

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

Vice President Gorbach announced that there was one (1) public comment request received, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. The Board then convened into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion

C. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organization: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)

D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 975 Evenstar Avenue, Westlake Village, California 91361. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; Carden Conejo School

E. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2021110206

Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: Vice President Gorbach called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Board Members present: Vice President Bill Gorbach, Board Clerk Karen Sylvester, Board Trustees Lauren Gill, Cindy Goldberg, and Rocky Capobianco, and Student Trustee Catherine Xu.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services; and Kenny Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

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D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

E. Report from Parent Organization – Conejo Council PTA

Cathy Riggs, Conejo Council PTA President, provided an update from the Conejo Council PTA, including the adoption of the free program “5-minute Carpool Mysteries” as created by three former Weathersfield students, cancellation of the Savings Hearts event due to COVID and cost, school site interest in a stocking stuffer drive sponsored by Adelante Comunidad, and CCPTA’s search for an interested parent to fill the Parliamentarian position.

F. Comments – Public

Vice President Gorbach announced that there were five (5) public comment requests submitted (1 via telephone; 4 via Zoom), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. McLaughlin provided clarification regarding a public comment.

G. Comments – Board of Education

Individual Board members provided comments.

H. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Board of Education – Adoption of Resolution #21/22-23: Confirming Existing Trustee Area Boundary Maps for By-trustee Area Elections of Members of the Board of Education

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

B. Instructional Services – Adoption of Resolution #21/22-22: Futility of Public Bidding for 6th Grade Outdoor School Rental Agreement Contract

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Vice President Gorbach announced that one (1) public comment requested was submitted, but that speaker did not unmute their microphone when instructed to speak or when provided with a second opportunity to speak after a presentation on the topic.

Mr. Loo presented information on the 6th Grade Outdoor School Rental Agreement Contract and an overview of the camp, including health and safety procedures, cost, student access, staff attendance, and upcoming family information nights, and a review of the Board resolution and explanation on the need to declare the futility of public bidding. Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Loo responded to a Board member's question regarding whether other camps could provide a similar experience and cost if the public bidding process was utilized. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary "yes" vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

C. Human Resources – Ratification of CSEA's Appointment to the Personnel Commission for Term of Office 2021-2024

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary "yes" vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

D. Board of Education – Approval of the Continuation of Electronic (Virtual) Board Meetings as Currently in Place Through the Month of December 2021

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Vice President Gorbach announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted (via Zoom), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary "yes" vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Vice President Gorbach announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted (1 via telephone; 1 via Zoom), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. McLaughlin provided a clarification regarding a public comment. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary "yes" vote from Student Trustee Xu.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes**
- B. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders**
- C. Human Resources – Approval of Student Field Placement Agreement with California State University, Chico for Speech-Language Pathology**
- D. Human Resources – Approval of Student Field Placement Agreement with Grand Canyon University – School Counseling Fieldwork**
- E. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- F. Instructional Services – Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization**
- G. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Camp Ramah in California, Inc., for 6th Grade Outdoor School 2021-2022**
- H. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – AVID**
- I. Instructional Services – Approval of Watercraft Field Trip – EARTHs Magnet School**
- J. Instructional Services – Approval of Renewal Contract with Island Packers Cruises**
- K. Instructional Services – Approval to Obsolete and Recycle Previous Editions of We the People Textbooks and Materials**
- L. Student Services – Approval of Renewal Contract – Mr. Tom Kuznowski**

- M. Student Services – Approval of New Memorandum of Understanding Agreement (MOU) with California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) – Dual Immersion**
- N. Student Services – Approval of Contract for Non-Public School Placement**
- O. Student Services – Approval of Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement**
- P. Business Services – Approval of Transfer of Funds – October 2021**
- Q. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- R. Business Services – Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)**
- S. Business Services – Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- T. Business Services – Ratification of Warrants – October 2021**
- U. Business Services – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- V. Business Services – Approval of Maintenance Agreements for 2021-2022**
- W. Business Services – Notices of Completion**
- X. Business Services – Approval of Amendment #1 for the Transportation Services Agreement with Pegasus Transit, Inc.**
- Y. Business Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3350 – Travel and Meal Expenses**
- Z. Business Services – Approval of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3316 – Credit Cards**

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Presentation: Update on CVUSD Student Dress Code

Vice President Gorbach announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted (via Zoom), and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Mr. Loo presented information on the updated CVUSD Student Dress Code, including a summary of the existing Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on dress code, actions taken since the new dress code was adopted, survey feedback from students, teachers, parents/guardians, and principals, dress code violations before and after the updated dress code, and training for certificated and classified staff. There was Board discussion on this agenda item, to which Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Loo provided clarifications and answered questions on effectiveness measurements, lack of stakeholder feedback, implementation and enforcement of the dress code, possibility of including specific headwear in the updated dress code, and feedback on desired dress code changes from the middle and high school levels. The Board reached consensus to provide direction to staff to solicit feedback from teachers from the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and site administrators, regarding the dress code, and whether they feel supported in the enforcement of the updated dress code.

B. Instructional Services – Educator Effective Funds Block Grant

Mr. Loo presented information on the Educator Effective Funds Block Grant, including the purpose of the funds, required annual reporting for years 2021-2026, allowable uses, and next steps, including consideration of prior stakeholder feedback on LCAP and ESSER III, analyzing existing LCAP goals to strengthen with additional professional learning, meeting with all labor partners to solicit input, and presentation of the local plan to the Board of Education at the December 14, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Loo answered questions from Trustee Sylvester regarding additional uses from ESSER III funds and Board review of additional uses and timing at the December 14, 2021 Board meeting. There was no further Board discussion.

C. Instructional Services – Update on Human Growth & Development Videos (Grades 4-6)

Vice President Gorbach announced that there were three (3) public comment requests submitted (1 via telephone; 2 via Zoom), and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. Dr. McLaughlin provided background on direction from the Board to update the Human Growth & Development videos. Mr. Loo presented background and information on the video update process, including topics covered in the existing videos, implementation timeline, steps to updating the existing videos,

recommendation for updates for consideration, accessibility for proposed updated videos, option for co-ed viewing, parent/guardian notification and student participation, and next steps in the review and approval process. Dr. Miller discussed accessibility for the proposed updated videos for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Loo answered questions from Board members regarding options for student viewing of the videos, addition of option for students to anonymously submit questions, and availability of materials in Spanish and at local libraries for preview. Trustee Gorbach recommended that students be given the option to participate in a "Question and Answer" session, separated by their respective genders, after viewing the videos. Trustee Sylvester recommended that an anonymous question process should be created for students, with follow up on a one-to-one basis by the appropriate District staff members. The Board reached consensus that students in grades four through six will view both the male and female specific Human Growth & Development videos together in a co-ed setting with their specific grade level.

D. Business Services – Approval of Tier I Application for Adelante Comunidad Conejo, Inc. Vice President Gorbach announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker requested to speak on the previous agenda item; her request was denied as the public comment period for that agenda item had closed.

Dr. Hayek provided background on this agenda item and answered questions from Trustee Sylvester regarding flexibility of the activity dates/times listed on the application and performing a look back for reauthorized user groups.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Dr. McLaughlin clarified that the purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Education to request topics to be reported on at future Board meetings. He stated that community members could request items to be added to future Board agendas by following the request process outlined in Board Bylaw 9322.

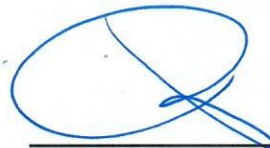
Board members did not add any topics for discussion at future Board meetings.

B. Adjournment

Vice President Gorbach adjourned the Open Session at 9:23 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

January 11, 2022

Date



Clerk

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Date



Superintendent

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<https://conejousd.org/Board-of-Education/Board-Meeting-Videos-Watch-Live>

D. Business Services – Approval of the Application for Admittance Committed Conjo, Inc.
Vice President Gotchack announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker requested to speak on the previous agenda item, his request was denied as the public comment period for that agenda item had closed.

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