



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CVUSD Board Room
1402 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

President Connolly announced that there were no public comment cards submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.

A. Public Comments

B. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b): Superintendent's Evaluation

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), OAH Case 2019071203

Closed session ended at 5:51 p.m.

2. 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 6:01 p.m.

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

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. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b): Superintendent's Evaluation

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), OAH Case 2019071203

Mr. Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Motion carried: 5-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg.

Motion carried: 5-0.

E. Comments – Public

President Connolly announced that there were 11 public comment cards submitted:

- Speaker 1 yielded time to Speaker 2.
- Speaker 2 spoke about gender dysphoria.
- Speaker 3 yielded time to Speaker 4.
- Speaker 4 spoke about the religious rights of parents and introducing sensitive material to students regarding sex education.
- Speaker 5 spoke about sex education.
- Speaker 6 spoke about inclusion week and adhering to the constitutional rights of all.
- Speaker 7 spoke about issues with introducing topics about transgender to students at an early age.
- Speaker 8 yielded time to Speaker 9.
- Speaker 9 spoke in favor of the HEART curriculum and spoke about parental rights in relation to what is being taught to students regarding health, sexual education, and inclusion and transgender studies.
- Speaker 10 yielded time to Speaker 11.
- Speaker 11 spoke about the LGBTQ+ candle vigil and Transgender Remembrance Day.

F. Comments - Board of Education

Student Trustee Scott commented on the action and discussion items at the recent SDAC meeting, the celebration of Psychology Awareness Week, health curriculum review, phone usage at school sites, digital minimalism, Inclusion Week, the SDAC website and the future SDAC meeting.

Board members commented on the following: Ron Helis Memorial Highway and Healing Garden Dedication, Unified Kickball Game at Westlake High School, Board attendance at the DAC, SDAC and SEDAC meetings, PTA Reflections awards for elementary and secondary students, Campus Supervisor Rick Kelman and his efforts to create a warm, welcoming environments to students, dual enrollment classes with Moorpark College, the Weathersfield Veterans Day celebration, Budget/LCAP and Facilities Committee meetings, Transgender Remembrance Day vigil, the Youth and Government Program bill selection event, trauma from the Saugus shooting, campus safety and coping skills for students, thanked speakers and Student Trustee Scott for their comments, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

G. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin commented on the following: Thanked Rick Kelman for his efforts to welcome students and visitors to the Westlake High School campus, thanked parents and students for attending the DAC meetings and thanked the Board for the evaluation process, providing feedback on this year's accomplishments and ongoing issues, goal setting and objectives for the next school year.

3. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Board of Education - Approval of Resolution #19/20-13: In Support of the U.S. Census 2020

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback.

Motion carried: 5-0.

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Everett moved to approve the Agenda with the amendment to pull Consent Agenda items 4G, 4O and 4W, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. President Connolly asked if there was any discussion, which there was none. President Connolly stated that the Board would start the approval of the consent agenda by addressing pulled items 4G, 4O, and 4W, in the order given.

G. Instructional Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. President Connolly announced that one public speaker card was submitted:

- Speaker 1 spoke about locker room use and potential issues with safety and vaping.

The Board inquired about what the school sites are doing regarding this problem. Mr. Lichtl stated that he will gather info from the respective school sites and report back at a future Board meeting. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

O. Business Services - Approval of Warrants - October 2019

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Goldberg. The Board and District staff discussed attorney fees and the services provided to the District by a specific attorney firm on the warrants list. Mrs. Everett requested a breakdown and timeframe for the attorney fees discussed, to which Dr. McLaughlin responded that information would be provided back to the Board after winter break. Mrs. Everett asked if this attorney firm covers special education issues, to which Dr. Miller responded yes.

Motion carried: 4-1, with Mrs. Everett voting no.

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

Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald. A Board member inquired about whether this award was payment for a settlement, to which District staff responded yes, as a Workers' Compensation settlement. Further discussion included questions on why the Board was not briefed on this item in Closed Session, to which District staff responded that settlements will not be discussed in Closed Session unless they are over \$50,000.

Motion carried: 4-1, with Mrs. Everett voting no.

President Connolly asked for a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorback. President Connolly announced that there was one public speaker card submitted for Consent Agenda Item 4H:

- Speaker 1 requested that the Board scrutinize Booster Club actions prior to voting for this agenda item.

- A. Board of Education - Approval of Minutes**
- B. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9230 - Orientation**
- C. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9240 - Board Training**
- D. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders**
- E. Human Resources - Approval of Student Field Placement Agreement and Student Teaching Internship Agreement with University of Southern California**
- F. Human Resources - Approval of School Counseling Contract - Brandman University**
- H. Instructional Services - Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization: Booster Clubs**
- I. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #24-19/20**
- J. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #25-19/20**
- K. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #26-19/20**
- L. Student Services - Approval of Contract - Maxim Healthcare Services Inc.**
- M. Student Services - Approval of Agreement with URM Technologies**
- N. Business Services - Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- P. Business Services - Approval of Transfer of Funds - October 2019**
- Q. Business Services - Notices of Completion**
- R. Business Services - Child Care - Approval of Contracts**
- S. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's under \$5,000)**
- T. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's exceeding \$5,000)**
- U. Business Services - MEASURE I: Change Order 1 – Landscape Beautification – Weathersfield Elementary School – United Construction & Landscape, Inc.**
- V. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- X. Business Services - Approve the Submission of the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A)**
- Y. Business Services - Resolution #19/20-14: CVUSD Preschool - State Program Emergency Closure Waiver at City Center, EARTHs, and University Campuses**

Motion carried: 5-0.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Instructional Services - Core Literature Adoption - High School as per AR 6161.12, Middle School as per BP/AR 6161.1

Mr. Lichtl stated that two titles are moving forward for Board consideration at the Board meeting on December 17, 2019, and announced that families can preview both titles during an upcoming preview night. He confirmed that both titles have been recommended by teaching staff and members of the English Articulation Committee. Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that a link to the Core Literature webpage is available on the home screen of the District website. Mrs. Everett asked if the titles are available in other languages, to which Mr. Lichtl responded that copies will be available in Spanish, and the District has requested copies in Mandarin. Copies cannot be taken home from the preview night, but are available at the respective middle and high school sites and can be checked out from the Instructional Services office. Mrs. Everett asked if reading lexiles are available for these titles, to which Mr. Lichtl responded that he will provide that information at the Board meeting on December 3, 2019.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

Board members requested that the following items be added to the Future Board Topics list:


- Bathroom issues, including misuse, availability and vaping. The Board reached consensus to add this topic.
- Publicize the availability of social-emotional supports for students and how students can access those resources. The Board reached consensus to add this topic.
- Timeline for the sexual education adoption. President Connolly stated that the Board will be looking to set priorities for the coming year in January, including timelines for expectations on when to engage in objectives. The Board reached consensus to add this item.

B. Adjournment

President Connolly adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room/Board Conference Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

January 21, 2019

Date



Clerk

January 21, 2019

Date



Superintendent