

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****February 19, 2008
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of February 1, 2008, was called to order by President Dorothy Beaubien at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Beaubien asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment-Evaluation-Leaves of Absence-Retirement-Discipline-Dismissal
Pursuant to Government Code §54957
- B. Consideration of Student Discipline
Pursuant to Education Code §48918
- C. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)
- D. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
- E. Real Estate Negotiations: Kelley Road Site
Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
Dr. Joel Kirchenstein, Sage Industries, Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 5:58 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**OPENING PROVISIONS**

President Beaubien called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read the procedural announcements for the meeting.

Present were Board members Dorothy Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps, and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Mario V. Contini, Superintendent, Jo-Ann Yoos, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services. Bob Iezza, Director, Elementary Education, Max Beaman, Secondary Education, Carol Boyan, Director, Curriculum, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mr. Dunn asked if people would be allowed to speak on Item D under Information Items: Proposed Land Initiative “Right to Vote on Traffic Congestion.” Mrs. Beaubien replied yes, that the Board will listen to the public speak on any and all topics that are on the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Read Across America Presentation

Susan Falk, UACT President, Colleen Briner-Schmidt, representing UACT and Janet Cosaro, representing the District, presented a skit and a resolution for *Read Across America Day*, March 3, 2008, in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, March 2. This is the District’s 11th year to celebrate *Read Across America Day*.

Comments from the Superintendent

Superintendent Contini: 1) reported that Thousand Oaks and Westlake High Schools were included in a list of best schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, in collaboration with School Evaluation Services (a K-12 education and data research and analysis business). Criteria included academic and enrollment data. 2) congratulated Meadows, Lang Ranch, and Sycamore Canyon for moving to the next step in the California Distinguished Schools process. We understand the incredible amount of work that goes into the application, and wish them success on advancement through the next phase. 3) announced that the new District website home page is now active, even though it's still "under construction." It uses the same address (www.conejo.k12.ca.us) as in the past, and then connects to the old website that is still in use. This website will only be for the district offices as the schools each have their own. We will continue to build this site and expect to have the old site phased out by July 1. 4) explained the "infrastructure gridlock" taking place at some of our sites due to network saturation on an antiquated system. A test was run at Thousand Oaks High School and found it running at 139% of capacity. It was explained that that would be like trying to put 7 pounds of flour in a 5 pound bag. Unfortunately, our old system cannot accommodate traffic management systems that would normally be used to "fix" the situation. The solution will probably have to be done manually, and scheduling of schools to access Zangle during specific times when other schools will be off Zangle. There will be more information on this in the future. 5) congratulated Stan McClain, CSEA President, for his 35 years of service in the District. Stan will be retiring from his custodial position with the District as of Wednesday, February 20, but will remain as the President of CSEA, a position he has held off and on for the past 19 years!

Comments from the Public

20 individuals spoke to the issue of school closure, 3 to the issue of Special Day Classes, and 2 to the issue of the proposed "Right to Vote on Traffic Congestion" (information item D). The Board also received 3 Public Written Statement forms regarding school closures.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Didio spoke about attending a wonderful Patriotic Program in Kindergarten classes at Weathersfield Elementary School. The teachers (Lynn Quick and Helene Goldstein) used music and art as part of the program.

Mr. Dunn asked if the district had a hiring freeze; Mr. Contini stated yes except for essential positions.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**Board of Education****A. Amendment to Board Policy 432.1: Interdistrict Attendance and Amendment to Policy 433: Intradistrict Attendance-School Choice – Second Reading**

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend Policy 432.1 and Policy 433 as proposed, second reading, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Didio had questions and asked that this policy be reviewed and refined when it returns for more revisions. Motion carried 5-0.

B. 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations

Mrs. Phelps moved to nominate Darlene A. Bruno, Hueneme School District, Rob W. Collins, Simi Valley Unified School District, Dolores Didio, Conejo Valley Unified School District, and Jan Iceland, Oak Park Unified School District, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Services**C. Resolution #07/08-15: Week of the School Administrator (March 3-7, 2008)**

Dr. Stephens moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring March 3-7, 2008, as the "Week of the School Administrator," seconded by Mr. Dunn. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**D. Resolution #07/08-16: Read Across America Day (March 3, 2008)**

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt resolution #07/08-16, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of K-12 Science Courses of Study

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the K-12 Science courses of study created by District teachers, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Adoption of English Language Development Standards

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the adoption of the English Language Development Standards for California Public Schools, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Elementary School Choice Application Deadline

Mr. Dunn moved to extend the due date for Elementary 2008/09 School Choice applications to May 1, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**H. 2006-07 Annual Audit Report of District Financial Statements**

Mrs. Didio moved to accept the 2006-07 Annual Audit of the District's Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Resolution #07/08-17: School Facility Fee Increase

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Resolution #07/08-17 to increase the School Facility Fees allowed by law, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Mrs. Didio stated that the developer fees have enabled the District to build schools without depending on State funds. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Urgency Resolution #07/08-18: School Facility Fee Increase

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Urgency Resolution #07/08-18 to immediately increase the School Facility Fees, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

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

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Special Meeting of January 28, 2008
2. Special Meeting of February 4, 2008

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #8003-8008
Teachers
2. Classified: C-4084 to C-4096
Child Care Assistant, Child Care Supervisor, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Child Care Assistant II, Custodian, Paraprofessional/Special Education
3. Exempt: E-7688 to E-7683
Campus Supervisor, Coach, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #29-07/08**D. Readmission of Expelled Student #3-07/08E****E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations****F. Overnight Trip Requests****G. Purchase order Report #718****H. Change Order #2: Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes 7 Sons Electric, Inc.**

- I. Notice of Completion – Various Sites – Indefinite Quantity Electrical – Reyes 7 Sons Electric, Inc.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Board of Education and Superintendent

- A. Resolution #07/08-20: Opposition to the Governor's State Budget Proposal. There was one speaker to this topic. Mrs. Didio stated that one of the biggest problems with the budget was the Governor's after-school proposal, which we cannot touch because it's categorical. So much money was set aside for this initiative. Dr. Stephens stated that we are 46 out of 50 states in terms of per pupil funding for public education. We are seventh in the world in wealth. Mrs. Phelps pointed out that if the legislature had to follow the rules that the school districts do in terms of putting aside money for bad years, we may not be in this situation. Mr. Dunn stated that businesses have a difficult time making a profit in this state, and that, along with NAFTA, are a huge problem. Mr. Contini gave some factual information on the budget. This week was the deadline for the legislature to take emergency session of the legislature. Last week they proposed \$1 billion in cuts mid-year for this year, looking for funds that have not been spent yet and trying to cover the short fall in that way. There are about \$1.2 billion that do not affect education, and about \$1 billion that will. The legislature tried to address a tax loophole for tax breaks for individuals who buy yachts and airplanes out of state, and they were unable to come to terms with that one. Had they come to terms with that one, the state would have saved about \$5 million this year and about \$21 million next year in tax loopholes. One serious issue that we are concerned about is they did approve a one-time deferral of July's apportionment moving it to September. Essentially, this two month's deferral means that school districts across the state will have to dip into tax revenue anticipation notes (TRANS), which could cause extra costs to districts. The legislature can still go back and make more additional cuts for this current year. Next year's proposal still includes suspending Proposition 98, which was approved by the voters several years ago to set a floor for funding of public schools. It still includes a reduction in the COLA for about 6.5%, which moves it from a 4.5% to a negative 2%. There is some belief that will not happen but it is still in the plan. The Governor's proposal still includes 10% across the board for cuts, and he does still include the June apportionment to September. The legislative analyst is expected to share some new updated information on the projects, and it is expected to look even worse. In May the legislature will get their final estimates from the Department of Finance and then the Governor will come out with his May Revise. An interesting point is that since 1999, the State budget has gone up 81%, education has gone up 69% and that number will drop to a lower percentage – an expected 58% with the cuts expected. These are massive and serious issues for schools. Mr. Dunn stated that interest on the debt is one of the biggest problems in our State.

Instructional Services

- B. Secondary Early Back Summer School Program for 2008
C. Amendment of Board Policy 332.9, Graduation Requirements (Adult Education)

Business Services

- D. Proposed Land Use Initiative "Right to Vote on Traffic Congestion." There were two public speakers on this topic. The Board discussed this issue and asked to have a resolution as an action item at the March 4, 2008, meeting.

REPORTS AND CONCERNS

- A. Report from the Strategic Plan Committees: There were none.
B. Report from the Superintendent: There were none.
C. Reports from the Personnel Commission: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Beaubien adjourned the Open Session at 8:20 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the **Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center, 2323 Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks.**

March 4, 2008

Date

Clerk

March 4, 2008

Date

Superintendent

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