



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Conejo Valley High School (CVUSD Board Room)
1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. No Items

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Board President Lisa Powell, Board Vice President Karen Sylvester, Board Clerk Bill Gorback, Board Trustees Lauren Gill and Cindy Goldberg, and Student Board Trustee Aidan Light.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Kenneth Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services; and Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Open Session Procedures

D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Light made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Light.**

E. Student Recognitions

The Board of Education and District students for the following academic and performing arts accomplishments:

- Middle and High School students selected to play in the All-State and/or All-Southern California Honor Bands and Choirs
- Ventura County Office of Education Academic Decathlon Champions – Westlake High School

F. Comments – Public

President Powell announced that there were seven (7) public comment request submitted, and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Business Services – 2024 – 2025 Second Interim Financial Statements

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gill. Dr. Hayek presented information on the 2024-2025 Second Interim Financial Statements, which included the current budget cycle and reporting, a breakdown of the Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget, second interim estimated revenue, ending fund balances and a breakdown of other funds, multi-year projection factors and assumptions, and next steps. Dr. Hayek responded to a board member's questions regarding the balance and temporary use of Health and Welfare and Fiscal Stabilization funds. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

B. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5131.8 – Mobile Communication Devices

Trustee Light made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. Mr. Loo provided a summary of the adjustments requested at the previous board meeting. Board members discussed language adjustments on devices within the mobile communication device category, including the list of restricted devices in specific grade span sections, the start date for the revised policy, and readdressing the policy after implementation. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

C. Human Resources – Adoption of Resolution #24/25-27: Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services at the Close of the Current School Year

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. President Powell stated that Trustee Light would not be voting on the agenda item as it related to a personnel matter. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

D. Human Resources – Adoption of Resolution #24/25-28: Layoff / Reduction of Classified Positions

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. Dr. McLaughlin clarified that both layoff resolutions were brought forward at the previous meeting for board review and discussion and prior to voting. President Powell stated that Trustee Light would not be voting on the agenda item as it related to a personnel matter. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Light. President Powell announced that there were nine (9) public comment requests submitted on Consent Agenda Item 4B, and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Board of Education - Approval of Minutes**
- B. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders**
- C. Human Resources - Approval of Student Teaching Agreement Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and Humphreys University**
- D. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- E. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Academic Decathlon, Westlake High School**
- F. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - NPHS Concert Choir Spring Tour**
- G. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - NPHS Varsity Baseball Team - Palm Desert All In Tournament**
- H. Student Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- I. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement**
- J. Student Services - Approval of New Contract - International Institute for Restorative Practices**
- K. Student Services - Approval of Amendment No.01 to Contract with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.**
- L. Student Services - Approval of Amendment No. 01 to Contract with The Genesis Group**
- M. Business Services - Notices of Completion**
- N. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- O. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- P. Business Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 3540 – Transportation**
- Q. Business Services - Approval of Paychex Service Agreement and Flock Fee Schedule**
- R. Business Services - Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Ocean View School District**

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Presentation: Valedictorian Policy and Discussion of CVUSD Board Policy 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

High School Counselors Emily Nelson (WHS), Lesley Nedwick (NPHS), and Daniel Solis (TOHS) presented information on the CVUSD Valedictorian policy, which included the current policy and practice, concerns related to social emotional well-being, equity, and course selection; policy trends of other school districts, and an alternative proposal and its potential barriers for students. Board members discussed consideration of the alternative proposal and its impact on college acceptance, student dependence on external credits, and avoidance of selecting district courses that do not provide a GPA bump. Dr. McLaughlin requested that Mrs. Judd work with the high school sites to provide information (in the weekly board report) on the number of students taking Dual Enrollment classes over the summer. The board reached a consensus to direct district staff to analyze the best approach for policy change moving forward, the appropriate year for implementation changes, and the establishment of a stakeholder committee. Dr. McLaughlin requested that Mr. Loo and Mrs. Judd work with counselors regarding the timeline and formation of a stakeholder committee to provide recommendations to the board on valedictorian policy adjustments.

B. Student Services – Presentation: Multilingual Learners Master Plan Update

Dr. Araiza presented an update on the Multilingual Learners Master Plan, which included a plan overview, section updates, an update on Multilingual Learner monitoring meetings, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) districtwide training, and next steps. Dr. Araiza responded to a board member's question regarding the background on the need to pilot a new secondary English Language Development (ELD) curriculum.

C. Instructional Services – Presentation: Secondary Student Connections

Mr. Frank and Mrs. Judd presented information on secondary student connections through activities, athletics, and academic enrichment, which included the benefits of extracurricular activities, connection to LCAP Goal 4, activities offered at middle and high schools in visual/performing arts, athletics, and academics; number of students participating in extracurricular activities, and student testimonials. There was no board discussion on this agenda item.

D. Board Committee Reports

Trustee Gill reported on her recent participation at the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Stakeholder Committee meeting.

E. Comments – Board of Education

Board members provided comments.

F. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin stated that he had no comments to provide.

6. ADJOURNMENT**A. Future Board Topics / Activities**

Board members did not add any topics to be discussed at future board meetings. Dr. McLaughlin directed Mr. Loo and Dr. Chamberlin-Scholle to get access to the video referred to by CVUSD students who spoke during public comments and stated that he will include the presentation recently provided to site administrators on addressing immigration issues with students, along with information on next steps, in the weekly board report.

B. Adjournment

President Powell adjourned the Open Session at 9:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. - Open Session, at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

April 2, 2025

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Date

Board Clerk

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Gyll", written over a horizontal line.

Date

Superintendent

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