

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****March 1, 2011
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of March 1, 2011, was called to order by President Peggy Buckles at 5:05 p.m. at 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Mrs. Buckles asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:00 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*)
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- C. Labor Negotiations (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
Timothy Carpenter, Negotiator, CVUSD
UACT, CSEA, CVPPA
- D. Consideration of Student Discipline – Expulsion or Suspension (*Pursuant to Education Code §48900, et seq.*)
- E. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension (*Pursuant to Government Code §35146*)
- F. Pending Litigation (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a) (3)*)
- G. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*)
Kelley Road Property, Conejo Center Drive Property, Mitchell Road Property
Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, CVUSD Negotiator

The Closed Session ended at 6:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Buckles called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Call to Order: Present were Board members Peggy Buckles, Dr. Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn, Pat Phelps and Dr. Timothy Stephens. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, Janet Cosaro, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Timothy Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Linda Bekey, Assistant Superintendent. Also present were Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, and Carol Boyan-Held, Director, Curriculum.

Mrs. Buckles led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the procedural announcements.

OPENING PROVISIONS**Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda with the following change: Under IV. Action Items – Consent, Item B. Personnel Assignment Orders #1, change the number to #8720 - #8732. seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports from Student Board Members

Marianna L'Ingle, Newbury Park High School, Jennifer Randolph, Thousand Oaks High School, Samantha Gilbert, Westlake High School, Melissa Siple, Conejo Valley High School, and Ben Wallace, Century Academy, reported on campus events such as Mock Trials, theater, tests, athletics, talent shows, dance team, fund raisers, volunteer opportunities, Every 15 Minutes Program, Powder Puff events, leadership programs, field trips, ASB events, inspirational speakers, fund raisers, community services projects, and more.

Reports from Support Organizations

Laurie Lam reporting for the Conejo Schools Foundation, thanked Dr. Baarstad and Dr. Connolly for being on the panel for the *Race to Nowhere* screening. The Foundation is spearheading the effort to get sponsors for the All-Call System, which is an immediate messaging system for schools to contact parents.

Wendy Laufer, President, Conejo Council PTA, reported that the Council is working on their end-of-year dinner, by-laws, and considering nominees for next year's board. Council is requesting all units to write to their legislators urging them to put the tax extension measure on the June special election ballot, as it is an issue that will greatly affect the future success of public education in California. Ms. Laufer also mentioned the Annual Abilities Awareness Program at Sequoia and Redwood Middle Schools.

Laurie Lam, representing the District Advisory Council (DAC), reported from the last meeting. Joe Cook, Director, Child Nutrition, provided a report regarding changes to the nutritional program at the schools, and Tim Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, reported on the teacher evaluation process and the BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assistance) program. School surveys by the School Site Councils at the sites were also discussed and principals provided advice.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad 1) complimented the Board for the success of the first year of Century Academy and Dr. Jeff Davis for his leadership with the program, 2) congratulated Sue Wells for her election as next year's 12 District PTA President, 3) praised the performances and director of the Los Cerritos Orchestra and Westlake High School's Chamber Ensemble at the 12th District PTA Annual Founders' Day program at the County Offices. He stated that one of the Board's goals is to protect and encourage co-curricular activities across the district and the quality of our arts programs, such as these exemplary music programs, is testimony to that effort. 4) congratulated Nancy Smith, Acacia Elementary School, who was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Month for March. Dr. Baarstad stated his observance around the district that when one teacher is singled out for recognition, the entire staff expresses joy and pride for their peer. In return, the staff member being honored usually thanks his/her peers for their support and teamwork. 5) announced that Sequoia Middle School received notice that they are advancing to the final stage of the Distinguished School process with a "validation visit" of representatives from State and County Office staff, 6) stated that he will have a Superintendent's column in The Acorn on Thursday, March 3. In that column, Dr. Baarstad addresses the issue of the Governor's budget proposal with over \$12 billion in very difficult cuts and the extension of current taxes for five years to balance the budget and protect education from further cuts. Speaking as an educator in California, and asking that everyone put aside their political affiliation, he pointed out that no one but Governor Brown has offered a solution to the state's current budget crisis. If the tax initiative does not pass, the next round of cuts will be deeply felt in the schools. CVUSD has managed to insulate the students and schools from the last two rounds of cuts. If this extension does not pass, CVUSD will suffer \$7-10 million next year in cuts. He encouraged parents and the community to call their legislators to let them know that you would like the tax initiative on the ballot in June. The Public has the right to vote on the future of public education in the state of California.

Comments from the Public

Several public speakers discussed the function of the City of Thousand Oaks' Youth Commission and recent Youth Summit, where the topics of bullying and student volunteerism were discussed. The Commission will be offering electronic copies of their newsletter for all school sites' web sites.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Buckles discussed her visit to Weathersfield Elementary School, along with Mrs. Phelps, to see the kindergarten classes' presentation for President's Day. She also attended the Chinese New Year event at the Civic Arts Plaza, and enjoyed reading to students for Read Across America week. Mrs. Buckles stated that the Los Cerritos orchestra has been invited to perform at the California State PTA Convention this year.

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**Board of Education****A. 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election**

Mrs. Phelps moved to vote for Suzanne Kitchens, Pleasant Valley School District, and Christina Urias, Santa Paula Union High School District to represent Subregion 11-B to the CSBA Delegate Assembly, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.:

Personnel Services**B. Resolution #10/11-12: Week of the School Administrator (March 6-12, 2011)**

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the attached proclamation declaring March 6-12, 2011, as the Week of the School Administrator, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Amendment to Resolution #10/11-07: Ordering Seniority of Certificated Employees Who First Rendered Paid Service on the Same Day

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Resolution #10/11-07, as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Resolution 310/11-11: Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services Not Later Than the Beginning of the Following School Year

Dr. Stephens moved to approve Resolution #10/11-11 as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Resolution #10/11-14: Determination of competency Among Employees Possessing the Same Credential

Mr. Dunn moved to approve Resolution #10/11-14 as submitted, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**F. Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 5141.33 – Head Lice**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve amendments to Board Policy 5141.33, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

G. PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 6158 – Independent Study

Mrs. Buckles opened a Public Hearing on the topic at 7:00 p.m. There were no speakers. Mrs. Buckles closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 6158 – Independent Study

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 6158, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Approval of Revised Course of Study – Forensic Science CP

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Forensic Science CP course of study, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of New High School Pilot Course – Scientific Research CP

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the pilot course Scientific Research CP, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Approval of School Choice Capacity Limits for Secondary Schools 2011/2012

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the 2011/2012 proposed school choice capacity limits for secondary schools, seconded by Dr. Connolly. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

K. Resolution #10/11-13: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal year 2011-12 and the Issuance and Sale of 2011-12 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell the Note,

Dr. Connolly moved to approve Resolution #10/11-13 Authorizing the issuance of the 2011-12 TRANS, and participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. 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 Agenda packet)

1. Regular Meeting of February 15, 2010

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated: #8720-#8732 (change in numbers reflected in the approval of the agenda)
Teachers
2. Classified: C-6066 to C-6098
Bilingual Cross Cultural ELD Para-Facilitator/Spanish, Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Clerk Typist, Custodian, Early Care Aide, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Early Care Teacher, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessional/Severely Disabled, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, Site Computer Technician
3. Exempt: E-10227 to E-10259
Athletic Coach, Campus Supervisor, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper

C. Expulsions

1. Redwood Middle School #18-10/11E
2. Redwood Middle School #19-10/11E
3. Conejo Valley High School #20-10/11E
4. Conejo Valley High School #21-10/11E

D. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Students

1. #21-10/11

2. #22-10/11

E. Overnight Trip Requests

- 1. Maple Elementary School
- 2. Colina Jazz Band
- 3. Newbury Park High School Dance Team
- 4. Westlake High School Varsity Baseball

F. Purchase Order Report #785

G. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

INFORMATION ITEMS

Personnel Services

- A. Public Disclosure and Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT). There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Buckles adjourned the Open Session at 7:08 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. for Closed Session, 4:30 p.m. for Discussion Session re. Property Negotiations, 6:00 p.m. for Open Session-Regular Meeting at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

March 15, 2011

Date

Clerk

March 15, 2011

Date

Superintendent