



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 19, 2025

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

President Powell announced that there were no public comment requests submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organization: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)

C. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organization: Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

Closed Session ended at 6:02 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Powell called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 and Student Services; and Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Powell announced that the following items were discussed in Closed Session:

B. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organization: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)

There was no board action taken on this agenda item.

C. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organization: Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

There was no board action taken on this agenda item.

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

E. Reports from Student Reporters

- Century Academy: Abigail Vey
- Conejo Valley High School: Jocelyn "J.J" Jimenez and Angeleen Pinn
- Newbury Park High School: Shea Grohs
- Thousand Oaks High School: Ella Neale
- Westlake High School: Brandon Osborn

Students reported on: Course catalog for Century Academy, college application and financial aid workshops, tours, and acceptances; talent shows, ASG activities, field trips, student attendance rewards, food, clothing, and blood drives; silent auctions, student academic, athletic, and performing arts recognitions, performing arts performances, annual art shows, March madness tournaments, sports tournaments, Unified Sports games, Women’s History and Disability History Month activities, rallies and spirit weeks, and inclusion activities.

F. Report from Parent Organization – Special Education District Advisory Council (SEDAC)

SEDAC Chairperson Denise Benic provided a summary from the Super DAC meeting and reported on SEDAC’s highlights of the year, top priorities, updates on subcommittee work, and successes and concerns.

G. Comments – Public

President Powell announced that there were two (2) public comment request submitted, and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Student Services – Approval of Annual Resolution #24/25-29: In Support of Arab American Heritage Month

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorbach. President Powell recommended additional verbiage to enhance the resolution, to which the board reached a

consensus to approve the recommended verbiage. Trustee Goldberg amended her original motion and moved to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Trustee Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Light.**

B. Business Services – Adoption of Resolution #24/25-31 Approving the Surplus Property Advisory Committee Recommendation

Trustee Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Dr. Hayek provided a brief recap on the surplus property process, including the 7/11 committee public selection process, recap of committee meeting discussions, committee report contents, and next steps. Dr. Hayek responded to questions from board members regarding revenue use, timeline for leasing the respective properties, and additional direction needed from the board to move forward with the surplus property process. Dr. Hayek introduced Surplus Property Advisory Committee Chairperson Rick Lemmo, who spoke regarding the committee recommendation process and discussions. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Light.**

C. Business Services – Approval of Quitclaim Deeds for Newbury Park and Thousand Oaks High Schools

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Dr. Hayek provided background on the error in paperwork regarding the transfer of ownership of the Newbury Park High School and Thousand Oaks High School properties from Oxnard Union School District to CVUSD and stated that Oxnard Union School District would also be approving the transfer of ownership back to CVUSD at their board meeting on March 19, 2025. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Light.**

D. Student Services – Approval of New Contract with Ventura County Office of Education for the CYBHI School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grant

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. Dr. Chamberlin-Scholle provided a brief description of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) and responded to questions from board members regarding grant money use, process changes for tracking services and billing through Medi-Cal, differences in services if parents do not provide insurance information, how Healthy Campus is assisting the district in the tracking/billing process, grant timeline and rollout process, and AI components used by Healthy Campus. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Light.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Light. 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. Communications - Approval of Renewal Contract with SchoolStatus, LLC

B. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders

- C. Instructional Services - Approval of New Contract with STAR, Inc. for June Summer Camp
- D. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with STAR Inc. for July Learning Summer Camp
- E. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract - Dance 4 Wellness at Westlake Elementary
- F. Instructional Services - Approval of New Contract with STAR Inc. for July Camp at Glenwood Elementary
- G. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - The Center at Thousand Oaks High School
- H. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract (June 2025) - Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley – DEC
- I. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract for 2025-26 - Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley – DEC
- J. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request for Thousand Oaks High School ETHOS Academy Students
- K. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000
- L. Student Services - Approval of Addendum for Inter-District Services (Orientation & Mobility) Between the Ventura County Office of Education and the Conejo Valley Unified School District for the 2024-2025 School Year
- M. Student Services - Approval of Amendment No. 01 to the Contract with STAR of CA
- N. Student Services - Approval of New Contract with Fulton Psychological Group
- O. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract - Curriculum Associates, LLC
- P. Student Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000
- Q. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- R. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)
- S. Business Services - Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)
- T. Business Services - Acceptance of Donations/Gifts
- U. Business Services - Approval of Transfer of Funds - February 2025
- V. Business Services - Ratification of Warrants - February 2025

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Presentation: Updates on Mathematics in CVUSD

Dr. Jayna Suter and Ms. Kelsey Bartlett provided an update on the new California Mathematics Framework, which included mindset shifts, key takeaways on the new framework, research on how students learn math, the need for flexible assessments and pathways, math framework professional development and vision, current and new pathway options, teacher survey feedback, and timeline and next steps for the new framework adoption. Dr. Suter and Ms. Bartlett responded to questions from board members regarding the difference between honors and accelerated courses and the respective transition for students, changes in the high school pathway for essential math courses, and flexibility provided by the new pathway options.

B. Instructional Services – Presentation: Annual Presentation on Student Progress

Mr. Loo provided a multi-level data snapshot on CVUSD student progress and current actions, which included a description of the data level categories (satellite, map, and street), California Dashboard results in English Language Arts and Mathematics, graduation rates, chronic absenteeism rates, grade distributions, English Learner progress, Advanced Placement (AP) and

International Baccalaureate (IB) testing pass rates, Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and California Alternate Assessment data, secondary student connections, mental health and wellness resources, and co-teaching successes, challenges, and secondary student feedback. Mr. Loo responded to a board member's questions regarding the types of data that teachers can access in Q analytics and how CVUSD compares with other districts in grade distribution.

C. Board of Education – Discussion of Board Bylaw 9240 – Board Training

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the proposed changes from Gamut to include ethics training requirements for board members who are in office effective January 1, 2025, with completion by January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter. Other proposed changes included the addition of funds in the district's proposed budget for professional development and associated travel expenses for board members, and the annual creation of a board professional development calendar. President Powell recommended that professional development for board members be included as a discussion topic during the annual board goals study session.

D. Board of Education – Discussion of Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the proposed changes from Gamut regarding contributions to board members during the election season of \$500 or more, the requirement for governing boards to adopt a conflict of interest code and policies regarding incompatible offices and activities, denoting "District Official" as the general term for a position to which the district's conflict of interest code applies, and the addition of a requirement for ethics training for board members. There was no board discussion or comments on this agenda item.

E. Business Services – Discussion of Board Policy 5030 – Student Wellness

Dr. Hayek provided background on the proposed changes, which included adoption of all verbiage included in the Gamut version and the addition of a Nondiscrimination Statement required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that was not present in the current CVUSD board policy or in the version offered by Gamut. Dr. Hayek responded to a board member's question regarding the difference between the current and proposed policy versions.

F. Board Committee Reports

No reports were provided by board members.

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 for discussion at future board meetings.

B. Adjournment

President Powell adjourned the Open Session at 9:02 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - Open Session, at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

April 16, 2025



Date

Board Clerk

April 16, 2025



Date

Superintendent

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