



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, April 2, 2025

MINUTES

1. 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 and Student Services; and Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Open Session Procedures

D. Approval of the Agenda

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

E. Student Recognitions

The Board of Education and District staff recognized students for the following athletic accomplishments:

- Newbury Park High School:
 - Boys Wrestling - Individual Marmonte League Champions
 - Girls Wrestling - Individual Marmonte League Champions
- Thousand Oaks High School:
 - Girls Water Polo - Coastal Canyon League Champions
 - Girls Wrestling - Individual CIF Wrestling Divisional Champion
- Westlake High School:
 - Girls Basketball - Marmonte League Champions

F. Comments – Public

President Powell announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. President Powell responded to the public comment by stating that the board's intention is for all students to feel safe, clarified that the district has information regarding reporting and investigative procedures available on the CVUSD website, and stated that any individual is welcome to provide a phone number to Mrs. Fehlman to receive follow up from district staff regarding an incident.

2. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Adoption of New Resolution #24/25-30: Workforce Readiness Week

Trustee Light made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. President Powell recommended that additional verbiage be added to enhance the resolution based on a letter received from Autism Society Ventura County, to which the board reached a consensus to approve additional verbiage as amended by Mr. Loo without further board approval. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

B. Human Resources - Adoption of Resolution #24/25-32: Public School Volunteer Week - April 21-25, 2025

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. President Powell read part of the resolution to express appreciation for public school volunteers. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

C. Business Services - Approval of Resolution #24/25-33: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of 2025-2026 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

Trustee Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Dr. Hayek clarified that the resolution allows the district to participate in a pool to bridge the fiscal gap between tax collections and responded to Dr. McLaughlin's question regarding whether it is anticipated that the district will participate in borrowing funds this year. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

D. Business Services - Adoption of Resolution #24/25-36 Authorizing Delivery of Naylor Act Notices for the 975 Evenstar Avenue Property and Declaring the Property "Exempt Surplus Land" Under the Government Code

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. Dr. Hayek clarified that the resolution authorizes the district to participate in the next step in the property surplus process and responded to a board member's questions regarding the timeframe for preparing minimum lease terms, posting notices, and moving forward with the remainder of the property surplus process. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

E. Business Services - Adoption of Resolution #24/25-37 Declaring the District's Intention to Lease the 975 Evenstar Avenue Property Pursuant to Education Code Sections 17455, et seq. Trustee Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Dr. Hayek clarified that the resolution authorizes the district to provide bids to entities interested in leasing the property, and responded to questions from board members regarding changes to the process timeline if a final lease agreement is not consummated with any interested parties, if the board vote includes approval of the resolution and the Request for Bid (RFB) with minimum lease terms, and the process followed to establish minimum lease terms. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Light.**

3. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. 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. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9240 - Board Training**
- C. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest**
- D. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders**
- E. Human Resources - Approval of Student Teaching Agreement Extension Between the Conejo Valley Unified School District and California State University Channel Islands**
- F. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - The Center at Thousand Oaks High School / Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)**
- G. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School - First Robotics Championship**
- H. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- I. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract for Nonpublic School Placement**
- J. Student Services - Approval of Renewal Contract for Inter-District Services and Hearing Conservation with the Ventura County Office of Education**
- K. Student Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- L. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- M. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- N. Business Services - Measure I Award of Bids - Campus Modernization – Newbury Park High School**
- O. Business Services - Approval of Addendum to the Certification of Signatures for 2024-2025**
- P. Business Services - Approval of Child Care Contracts**
- Q. Business Services - Approval of Transportation Plan for School Year 2024-2025**
- R. Business Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5030 - Student Wellness**

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Student Services - Presentation: Special Education Specialized Programs

Ms. Thomas and Dr. Lee provided information on the district's Special Education specialized programs, which included the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), IDEA's definition of inclusion, an overview of the district's continuum of services, considerations for placement in specialized programs, building inclusive mindsets, specialized program descriptions and locations, and a student's personal perspective and experience attending the district's Waverly Program. Ms. Thomas and Dr. Lee responded to questions from board members regarding access to electives at the secondary level for students in specialized programs, LRE breakdown by specialized program, differences in inclusion opportunities within the specialized programs, student capacity and intended length of stay for the Waverly Program, and background on the establishment of the Autism specialized program at Sequoia.

B. Instructional Services – Presentation: Grading Practices Update

Instructional Directors Dr. Sellers, Mr. Frank, Mrs. Judd, and teachers Karin Hochevar and David Pulsipher provided an update on the district's grading practices, which included background on the board's direction to establish an equitable secondary grading policy and districtwide actions taken to date, breakdown of the three grading pillars, grade span distribution over time, secondary teacher survey responses on the implementation of mastery grading, perspectives of two secondary teachers on their grading for equity experiences, connection to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), key principles of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and California Principals' Support Network (CAPS) training, next steps, and anticipated impact on students and teachers. The presenters responded to questions from board members regarding implementation progress and successes to date for teachers and students, effect of this mindset shift on student motivation, and continued support needed from the board and district.

C. Instructional Services – Ratification of the Thousand Oaks High School Proposed Bell Schedule

Dr. Eric Bergmann provided background and information on the proposed bell schedule change for Thousand Oaks High School for the 2025-2026 school year and responded to questions from board members regarding student attendance requirements during office hours, conflicts for students taking an "A" period class, ensuring that students remain on campus after office hours, and the process followed to identify students in need of office hour support. Dr. McLaughlin clarified that this agenda item will come back as a ratification for board approval at the subsequent meeting.

D. Board Committee Reports

President Powell shared an update on her attendance at the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families meeting, which featured a guest speaker from Mando Youth Development Group. The speaker discussed their work with Safe Passage and the CVUSD BreakThrough Program, focusing on supporting youth at risk of gang involvement or those who have been incarcerated. The meeting also included discussion on planning for the coalition's upcoming annual summit.

E. Comments – Board of Education

Board members provided comments.

F. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members added the following topic for discussion at a future board meeting:

- Update on Mastery Grading (for 2025-26 school year)

President Powell suggested that the topic of *District Infrastructure Needs* be included in the board's discussion on goals scheduled for May, to which the board agreed through a consensus. Dr. McLaughlin provided an update on two items that were previously on the list of future board topics, clarifying that the equity resolution will come back to the board for approval once final revisions are made, and information on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan reflecting a different organization of the plan will be sent out to the board through the weekly board report prior to spring break.

B. Adjournment

President Powell adjourned the Open Session at 8:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 5:00 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 16, 2025

Date



Board Clerk

April 16, 2025

Date



Superintendent

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