

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

September 14, 2004

MINUTES

The Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 14, 2004, at the District Office Board Room, 1400 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Board members Dorothy L. Beaubien, Dolores Didio, Patricia H. Phelps, and Dr. Timothy G. Stephens. Also present were Dr. Robert Fraisse, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Simpson, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jody Dunlap, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Martha Mutz, Director, Curriculum, Janet Cosaro, Director, Special Education, and Sean Corrigan, Director, Planning & Facilities were also present.

ROLL CALL

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dorothy Beaubien, President. The Board discussed appointment/employment of: Certificated: Teachers; Classified: Child Care Assistants, Child Nutrition Assistant, Custodian, Intermediate Clerk Typist, Paraprofessionals/Special Ed, Substitutes; Exempt: Specialists, Campus Supervisors, Student Helpers, Athletic Coaches; items of litigation and real property. The Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Beaubien called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Beaubien read announcements that reviewed instructions regarding smoking, cell phones, Speaker's Cards, Public Statement Cards, and Board procedures.

PLEDGE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the agenda with the following corrections: replacement pages for page 12, A.R. #5 Resolution 04/05-07: Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Series D General Obligation Bonds; replacement page for page 13, A.R. #6 Bond Counsel Retention Agreement with Bowie, Arneson, Wiles and Giannone; replacement pages for A.R. #8 2003-2004 Fourth Quarter Financial Statements – pages 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, seconded by Mrs. Phelps; student vote aye. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Chaddy Elhawary, Westlake High School, was seated with the Board. Chaddy, along with Bryn Sowa, Thousand Oaks High School, Katie Smith, Newbury Park High School, and Chelsea Raville, Conejo Valley/Century High Schools, discussed events at their schools such as the new stadium celebrations, ASG activities, School-to-Career activities, freshmen orientations, athletic events, upcoming homecoming events, field trips, PTSA events, and other school activities.

STUDENT BOARD REPS.

Sue Wells, President, Conejo Council PTA, stated that the Council’s theme this year is “Uniting Our Community.” The Council will be holding a candidates forum on Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Westlake Hyatt Hotel, where the School Board candidates, City Council candidates, as well as representatives from the presidential campaigns will be heard from.

**DISTRICT
CMTS.**

There were no reports from the District Advisory Council or the Bond Facility Projects District Advisory Council.

Dr. Fraisse 1) discussed the enrollment data, with approximately 175 students above projections—bringing our district over 22,500 students and making us the largest district in Ventura County; 2) thanked and commended all staff for helping to make a smooth opening of the school year; 3) commended Dr. Dunlap and her staff for processing the hiring of over 160 new staff over the summer; 4) had Sean Corrigan provide a report on the summer projects of over \$20 million in just 45 days; 5) commented on the API scores and provided a report to the Board and public as to how well our API average of 834 faired across the state: whether our comparison standard is all districts in the state where we rank in the top 10%, or our standard is unified districts where we rank in the top 7%, or we compare ourselves to districts larger than 7,500 where we rank in the top 2%, the data reflects strong academic performance compared to all California schools!

**SUPT.
REMARKS**

Aaron Priceman, John Kindseth, Alina Cenal, Greg Kindseth, Milan Gilio, and Mindy Newhouse expressed their concerns about the increase of fees for those who provide after-school enrichment programs in the District. Sherri Sweeney and Melissa Sweeney submitted public statement cards in support of the after-school enrichment programs.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Cathy Carlson stated her support for arts programs, and voiced her concerns about the five schools that did not meet the API minimum score of 800.

Dr. Fraisse responded to the issue of after-school enrichment programs and cited the Brown Act, which limits the Board’s ability to respond to issues not agendized. Dr. Fraisse provided background as to why the after-school programs were revised in format.

Mrs. Beaubien stated that she would like for a Board member and representatives from the franchises to be included in a sub-committee reviewing the issue of after-school enrichment programs. Mrs. Phelps stated that she liked the idea of companies offering scholarships. Dr. Stephens asked the committee to check other districts for their usage fees. Mrs. Didio asked that the committee ensure that the programs are affordable for all students.

Dr. Stephens commended the District and staff for the excellent API scores – with an average score of 834, placing our District in the top 2% of districts with over 10,000 enrollment. Mrs. Phelps also commended the District on the API scores, and commented that these scores fall in line with the District’s Strategic Plan to move

**BOARD
REMARKS**

forward. Mrs. Phelps also thanked the staffs at Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, and Westlake High Schools for the stadium celebrations. Mrs. Beaubien and Mrs. Didio commended everyone involved with the stadium celebrations. Mrs. Didio stated that programs like SuccessMaker will help students bring their API scores up.

**BOARD
REMARKS
(CONT.)**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve Personnel Assignment Orders Certificated #6858 - #6985, Classified #C-2207 - #C-2267, and Exempt #E-5293 - #E-5329, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0.

PAO'S

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the Adult School courses for 2004/05, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0. A.R. #1 filed.

**ADULT
CLASSES**

Mrs. Beaubien called a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. regarding Resolution #04/05-03: Textbook and Instructional Materials. There were no comments. Mrs. Beaubien closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Mrs. Phelps moved to adopt the attached resolution declaring the sufficiency of funds for student textbooks and materials, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #3 filed.

**RES.
SUFFICIENT
FUNDS**

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the proposed 5-part Sycamore Canyon School enrollment plan, seconded by Mrs. Didio. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #4 filed.

**SYCAMORE
CANYON
ENROLL-
MENT**

Dr. Fraisse presented the 5-part plan to the Board, and stated the intention of the District to resolve the concerns of parents and community members is to be a) proactive, b) inclusive, c) creative, d) goal oriented to meet the best interests of the Dos Vientos residents - that the plan is cost-effective, and that the plan would maintain the high quality of the educational program and safety of all students.

Mrs. Didio moved to approve Resolution #04/05-7: Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Series D General Obligation Bonds, seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #5 filed.

**RES.
ISSUANCE
& SALE
OF BONDS**

Dr. Baarstad stated that this would be the last sale of Measure R bonds. He explained that Series A sold at 4.2%, Series B sold at 5.1%, Series C sold at 5.6%, and Series D will probably sell around 4.6%.

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the attached Bond Counsel Retention Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #6 filed.

**BOND
COUNSEL**

Mrs. Didio moved to adopt Resolution #04/05-08: Opposition to Proposition 68 (Gaming Revenue Act of 2004), seconded by Dr. Stephens. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #7 filed.

**RES.
OPPOSE
PROP. 68**

Dr. Stephens moved to approve the 2003-04 Fourth Quarter Financial Statements as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-0; student vote aye. A.R. #8 filed.

**2003-04
4TH QTR
FINANCIALS**

Mrs. Didio moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Phelps. Motion carried 4-0. Approval of minutes for special meeting of July 14, 2004 and regular meeting of August 24, 2004; A.R.s filed: A.R. # 9 CVUSD Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives 2004/05; A.R. #10 Resolution #04/05-09: 2004/5 Gann Appropriation Limit; A.R. #11 Purchase Order Report #649; A.R. #12 Acceptance of Equipment Donations; A.R. #13 Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment; A.R. #14 Change Order #2: Modernization of Three High School Stadium Fields and Two Tracks – Union Engineering Company, Inc.; A.R. #15 Change Order #1: Channel Islands Roofing, Inc. – Thousand Oaks High School; A.R. #16 Change Order #1: GPM Sealrite, Inc. – Various School Sites; A.R. #17 Change Order #1 Thousand Oaks High School Locker Room Restroom Renovation; A.R. #18 Change Order #2: Thousand Oaks High School Locker Room Restroom Renovation; A.R. #19 Notices of Completion: Various Sites – Tyner Paving Company; A.R. #20 Notice of Completion: Indefinite Quantity Masonry and Concrete Contract Mendez Concrete, Inc. – Meadows Elementary; A.R. #21 Notice of Completion: Indefinite Quantity Masonry and Concrete Contract Mendez Concrete, Inc. – Lang Ranch Elementary; A.R. #22 Notice of Completion: Indefinite Quantity Asphalt Paving Contract Mission Paving and Sealing, Inc. – Acacia Elementary and Redwood Middle Schools; A. R. #23 Notice of Completion: Thousand Oaks High School – Renovation of Restroom Locker Room; A.R. #24 Rejection of Claim (Smith); A.R. #25 Readmission of Expelled Student.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Stephens commended the Superintendent and staff on the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives report, and encouraged the staff and community to read the report to see where the District is going in terms of improvement.

Instructional Services:

INFO.

1. Proclamation #04/05-5: Red Ribbon Week. There was no discussion.
2. Revision of School Schedules 2004/05. There was no discussion.
3. Resolution #04/05-6: K-3 Class Size Reduction.
4. Policy 453.6, 457, 458: Discipline/Suspension/Expulsion: Amendment. Mrs. Phelps questioned the hazing element of the policy.

There were no items of Legislation.

LEGIS.

There were no items from the Personnel Commission.

**PERS.
COMM.**

President Beaubien adjourned the regular session at 7:46 p.m. The Board will convene on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. for Regular Session.

ADJOURN

September 28, 2004
Date Clerk

September 28, 2004
Date Secretary

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