



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
South Building Board Room
1400 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

MINUTES

1. BUDGET WORK SESSION

At 4:05 p.m., President Connolly called the meeting to order.

A. Public Comments

President Connolly announced that there were no public comment cards submitted, and the Board commenced the Discussion Session at 4:05 p.m.

B. Budget Work Session

Dr. Hayek presented information on the District budget, which included the following:

- Review of multi-year projections
- Factors that may impact the budget / state economy impacts
- 2019-20 budget timeline
- Budget Committee strategies and representation
- Enrollment projections / demographic study
- Strategies to address the budget deficit
- Risks to the state budget
- Critical factors impacting projections
- General Fund expenses and expense projections
- Direction of budget development

The Board reached consensus on the following:

- To keep the LCAP Budget Committee intact.
- To direct staff to focus on narrowing the budget gap through a three-year plan – details to be reported back in December 2019.
- For Board members to direct suggestions on the LCAP Budget Committee process to the Superintendent or Board representatives.
- For Board member appointments to the LCAP Budget Committee to take place after the December reorganization.

The Discussion Session was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Comments

President Connolly announced that there were no comment cards submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code

Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019060457

- C. Stipulated Award in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95 – insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers’ compensation liability; Stipulated Award request for 1693800004**

Closed Session ended at 5:40 p.m.

3. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: President Connolly, Vice President Cindy Goldberg, Sandee Everett, Bill Gorback, and Jenny Fitzgerald.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Lou Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services and Dr. Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

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

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019060457

Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg. **Motion carried: 5-0**

C. Stipulated Award in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95 – insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers’ compensation liability; Stipulated Award request for 1693800004

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Everett moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to pull Consent Agenda items 5A, 5B and 5C, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. President Connolly asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. **Motion carried 5-0.**

E. Comments – Public

President Connolly announced that there were eleven public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke about gender diversity curriculum and asked the Board for a discussion and feedback from parents prior to approving.
- Speaker 2 donated time to Speaker 3.
- Speaker 3 spoke about the Conejo Schools Foundation's 501c3 status and booster authorization, and provided information on the Get Ahead Summer School Program.
- Speaker 4 spoke about personal and institutional racism.
- Speaker 5 spoke against the District using seclusion sensory rooms.
- Speaker 6 donated time to Speaker 7.
- Speaker 7 spoke against the Conejo Schools Foundation charging fees for their summer program and discussed their booster club status.
- Speaker 8 spoke requested that the District not adopt for a gender identity curriculum for grades K-6 and asked for the opt out policy to remain.
- Speaker 9 complimented the District regarding improvement on communication to parents, and talked about not politicizing binary gender.

- Speaker 10 donated time to Speaker 11.
- Speaker 11 provided information on the SELPA Advisory Committee and Ventura County SELPA and requested that the District adopt a resolution for National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day.

F. Comments – Board of Education

Board members commented on the following: visits to Back to School Night events, attendance at the various District Advisory Committee meetings and school assemblies, Start with Hello campaign and site activities, proclamations for Inclusive Schools Week, National Bullying Prevention Month and Unity Day, PTA, PFA and PTSA involvement at schools, request to change parameters for speaker times during Board meeting public comments and during Board member comments, penal code regarding pornography, Conejo Schools Foundation Get Ahead program, facility improvements, and the Boys & Girls Club Gala.

Student Trustee Scott spoke about attending her first Student DAC meeting and hopes she can find time to attend the other District Advisory Committee meetings. She also spoke about the approval of the Student Voice Club, where a safe and fruitful environment has been created for students to voice their opinions. Student Trustee Scott is also in favor of celebrating Unity Day.

G. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin stated that he has been working with District's attorney and provided statements from the attorney letter on the Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) issue.

4. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Approval of New Core Literature Titles for Middle School English

President Connolly announced that there was one comment card submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke in favor of the literature selections that are being adding to the Middle School English list.

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Board Member Scott.**

B. Business Services – Approval of Warrants – August 2019 (Fund 672 Health and Welfare)

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. President Connolly asked if there were any questions or discussion, which there were none. **Motion carried: 4-0, with a recusal from Mrs. Fitzgerald.**

5. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

President Connolly stated that the Board would start the approval of the consent agenda by addressing pulled items 5A, 5B and 5C, in the order given.

A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. The Board discussed a change to the minutes, reached consensus, and provided direction to staff to make the noted change. **Motion carried: 5-0, with the requested amendment.**

B. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9223 – Filling Vacancies

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. The Board discussed whether the amendments included language from GAMUT, and why this item is up for approval as a Consent item and not an Action item. Dr. McLaughlin stated that the amendments included language straight from GAMUT, and that this bylaw already went to the Board for review as an

Information item last year. He also stated that the form included as an Exhibit to this bylaw is brand new from GAMUT. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

C. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursements and Other Benefits

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

President Connolly asked for a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

D. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders

E. Human Resources – Approval of Proposed Salary Increase – Conejo Valley Adult School

F. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – WOW! Events - NPHS

G. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Fulcrum Learning Systems, Inc.

H. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6142.2 – World Language Instruction

I. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Pegleg Entertainment – WHS

J. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Music, Memories, and More - TOHS

K. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract – Green Knight Security, Inc. - TOHS

L. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000

M. Student Services – Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #4-19/20

N. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #5-19/20

O. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #9-19/20

P. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #10-19/20

Q. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #11-19/20

R. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #413-19/20

S. Student Services – Approval of Contract – 360 Degree Therapy

T. Student Services – Approval of Contract – STAR of California (DBA ERA ED)

U. Student Services – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Training in Math Content Area Language and Literacy with California Lutheran University

V. Student Services - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Training in Content Area Language and Literacy with California Lutheran University

W. Business Services – Approval of Compromise and Release or Stipulated Award

X. Business Services – Approval of Contract – Infinity Communications & Consulting, Inc.

Y. Business Services - MEASURE I: Award of Contract – Window Replacement – Weathersfield Elementary School

Z. Business Services – Approval of Ad Hoc Maintenance Agreements for 2019-2020

AA. Business Services – MEASURE I: Notices of Completion

BB. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's exceeding \$5,000)

CC. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's under \$5,000)

DD. Business Services – Acceptance of Donations/Gifts

EE. Business Services – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

FF. Business Services – Approval of Introduction to Board Policy 3110 to Replace Administrative Regulation 3110 – Transfer of Funds

GG. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3250 – Transportation Fees

HH. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3320 – Claims and Actions Against the District

II. Business Services – Approval of Warrants – August 2019

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services - Presentation: School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) by Luis Lichtl, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services

Mr. Lichtl's presentation of the SPSA provided the Board, staff and community with information about staff's reflections on what was learned and what measures are now in place to improve the process. His presentation also included: District guidance on the process, changes to the state template and Document Tracking system, the progress monitoring system, stakeholder and parent engagement, a review of the SEDAC quantitative and qualitative review, California Dashboard results and how they are reported to the community, and a review of the SPSA memo and guideline provided to principals.

The Board discussed the option of having a student representative review and sign off on the documents, feedback from SEDAC on the SPSA monitoring and accountability tool, providing a clear and uniform accountability tool to each site, conducting a SPSA evaluation and comprehensive needs assessment, and providing parents with links and clarification on how they can provide input.

B. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145.6 – International Exchange

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

C. Instructional Services – Resolution #19/20-03 – Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

D. Student Services – Approval of Master Plan for English Learner Success

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

E. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 3540 and Deletion of Administrative Regulation 3540 - Transportation

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

F. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

G. Board Discussion Item – Censure of Board President Betsy Connolly?

President Connolly announced that there were three public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke against the censure and thanked President Connolly for her service.
- Speaker 2 spoke against the censure and asked the Board to focus on real District and Board business.
- Speaker 3 spoke against the censure and read the names of 163 individuals who also spoke against the censure.

The Board and District staff discussed the process of how a censure request is placed on the agenda, suggestions on how to improve and clarify this process, and attorney guidance on censure placement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members added the following items to future Board topics:

- Resolutions in October for Bullying Prevention Month, Unity Day, and Inclusive Schools Week.

- Discussion on examples from other districts that go beyond a resolution for acknowledgment weeks.
- Clarification of the sexual education curriculum that should be taught at all sites.
- Suggestions on how to make Board meetings more efficient. President Connolly asked that individuals email the Superintendent with suggestions, and those suggestions will be relayed to the Board.
- Board discussion on an investigation of the Conejo Schools Foundation. *The Board did not reach consensus to place this item on a future agenda.*

B. Adjournment

President Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 8:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, and 6:00 p.m. Open Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

November 5, 2019

Date


Clerk

November 5, 2019

Date


Superintendent