

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**June 11, 2002
MINUTES
(Unadopted)**

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on June 11, 2002, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Present were Board members, Dorothy L. Beaubien, Mary Jo Del Campo, Dolores Didio, Patricia H. Phelps, and Timothy G. Stephens. Also present were Neil Schmidt, Interim Superintendent, Richard W. Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Gary Mortimer, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Chuck Eklund, Director, Secondary Education, Linda Vranesh, Director, Elementary Education, and Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum/Media Services, were also in attendance.

**ROLL
CALL**

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mary Jo Del Campo, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of Certificated: teachers, administrators; Classified: Custodian, Instructional Assistants/Special Education, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Proctor. The Closed Session ended at 6:55 p.m. The Regular Session meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

President Del Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read announcements for the Board meeting that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and where the public can find agendas and Board procedure information.

**PLEDGE
AND
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda as amended: Opening Provisions, pull D.2.—2003 District Nomination for California Teacher of the Year; Action Item-Consent, pull A. Approval of Minutes; Action Items-Consent, revision of Item I.7., page 52, Agenda Report #20, Resolution No. 01 /02-38: 2002-03 Temporary Loans Between District Funds; Action Items-Consent, emergency walk-on item C. Business Services 1. page 10A, A.R. #6A, Re-bid of Banyan Library Expansion Project; and pull Action Items-Consent Page 23, A.R. #9 High School Math Textbook and Materials Adoption to be discussed and voted on separate from the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0; student vote Aye.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

President Del Campo awarded Barbara Fagundes, Senior Clerk Typist, Research, Evaluation and Assessment, the 2001/2002 Classified Employee Outstanding Achievement Award.

**RECOGNI-
TIONS**

The Board recognized the Board meeting video technicians for 2001/2002: Francha Balzer, Christopher Kerr, Natasha Hazelwood, Brandon Coleston, Christopher Dominguez, Jeremy Dominquez, Jacob Wolf, Doug Olsen – Advisor, Nancy Schroeder – Instructor.

RECOGNITIONS

President Del Campo thanked and presented a certificate of appreciation to Patti Yomantas, Conejo Council PTA President, for her two years of service as president, and for her many years and continuing contributions to our students through PTA.

Helene Weinstein, teacher, Weathersfield Elementary School, presented a certificate of congratulations to Katie Hatfield for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. Katie’s project was refurbishing of the physical education storage room at Weathersfield Elementary School.

Athol Wong, assistant principal, Thousand Oaks High School, presented certificates of congratulations to the Thousand Oaks High School Softball Team.

Lisa Magorian, assistant principal, Westlake High School, presented certificates of congratulations to the Westlake High School Boys’ Golf Team and Boys’ Tennis Team.

Jordan Gershman, Westlake High School student representative, was seated with the Board and along with Taniale Rohde, Thousand Oaks High School, Corey McMahon, Newbury Park High School, reported on activities at their schools such as finals, end-of-year events and activities, senior night, concerts, ASG/B events, new student welcome events and Grad Night.

STUDENT REPS.

The students thanked the Board for the opportunity to represent their schools for the past year, and introduced next year’s representatives: Matthew Stephen Lee, Newbury Park High School; Makenzie Hobbs, Thousand Oaks High School; Jordan Gershman (continuing), Westlake High School. Conejo Valley/Century High Schools will announce their representative in September.

Patti Yomantas, President, Conejo Council PTA, presented a summary of “PTA 2001/2002 by the numbers,” including information such as: record-setting membership of more than 11,600 members in Conejo Valley; 90 Conejo delegates attended the State PTA Convention; 19 PTAs district-wide; each PTA made contributions to the State PTA scholarship fund; Reflections program recognized over 100 Conejo students; estimate of 187,952 hours in PTA service to the students and schools of the Conejo.

ADVISORY GROUPS

Jack Tucker, Chair, Bond Facilities District Advisory Committee Chair, reported from the meeting of June 6, 2002, where the Bond projects list was updated. Committee members asked many questions about the Janss Road Community Learning Center. It was determined that the officers from this year will continue through next year. Several members of the public attended the meeting to speak and/or ask questions about the Community Learning Center. The majority of committee members agreed to defer the vote to support the Community Learning Center project until after the

summer, when the members will have more information for discussion.

**ADVISORY
GROUPS**

Mrs. Didio asked what the Bond DAC would be recommending regarding the Community Learning Center? Gary Mortimer responded that there are two issues: 1) that the modernization of the Conejo Valley High School property is on the bond list, however, the new facility is not, and 2) would it be wise for the District to borrow money from the Bond and pay it back with money from the sale of the property on Kelley Road. Mrs. Beaubien asked if other districts borrow money from one fund to another? Mr. Mortimer responded yes and gave examples. Dr. Stephens asked if the State bond would have an effect on the project? Mr. Mortimer responded yes, that the committee was anxious to see if the State bond would pass in November.

There was no report from the District Advisory Council (DAC).

Dr. Schmidt: 1) 1) mentioned that he attended the County-Wide New Teacher’s Gala at the Ronald Reagan Library, and the next evening attended the District’s Retirement Ceremony. He mentioned that it was great to experience the joy on both sides of the employees’ careers; 2) thanked the Conejo Council PTA for their tribute to him at the PTA end-of-year dinner, and thanked the PTA Council members for all their contributions to the District-which is worth millions of dollars; 3) congratulated the seniors who were recognized at the Senior Awards nights at each of the high schools; and 4) congratulated the seniors who will be graduating this year at each of the high schools, and mentioned that for some, students, parents, and teachers, it’s hard to let go, but our responsibility is to help students become independent

**SUPT.
REMARKS**

Debbie Gregory thanked Dr. Schmidt for his time with the District; questioned Mrs. Didio’s statistics regarding students attending Conejo Valley High School and asked the Board to consider other numbers, such as the population of the school. She voiced her concerns that \$6 million is proposed to be spent on a school that services around 200 students. She mentioned her discussion with the president of Moorpark College, and how Moorpark plans to service many students on a daily basis on the new site.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Tom Ritch questioned the direction of the Educational Television for the Conejo (ETC Channel 21) to restructure the board of directors. He also questioned the expenditure of bond funds on the joint use facility.

Cathy Carlson commented her disapproval of the Blue Ribbon school program and California Top 100 School award.

Laura Lee Custodio stated her concerns regarding the Community Learning Center and the District’s decision to borrow bond money for the Continuation school.

Suzanne Duckett read comments from the Agenda regarding Public Speaking, spoke about attending the Bond DAC meeting, asked why the District would remove the continuation school when it has so much character, asked for bathrooms at Redwood Middle School, and stated that the State has laws regarding the sale of property.

Dr. Schmidt clarified a couple of issues that were brought up by public speakers:

The cost the District is considering for the replacement of the joint-use facility is very cost-effective; that is, we are sharing the cost with Moorpark College and the construction is low-cost construction. He feels that it makes sense for students, the community and taxpayers. He offered to sit down with any person who would like more information. If the State bond passes, we will be receiving funding from the State within a reasonable amount of time. Our District is already in line and approved for State money.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
(CONT.)**

He spoke to the issue of the renovation of restrooms at the schools. The bond money will be used to renovate the restrooms, and a schedule has been set. Many of the schools' restrooms have been completed.

Dr. Schmidt cited the rules of the Brown Act in which the Board and staff are permitted to clarify issues brought before them through Public Comments. He stated that the Bond DAC committee is an advisory committee. Whatever recommendations they forward to the Board the Board will consider before making their decisions.

Mrs. Didio corrected her statement from the May 28, 2002, Board meeting in which she provided percentages for students who attend Conejo Valley High School. She stated that the percentage of students from the Thousand Oaks area was 62%; when the actual figure is 72%. She clarified that even though Conejo Valley High School has around 190 students at any one time, they actually service approximately 500 students throughout the school year. She provided history about the discussion of moving Conejo Valley High School back to 1985 when discussions began with the City of Thousand Oaks and Shappell Properties, trying to secure a piece of land to build the school. The District was never at a point to have enough money to build a school, nor to generate enough revenue to sell the property. Mrs. Didio pointed out that the State embraces the concept of joint-facilities projects as a "good idea." She stated that the students deserve a good school, and the opportunities with the location on Janss Road are many, including proximity to the Teen Center and Moorpark College classes.

**BOARD
REMARKS**

Mrs. Beaubien stated that we currently have, and have had for several years, Moorpark Classes at each of our high school sites. She also talked about how much she enjoyed attending the Pre-Kindergarten "graduation" at Horizon Hills. Mrs. Beaubien commended the teacher (Geraldine Alderson) for making the students' costumes at the event.

Mrs. Phelps asked Mr. Mortimer about State matched funds for building new schools, like Lang Ranch and Sycamore Canyon. Mr. Mortimer stated that the District has three closed schools that are being used for alternative purposes, which disqualify the District for matching funds. To be able to qualify for state funds, a district must be full and have a large number of temporary classrooms. Our District has been able to fund its new schools, and does qualify for modernization funds.

Mrs. Del Campo mentioned that she attended the COPS and JOCKS Youth Academy graduation at Cal State University Channel Islands. There were twelve graduates from Ventura County, and she congratulated Brian Moller from Newbury Park High

School for being the first graduate of the program from Newbury Park High School.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6166 - #6187, Classified #C-0965 - #C-0977 and Exempt #E-3518 - #E-3532, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 5-0. **PAO'S**

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend Board Policy 334.8, Attendance of Foreign Exchange Students (2nd Reading), seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #1 filed. **AMEND POLICIES**

Dr. Stephens moved to amend Board Policy 343.2 The School Day for Students (2nd Reading), seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #2 filed.

President Del Campo announced the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the District and the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT). Salary increases will be 2%, effective July 1, 2002, and 1% effective July 1, 2003. There was no action taken. A.R. #3 filed. **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UACT CONTRACT**

Mrs. Didio moved to expel student 38-0102E from the Conejo Valley Unified School District effective May 31, 2002, pursuant to the conditions described in the "Voluntary Consent to Discipline" signed and dated May 31, 2002; and readmit student 38-0102E to the District's Independent Study Program and/or refer to the County's Community School Program; and permit student 38-0102E to apply for readmission to other programs on or after January 24, 2003, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #4 filed. **EXPULSIONS**

Dr. Stephens moved to readmit student 4-0102E to Colina Middle School or Sequoia Middle School effective August 29, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #5 filed. **READMIT**

Mrs. Phelps moved to readmit student 21-0102E to Thousand Oaks High School effective August 29, 2002, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6 filed.

Mrs. Beaubien moved to reject the bid from Tunney Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$261,587.00 and approve re-bidding of the Banyan Library Expansion project, seconded by Mrs. Beaubien. Motion carried 5-0. A.R. #6A filed. **OPEN RE-BID**

Mrs. Beaubien moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Dr. Stephens asked about the funds for A.R. #7 – Approval of 2002/03 Consolidated Application, are they more or less than other years? Dr. Simpson replied that the District expects an increase, but the State will not release the amount until September. It's a situation that the District is required to act now with data from the State. Debbie Gregory questioned transfer of bond funds in A.R. #20 Resolution 01 /02-28: Approval of Temporary Loans Between District Funds; the Board responded that a revised copy of A.R. #20 had been submitted and approved earlier in the evening that eliminated the bond funds in this resolution. Mrs. Gregory agreed to that change. Motion carried 5-0. A.R.s filed: Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 28, 2002; A.R. #7—Approval of 2002/2003 Consolidated **CONSENT AGENDA**

Application; A.R. #8—High School Math Standards; A.R. #10—Approval of Amendments to Contract for the Transition Partnership Program (TPP); A.R. #11—Purchase Order Report #606; A. R. #12—Notice of Completion-Newbury Park High School Elevator Project (Tunney Construction Company); A.R. #13—2002-03 Tax Sheltered Annuity/Custodial Account Program; A.R. #14—Resolution #0102-22: 2002003 Retroactive Salary Schedule Authorization; A.R. #15—Resolution 0102-23: Year End Budget Transfers; A.R. #16—Resolution 0102-24: Appropriation of Unbudgeted Income to Reserves; A.R. #17—0102-25—Approval of Appropriation Transfers; A.R. #18—0102-26: Approval of Expense Transfers; A.R. #19—0102-27: Approval of Interfund Transfers; A.R. #20--#0102-28 (revision): Approval of Temporary Loans Between District Funds.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(CONT.)**

Mrs. Del Campo asked for a motion on A.R. #9 High School Math Textbook and Materials Adoption, which had been pulled from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Beaubien moved to adopt and purchase the textbooks and instructional materials recommended by the secondary math teachers and classify the texts from the previous adoption as obsolete, reserving class sets of Integrated Math Books 1, 2, and 3; seconded by Mrs. Didio. Janice Prezzano and Lisa Ryder, teachers, Westlake High School, asked the Board to allow them to continue with the integrated program at Westlake High School, based upon the success of the students. Marlene Widdel, teacher, Westlake High School, submitted a Public Statement Card against the recommendation. Dr. Stephens asked what percentage of high schools in the County use integrated math. There was no answer for this questions, and Dr. Stephens asked staff to look into it. Mrs. Didio questioned why integrated math was recently approved in the elementary schools, and then changing the approach at the high school level. Dr. Simpson mentioned that the District does have a waiver policy where schools may request programs best suited for their school. Mrs. Beaubien asked that Martha Mutz help clarify the issue. Ms. Mutz commented that the State offers Districts the decision to keep their math programs integrated or make them discrete. However, by placing Algebra at the 8th grade, it impacts the high school math program. All the 8th grade math books are discrete. Seven years ago our District moved to integrated math, re-sequencing the subjects to make them more meaningful for students. Now, with Algebra in 8th grade, one-third of the program has been taken out of the high school program. A few options were available for the committee to choose: 1) keep middle school discrete and have two years of integrated at the high school (favored at Westlake High School); 2) keep middle school discrete and continue with the second (9th grade) and third (10th grade) years discrete (favored by Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools); 3) run two systems: system of discrete at two high schools and a system of integrated at one high school, which the committee felt created systemic problems – transfer students, running summer school, staff development and inter-program communications. Dr. Stephens asked what the cost would be to the District to do integrated math at Westlake; Ms. Mutz stated that the textbook cost would not be more but running two systems in summer school and staff development would incur costs. The biggest impact would be for transfer students and running the summer school program. Dr. Stephens asked what accommodations would be made for the students matriculating from feeder schools; Ms. Prezzano responded that they would fill the gaps based on the current program. Dr. Stephens asked if Ms. Prezzano felt that students coming in from a discrete program would “suffer” coming in to an integrated program; Ms. Prezzano stated no, it was a strong

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ADOPTION**

program. Mrs. Beaubien commented that all the students coming in to the integrated program at Westlake High School would be coming from discrete math programs. Her concern was for the students who transfer from Westlake into one of the other high schools. Dr. Simpson stated that in regard to high school transfers, about 90% are in-coming 9th grade students. Mrs. Didio asked if there was any opinion yet about Algebra in 8th grade; Ms. Prezzano stated that there are no statistics for that yet. Dr. Simpson stated that there is no option – the State dictates Algebra in 8th grade. Mrs. Phelps stated that the middle schools did not have a choice regarding Algebra (discrete) in 8th grade. She stated that she felt returning to discrete programs was a step backward. Also, the summer school issue should take care of itself in regard to a classroom of students needing a teacher, whether it's discrete or integrated math, and therefore, there should not be double costs. Mrs. Didio asked what if the State turns and allows integrated math in 8th grade? Dr. Simpson explained that the State changed mid-adoption; however, it's unlikely that they will make the investment to do that again. Mrs. Del Campo asked for clarification: Westlake would offer a two-year program with the strands that students did not get in the first strand; Mrs. Prezzano confirmed. Mrs. Del Campo offered Westlake the process to request a waiver continuing the integrated program. Mrs. Del asked for a vote: Motion carries 4-1, Mrs. Phelps dissenting. A.R. #9 filed.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

INFO.

The Board received information regarding:

Grades 3-5 Elementary Reporting System. Linda Vranesh provided background information regarding the new reporting system. Mrs. Didio asked how far in advance of the card are at-risk letters sent; Mrs. Vranesh stated as soon as possible. Dr. Stephens asked if there was a place to record reading level; Mrs. Vranesh stated that that issue is still under discussion. Also, in the comments part of the card, teachers are being encouraged to clearly state whether students are at grade level reading. Dr. Stephens stated that having the strands listed was powerful, but questioned why Algebra and functions and Geometry and measurements were combined; Mrs. Vranesh responded that was done in the interest of space on the card. Dr. Stephens asked why numbers were used on the primary card, and letters on the grades 3-5 card. Mrs. Vranesh said it was a committee choice at each level.

- Special Education Supplementary Textbook and Materials Adoption; there was no discussion.
- Recommendation of Family Life Materials; there was no discussion.
- Resolution 0102-30 – Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act; there was no discussion.
- School Schedules: 2002/2003. Mrs. Phelps questioned if Maple was doing anything different (indicated by bold print on schematic); Dr. Simpson stated there was a 10-minute change in the kindergarten program.

- 2002-03 Adopted Budgets – General Fund and Ancillary Funds. The staff had a variety of questions which were satisfied by staff responses.

Dr. Schmidt stated that the Board will be forwarding a Resolution at the June 25 meeting to encourage the Governor to sign the State budget by June 30; if not, the school budgets may be drastically affected. **ITEMS OF LEG.**

There were no items from the Personnel Commission. **PERS. COMM.**

Mrs. Phelps asked to make a statement about the Math Adoption: she stated that she felt strongly that integrated math was best for all students. **ADJOURN**

President Del Campo congratulated the graduates, wished them a fun summer, and asked that they make wise choices during the upcoming (end of school) weekend. She adjourned the regular session at 9:33 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for a Closed Session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

June 25, 2002
Date Clerk

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Date Secretary

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