy Goldberg, Bill Gorbach, Sandee Everett and Jenny Fitzgerald.

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:

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1), Case No. 56-2019-00531795-CU-PT-VTA

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8.

Property: 1980 E. Avenida De Las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Agency

Negotiator: Dr. Victor P. Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services.

Negotiating parties: Dr. Crystal Naone CEO/President, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley. Negotiation: Price and Terms.

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

Mr. Gorbach made an additional motion to authorize service on behalf of the School Board, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment to pull Consent Agenda items 4B and 4C, seconded by Mrs. Everett. President Connolly asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

E. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy: Nick Capobianco

Conejo Valley High School: Lucy Sussman (not present)

Newbury Park High School: Thomas Kitchell

Thousand Oaks High School: Haylee Dahlgren (not present)

Westlake High School: Scott Pugh

Students reported on: Century Academy's 10th anniversary, back to school nights, success seminars, focused writing workshops, new additions to high school staffs, club events, annual blood drives, Alternative Education Summit, student enrollment in CTE courses, lunch activities, freshman orientations, student advisory board meetings, homecoming dances and rallies, completion of the TOHS library and core research lab, choir, band and chamber performances, PSAT testing, sports and visual/performing arts recognitions and accomplishments, Sounds of Conejo, freshman officer campaigning and election week, Just Say Hello Week and events, academic counselor visits with seniors, and college and career information night.

F. Report from Parent Support Organizations

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) – Denise Reader spoke about the Annual State of the Schools event at CLU and the Charity Karaoke event. She thanked the Conejo Senior Volunteer Program and their supporters for their work on this event. Denise also thanked Dr. Victor Hayek for his participation, and provided him with trophy for his performance.

Special Education District Advisory Council (SEDAC) – Cindy Liu spoke about meeting with state and assembly representatives and advocating for special education funding, thanked Dr. McLaughlin and Board members Cindy Goldberg and Bill Gorback for regularly attending the SEDAC meetings, and discussed collaborating with District leadership on the de-escalation rooms. She also talked about the District's College and Career Night and the importance of including special education students, school bussing issues, Inclusive Schools Week, and provided a report on the first SEDAC meeting.

G. Comments - Public

President Connolly announced that there were 19 public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke about not receiving the Opt-Out form.
- Speaker 2 spoke about not violating the rights of parents by introducing personal values of any particular group.
- Speaker 3 yielded time to Speaker 4.
- Speaker 4 spoke about mass shooting in Midland, Texas, the Sandy Hook Promise, and emergency preparedness protocols for students with IEPs and 504 plans.
- Speaker 5 spoke about respecting parents' values and against students being allowed to leave school without parental consent for medical procedures.
- Speaker 6 spoke about creating a safe and affirming environment for LGBTQ students, having gay/straight alliance clubs at each of our high schools, and participating in the Conejo Valley Pride event.
- Speaker 7 asked the Board to consider and adopt a curriculum that does not reference divine creation and binary gender.
- Speaker 8 spoke about concerns with the District's current financial condition, and asked for an assurance that the Board will not approve massive layoffs and closing schools.
- Speaker 9 spoke about the Miller Family YMCA Youth and Government Program.
- Speaker 10 spoke about serving on the YMCA Youth and Delegate Association and invited all students to the Youth and Government meetings on Wednesdays at Art Trek.
- Speaker 11 spoke about concerns with staff and Board calling out members of the public by name, limiting the amount of speakers on any agenda item, and preventing people from speaking.

- Speaker 12 spoke about involving parents and guardians in all grade levels to formulate decisions on the education of their children.
- Speaker 13 requested that the Board assure the community that new sexual education or gender curriculum will not be taught and requested additional verbiage in the Administrative Regulation.
- Speaker 14 asked the Board to be considerate of placing items on agenda so that all parents and community members can attend and speak.
- Speaker 15 yielded time to speaker 16.
- Speaker 16 requested that the Board get back to getting business done and supporting educational goals.
- Speaker 17 spoke in favor of providing students with information to give them the ability to reason and make appropriate judgments.
- Speaker 18 spoke against the use of gender and sexual education materials that are revolutionary and asked the Board to consider communication from parents with different backgrounds.
- Speaker 19 spoke in favor of having an opt out clause with curriculum to address all vulnerable student groups.

H. Comments – Board of Education

The Board discussed the following: visits to school sites, protocol during Board meetings, behavior of public speakers and Board members, the purpose and use of the public comment period, Sandy Hook Promise events at the sites, attendance at back to school night events, Student DAC and Student DAC Executive Board meetings, the District's new Instagram account, the sexual health education opt out form and curriculum, and thanked student reporters for sharing information with the Board

The Student Board member, Jordan Scott, spoke about her experience attending the first Board meeting and Student DAC's first executive board meeting, establishing agenda items and accomplishments for Student DAC for this year, and talked about her research on the sexual health curriculum.

I. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin spoke about enrollment, the significant increase in test scores across all student groups for English/language arts and mathematics, and the budget. He also clarified that the verbiage in Board Policy 6142.1 is correct with the reference to the opt out policy, where the verbiage in Administrative Regulation 6142.1 still refers to the opt in policy and needs to be corrected to comply with Education Code.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Business Services – Approval of 2018-2019 Unaudited Actual Financial Report

Mr. Gorbach made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg.

Dr. Hayek presented information on the 2018-2019 unaudited actual financial report, including budget cycle and reporting, end of the year process, acknowledgment of the Fiscal Services team, general fund operations and starting/ending fund balances, and the status of the Health and Welfare fund.

The Board and District staff discussed how the District makes up for money borrowed from the general fund to rescue program, whether the TOPASS fund is a fixed amount or gets replenished, the breakdown of income from Measure I, the gap funding amount and declining enrollment, Title I funds and last year's carryover balance, the cost of professional and consulting services, and rising legal costs. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald.

President Connolly stated that the Board would start the approval of the consent agenda by addressing pulled items 4B and 4C, in the order given.

B. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9110 – Terms of Office

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

C. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9121 – President

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorbach. President Connolly announced that one public comment card was submitted:

- Speaker 1 requested that the Board not limit speaker time to two minutes without Board consensus, and commented on the disrespect between Board members.

The Board and District staff discussed the current process for District and Board committees to be eliminated, and recommendations for verbiage changes to the Board Bylaw. The Board reached consensus on the recommended language changes. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

President Connolly asked for a motion for the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

A. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9100 – Organization

D. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders

E. Human Resources – Approval of Student Teaching Agreements with California State University, Channel Islands

F. Instructional Services – Resolution #19/20-02 – Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

G. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts under \$5,000

H. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract with Core Collaborative – Professional Learning

I. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts – Fulcrum Learning System, Inc, and Camp Ramah – Los Cerritos

J. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Solution Tree, Inc. – Newbury Park High School

K. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – AEGIS Security and Investigations, Inc. – CVAE

L. Student Support Services – Contract for Residential Placement for Student #1-19/20

M. Student Support Services – Contract for Residential Placement for Student #2-19/20

N. Student Support Services – Approval of Contract – n2y

O. Student Support Services – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with California Lutheran University

P. Student Support Services – Approval of Contract – Protocol Agency, Inc.

Q. Student Support Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy

R. Business Services – 2019-2020 Facility Use Agreement Amendment with BRIDGES Charter School

S. Business Services – Approval of Agreement with Santa Barbara Transportation Corp

T. Business Services – Approval of Agreement with Fast Deer Bus Charter, Inc.

U. Business Services – Approval of Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc.

V. Business Services – Approval of Ad Hoc Maintenance Agreements for 2019-2020

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

X. Business Services – MEASURE I: Notices of Completion

- Y. Business Services – MEASURE I: Change Order #1 – Outdoor Learning and Landscape – Wildwood Elementary School – Golden Phoenix Construction Co DBA Golden Phoenix Electric**
- Z. Business Services – MEASURE I: Change Order #1 and #2 – HVAC Prop 39 – Thousand Oaks High School**
- AA. Business Services – Approval of Resolution #19/20-01: Establishing the Gann Appropriations Limit 2019-2020**

Motion carried 5-0.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Amendments to BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation, and Administrative Regulation 6146.12 – High School Credit for Concurrent Enrollment in High School and College Classes

President Connolly announced that one public comment card was submitted:

- Speaker 1 asked the Board to consider providing students with a bump for any college classes taken in a dual enrollment program that is equal to an honors or AP class.

President Connolly asked the Board for consensus on the following directives to be communicated from the Superintendent to all instructional leaders and principals regarding clarification for the current academic year:

- Students in grades 9-11 will receive permission from the principal to take five classes rather than six if they can show they are on course to graduate.
- All college level coursework will be given the same bump as those taking honors and AP classes.
- All college level courses approved for a 4-year degree, an AA or a college proficiency award will be considered college coursework for proficiency.

Board and District staff discussed the amount of high school credits that must be taken, accreditation requirements, discussion with principals and UACT, some recommended verbiage changes, and students applying for a seal of biliteracy. President Connolly stated that the Board is interested in moving forward with forming an ad hoc committee to work with instructional staff and community resources.

B. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to BP and AR 6142.2 – World Language Instruction

Mr. Lichtl clarified that the amendments to the policy include standards that have come into place. He confirmed a correction needed to clarify that instruction in world languages would be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 8, rather than grade 7, as currently stated. The Board and District staff discussed that this policy refers to students who already know English and are learning a second language.

C. Business Services – Approval of Introduction of Board Policy 3110 to Replace Administrative Regulation 3110 – Transfer of Funds

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

D. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3320 – Claims and Actions Against the District

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

E. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3250 – Transportation Fees

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

F. Instructional Services – Approval of New Core Literature Titles for Middle School English

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

- **Speaker 1** spoke about inappropriate literature that involves racism and hatred.
- **Speaker 2** spoke against the book *Refugee*, due to its politically motivated, leftist position.
- **Speaker 3** spoke about attending the book review, stating that it was a positive experience and provided great information on the selected literature.

The Board discussed the option of District staff providing more information to parents on why books are selected for adoption, what parent population was notified about the book review, and the method that the District used to inform parents about the book review. It was suggested that parents at all grade levels be informed of book review opportunities through voice calls and social media.

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to extend the Board meeting to no later than 12:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Gorback. Motion carried: 5-0.

G. Board Discussion Item – Censure of Jenny Fitzgerald?

President Connolly announced that 19 public comment cards were submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke about respecting and honoring the opinions of others.
- Speaker 2 was not present.
- Speaker 3 spoke about the energy spent on misbehavior of the Board, and requested that the Board work together to help the kids and be inclusive.
- Speaker 4 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 5 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 6 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 7 requested that the District refrain from teaching moral values to students.
- Speaker 8 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 9 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 10 suggested that the District create a Board Policy on the censuring process.
- Speaker 11 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 12 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 13 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 14 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 15 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 16 spoke against the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 17 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 18 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.
- Speaker 19 spoke in favor of the censure of Jenny Fitzgerald.

The Board discussed the Board Oath and Bylaws that they must follow. President Connolly asked each Board member if they were in favor of creating an Ad Hoc Committee to create a censure resolution, and the Board voiced that they were not interested in creating an Ad Hoc Committee or a censure resolution.

H. Board Discussion Item – Censure of Cindy Goldberg?

President Connolly announced that 13 public comment cards were submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke about the Conejo Schools Foundation summer school program fees and referenced Board Policy 1230.
- Speaker 2 spoke against the censure of Cindy Goldberg.
- Speaker 3 spoke against the censure of Cindy Goldberg.

- Speaker 4 spoke in favor of the censure of Cindy Goldberg.
- Speaker 5 spoke against parents not being notified about students being released for medical appointments without parental consent.
- Speaker 6 spoke about Conejo School Foundation's designation as a booster club and Education Code that prevents them from charging fees for summer school.
- Speaker 7 spoke in favor of the censure of Cindy Goldberg.
- Speaker 9 was not present.
- Speaker 10 stated that there is a conflict of interest with Cindy Goldberg serving as an employee of the Conejo Schools Foundation, and that booster clubs can only ask for donations for summer school.
- Speaker 11 spoke against the censure of Cindy Goldberg.
- Speaker 12 spoke in favor of the censure of Cindy Goldberg and demanded a refund from Conejo Schools Foundation for summer school costs.
- Speaker 13 asked that everyone work together for the benefit of the students.

Board members discussed the censure process and personal thoughts on the concerns that resulted in the censure request. President Connolly asked Board members whether they were interested in moving forward with this censure. The Board reached consensus that they were not interested in a censure.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Mrs. Everett requested that a topic be included to investigate the fees charged by the Conejo Schools Foundation and whether a conflict of interest had occurred. The Board did not reach consensus to add this topic to any future Board meetings. The Board did not add any other topics of interest to future meetings.

B. Adjournment

President Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 11:25p.m. **The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. Budget Work Session 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session** at Conejo Valley High School (CVUSD Board Room), 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

October 15, 2019


Date



Clerk

October 15, 2019

Date



Superintendent