

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING****May 20, 2008
MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meeting of May 20, 2008, was called to order by President Dorothy Beaubien at 4:05 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 4:06 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 4:50 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER – EARLY MEETING TOPICS**EARLY MEETING TOPICS**

Mrs. Beaubien called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following topics were discussed with no action taken:

- A. Board Policy Update Process – CSBA Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, Series 400, 500, 1200, 1300, 5000, 6000. Mrs. Cosaro proceeded through the policies where there may have been questions from the Board. The policies will return for a global adoption on June 17, 2008.
- B. Strategic Plan Updates: Instruction Division Committee 1 and Governance and Funding Committee 3 Preliminary Drafts End-of-Year Report. Mrs. Cosaro presented the Instruction Division Committee 1 progress report, and Mr. Contini Committee 3 Governance and Funding. Copies of the reports may be obtained from the superintendent's office kise@conejo.k12.ca.us.
- C. Board's Priorities and the District's Strategic Plan. Mr. Contini discussed the Board's priorities and the Strategic Plan.

OPENING PROVISIONS

President Beaubien called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., 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 and Max Beaman, Secondary Education, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with one change: under the Consent Agenda, pull #G Purchase Order Report #724 for discussion, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognitions

Valedictorians and Top Scholars

The Board congratulated and acknowledged the high school Valedictorians and Conejo Valley/Century High Schools Top Scholars:

Newbury Park High School – Alexa Levesque, Chau Vu, Christopher Jew, Kevin LaRosa, Lingmiao Wang, Maxwell Fisch, Michael Alland, Morgan McLeod, Samir Siddhanti, Shannon Myers, Shirley Wu

Thousand Oaks High School – Angela Xi Tong, Annelise Yoo Mah, Brian Moon, Kasey McQueen, Kenneth Wang, Kyle Crown, Marina Piper, Ryan Vincent Quiroz, Spencer Gulbranson, Young Bin Kim

Westlake High School – Aislinn Smalling, Andrew Maleki, Arielle Kirk, Benjamine Liu, Brian Park, Danni Xie, Dominic Insogna, Ellen Friedman, Jonathan Kotzin, Kathleen Lo, Kathryn Nary, Linda Peng, Lucy Darago, Philip Shao, Robert Headley, Sidney Rafael Primas

Conejo Valley Top Scholar: Rachael Harvey

Century Top Scholar: Carleigh Conejo

Golden Bell Awards

Mary Samples, Assistant Superintendent, Ventura County Office of Education, introduced the recipients of the Golden Bell Awards (excellence in working with Special Education students): Karen Brown, Speech Therapist, Kathy Sternstein, Resource Teacher at Westlake Elementary School, and Jeanne Valentine, Principal, Cypress Elementary School.

2007/2008 Outstanding Classified Employee Achievement Awards

Marina Mihalevsky, Director, Classified Personnel, introduced the following honorees:

Debra Hannah, Planning Technician, Planning & Facilities

Mike Buckley, Supervisor, Facilities/Buildings Supervisor

Reports

Student Congress

Students Hayley Kramer, Thousand Oaks High School, and Miranda Fang, Westlake High School, discussed the 2008 Student Congress. The event was called i-Vote: Pop Culture Goes Political. Students encouraged their peers to get involved in the political process, and to be informed so they can vote responsibly when they turn 18.

Magnet School Presentation

Principals Martha Tureen, Judie Tetzlaff, Jennifer Boone, and Sheila Carlson presented information about Art and Technology magnet school concepts. *(Copies of the presentation may be obtained from Superintendent's Office at kise@conejo.k12.ca.us)*

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Contini: 1) acknowledged the “Day of the Teacher” last week, May 14, and praised and thanked the District’s teachers for all their hard work and dedication. 2) commented that this week is “Classified Appreciation Week” and expressed his appreciation for the classified employees in the District, who are also hard working and dedicated. He stated that our children’s success in school is a team effort by all. 3) thanked Sycamore Canyon School for their invitation to join them, Lang Ranch and Meadows Elementary Schools at the Distinguished Schools Award Ceremony at Disneyland on Friday. The event was to honor all the Southern California schools that were selected this year. 4) reported on the settlement agreement with UACT regarding action in 2005 by board member Mike Dunn, corresponding government code violations, and the conditions of the settlement agreements. The agreements included the need for an apology and training for Mr. Dunn in the responsibilities and prohibitions of board members pertaining to collective bargaining as required by law.

Comments from the Public

4 speakers asked that Meadows remain open as a magnet school, 1 speaker spoke to keep Century High School open, 1 speaker spoke in defense of Mr. Dunn, and 1 speaker spoke about the conduct of the Board and Mrs. Didio’s comments that were overheard by the audience at a previous meeting. 1 public written statement card was handed in regarding CSBA board policies.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Didio reported from the CSBA Delegate Assembly from Sacramento. This time, the delegates dealt with the budget only. The first issue was the need for revenue, the second was the Governor’s proposal to sell the lottery to share holders and utilize that money to “solve the problem,” and the third was the denial of short term fixes. The assembly agreed that the state needs adequate, stable funding. Mrs. Didio stated that we need to generate revenue in our district, and we need to bring students into the district. Mrs. Didio said that she would like to see a pre-school program in our district by the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Didio stated that we could use our campuses for dual-purpose, that is, a magnet and perhaps a pre-school on the same campus. Mrs. Didio also explained the difference (in terms of funding) between a magnet school and a charter school: the magnet school would keep all of the ADA (average daily attendance) in our district, whereas a charter school would keep the ADA for their school. This would be at the expense of the other schools, at the expense of our employees, and would probably mean the closure of another school.

Dr. Stephens spoke about the Measure B initiative, and how it would affect our district financially, if it were passed. He read some of the names of the organizations and community leaders who are voting against Measure B.

Mr. Dunn made comments on the complaint against him by UACT. He stated that these are alleged violations. PERB has not filed on the complaint but has allowed it to go forward. He feels he is being harassed because he is the only board member who does not take contributions from the union. He stated his wife is a public school teacher and he is a fire fighter, both union members. He made a counter offer that he would not poll teachers in the future and asked for mediation. He states that the constitution allows freedom of speech. While teachers are being laid off, the union is focusing on this 30 month issue, and are attempting to muscle a trustee for an innocent mistake...

Mr. Contini asked Mr. Dunn to consider not going further with his statement as “this is what got you in trouble in the first place.” Mr. Dunn stated he did not agree with the superintendent, and said he had a right to speak. Mr. Dunn stated in conclusion he called PERB and the attorney handling the case, and asked for mediation. He said he is a Los Angeles County firefighter and has seen over 400 fatalities. He feels that the issue is resolved and nothing to get into a twist about when there are budget cuts and people getting laid off.

ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL**Board of Education****A. Approval of the CSBA 6168 Board Policies and Administration Regulations, First Reading**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the CSBA 6178 policies and administrative regulations regarding Career Technical Education and Work Experience, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

Instructional Services**B. PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of 2008-2012 Ventura County Plan for Career and Technical Education Course Sequencing**

Mrs. Beaubien opened the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the 2008-2012 Ventura County Plan for Career and Technical Education Course Sequencing, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

C. University Elementary School Student Displacement Due to School Closure

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the merging of University Elementary students with two receiving schools in Fall 2009. There was no second to the motion; therefore, the motion failed.

D. Approval of CIF/Marmonte League Representatives

Mr. Dunn moved to ratify the names recommended as official representatives to the Marmonte League and CIF for the 2008/2009 school year, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Career-Applied Technology Education Grant Application

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Career-Applied Technology Education grant application for 2008/2009, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services**F. 2008-2009 Budget Reductions *Item reclassified as an Information Item***

This item was moved to the Information section of the agenda, but addressed at this time in order to accommodate public speakers. 13 speakers spoke to issues regarding budget reductions, 7 of those asked to keep Century High School open. *Copies of the budget reports may be obtained through the Business Services Office.*

Mrs. Didio stated that a pre-school would generate revenue. She referenced \$9 million at the county level for special education, but none of the schools have been able to access it. Mrs. Didio also apologized if any of her comments (mentioned by the public speaker) offended anyone – it was meant to be light-hearted, not hurtful.

Mrs. Phelps asked Dr. Baarstad what he wanted from the Board at this time. Dr. Baarstad said one is to start from the ground up with a study session and the other is to say to go with Option 1 or Option 2 and bring us back a plan. Mrs. Beaubien asked if they could have a study session to decide which option they'd like to use. Dr. Baarstad recommended a study session where the board members would decide which items to put on a cut list for approval June 3. This way the public would have a chance for public comments. A study session will be scheduled for next week, May 27, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

G. CEQA Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Conejo Valley Community Learning Center (CLC) – Conejo Valley High School Project

Mr. Dunn moved to adopt the study and mitigated negative declaration and findings as presented, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Didio 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 May 20, 2008
- B. Personnel Assignment Orders:
 - 1. Certificated: 8073-8087
Administrators, Teachers
 - 2. Classified: C-4180 to C-4193
Child Care Assistant, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Custodian, Instructional Media Technician, Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Education, Site Computer Technician
 - 3. Exempt: E-7969 to E-7992
Campus Supervisor, Coach, Proctor, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Expulsions:
 - 1. Los Cerritos Middle School #47-07/08E
 - 2. Newbury Park High School #48-07/08E
 - 3. Newbury Park High School #49-07/08E
 - 4. Los Cerritos Middle School #50-07/08E
 - 5. Los Cerritos Middle School #51-07/08E
 - 6. Westlake High School #52-07/08E
 - 7. Conejo Valley High School #53-07/08E
- D. Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Handicapped Student #33-, #34-, and #35-07/08
- E. Overnight Trip Requests
 - 1. Newbury Park High School Boys Basketball Team
 - 2. Newbury Park High School Girls Basketball Team
 - 3. Westlake High School Cheer
- F. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
 - 1. Thousand Oaks High School Girls Volleyball Booster Club
 - 2. Westlake High School Choral Booster Club
 - 3. Westlake High School Football Booster Club
 - 4. Westlake High School Soccer Booster Club
- ~~G. Purchase Order Report #724 – Pulled to discuss and vote on separately~~
- H. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- I. Awards of Contracts
 - 1. Phase 1 Modernization – Site Utilities ADA Compliance – Westlake High School
 - 2. HVAC Additions – Thousand Oaks High School
 - 3. Locker Room Modernization and Expansion – Redwood Middle School
 - 4. Asphalt Paving & Indefinite Quantity Asphaltic Concrete – Various School Sites
- J. Change Order #2: Thousand Oaks High School – Lab Improvements – SBS Corporation, Inc.
- K. Notice of Completion: Boys & Girls Club – Colina Middle School

VOTE AND DISCUSSION OF ITEM G: Purchase Order Report #724

Mrs. Phelps asked why all items seem to be submitted instead of the agreed upon limits (in excess of \$5,000, and those under \$5,000 will be ratified by the Board with purchases between \$1,000 and \$5,000 listed separately for information). Dr. Baarstad thought the new reports are generated by the new Escape program. He will check with Director of Purchasing, Loren Couplin, to see if the previous parameters could be applied to the reports.

Ms. Didio moved to approve the Purchase Order Report #724, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Instructional Services

- A. Approval of Adult School Courses for 2008/2009. There were no comments.
- B. Approval of the CSBA 5145 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. There were no comments.

Business Services

- C. Establishing Breakfast/Lunch Prices for the 2008-2009 School Year. There were no comments.
- D. Proposed Attendance Area Revisions for Students Residing Within the Current Attendance Area of University Elementary School. Mrs. Didio stated that it seems the fewer schools the children would be assigned to would be the best decision. Mrs. Didio, Mrs. Phelps and Dr. Stephens stated their concern about students crossing busy streets like Moorpark and Lynn Roads, and having to choice to another school. The Board asked staff to bring the best recommendations to keep the two schools balanced and an alternative to three schools. Mrs. Cosaro stated her concern about parents who were told they would receive early transfer information by May 31, 2008. Mrs. Beaubien stated that the Board will need to have more information and make a decision on June 3. Mrs. Cosaro stated that those parents on Priority 3 will be told that they will need to wait until after June 3 for their information regarding choice. Dr. Baarstad will return with the current scenario and alternative scenarios for the Board to consider.
- E. Pulled from Agenda Action to discuss as an information item: 2008-2009 Budget Reductions (Comments can be found under item’s original placement under Action Items)

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 9:48 p.m. The Board will hold a Study Session regarding the Budget on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. The Board will reconvene at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. for Open Session at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

June 3, 2008

Date

Clerk

June 3, 2008

Date

Superintendent

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