

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

March 17, 2015

MINUTES

DISCUSSION SESSION: MATH CURRICULUM

Dr. Jennifer Boone, Director, Curriculum & Assessment, presented a report regarding the current math course sequence, State Standards Framework recommendations and articulation discussion points. The Board asked that staff provide a recommendation for the secondary math sequence.

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION

At 5:10 p.m. President Betsy Connolly announced that the Board would convene into Closed Session, and asked if there were any public speakers for the Closed Session agenda items; there were none. The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m., where the following items were discussed:

- A. Public Employee Appointment-Employment (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
 - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Pursuant to Government Code §54957*)
 - 1. See Section IV. Action Items – Consent - Personnel/Assignment Orders
- C. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Employee Organizations:
 - Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT)
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA)
 - Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)
- D. Consideration of Confidential Student Issues Other Than Expulsion and Suspension, *Pursuant to Education Code §35146*
- E. Pending Litigation, *Pursuant to Government Code §54957.1(a)(3)*
- F. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, *Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8*
Property negotiators for CVUSD are Dr. Joel Kirschenstein, Sage Institute, and Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent

The following property was discussed: 2498 Conejo Center Drive and 310 Kelley Road, Newbury Park.

Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION

OPENING PROVISIONS

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present were Board members John Andersen, Peggy Buckles, Betsy Connolly, Mike Dunn and Pat Phelps. Administration: Dr. Jeffrey Baarstad, Superintendent, Robert Iezza, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, Dr. Jon Sand, Assistant

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Superintendent, Business Services, and Mark McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services. Dr. Jeff Davis, Director, Secondary Education, Jeanne Valentine, Director, Elementary Education, David Fateh, Director, Planning & Construction, Sandy Curwood, Director, Child Nutrition, and Marina Mihalevsky, Director, Classified Personnel, were also present.

Dr. Connolly read the procedural announcements and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition of Marmonte League Champions

The Board recognized the Thousand Oaks High School Boys Basketball and Wrestling teams for their Marmonte League Championships.

Comments from the Public

Twenty-two Public Speaker Forms were submitted.

One speaker addressed the issue of free high school summer school offered in Simi Valley.

Twenty-one speakers addressed the issue of the article in the Newbury Park High School student magazine, the Panther Prowler, "Let's Talk About Sex." Seventeen speakers were opposed to the article and administrative approval of the article. Four speakers spoke in support of the article.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Baarstad had no comments.

Comments from Individual Board Members

Mrs. Phelps stated her pleasure that the District Advisory Council (DAC) meetings seemed to have returned to productive exchanges of parents' concerns and ideas.

Mr. Andersen thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting regardless of the side they may align with in regard to the Panther Prowler article. Mr. Andersen mentioned attending the strings ensemble at Newbury Park High School and the Healthy Kids seminar.

Mrs. Buckles discussed attending the Envisioning the Future Career Technology dinner at California Lutheran University, which had many students from around the district and community business leaders discussing entrepreneurship opportunities.

Mr. Dunn addressed some of the concerns in the emails he received regarding the Panther Prowler article, and asked Prowler student editors, who were present, to clarify some questions he had.

Dr. Connolly commended the students and staff involved in the TEDx presentation at the Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center on March 15. Dr. Connolly stated that the presentations were outstanding!

ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

Board of Education

A. Action Item Requesting Panther Prowler Magazine Print a Written Uncensored Rebuttal with Front Page Picture in Response to 2/27 "Let's Talk About Sex" Article

Mr. Dunn moved to approve issuing a written request to the Panther Prowler magazine asking the magazine staff to print a written uncensored rebuttal with front page picture from Garry Pace in response to the Panther magazine

article entitled, “Let’s Talk About Sex,” seconded by Mr. Andersen. Dr. Connolly stated that she would like to hear from the people who submitted public speaker forms first.

Twenty-one Public Speaker Forms were submitted

Ten forms were submitted in support of Mr. Dunn’s action item and/or opposed to the Prowler article.

Eleven cards were submitted in opposition to Mr. Dunn’s action item and/or in support of the Prowler article.

Mr. Andersen and Mr. Dunn explained that they feel that the action item would help to mend the community’s concerns about the Panther Prowler article by offering equal opportunity for an opposing view in the magazine.

(For clarification, it was explained that the article being discussed, “Let’s Talk About Sex,” was published in the annual magazine that the journalism students publish. The next publication of the magazine would be sometime in in 2016. However, the Panther Prowler also publishes a monthly newspaper. Therefore, any future articles that would address “Let’s Talk About Sex” would have to be published in the Panther Prowler newspaper.)

Dr. Connolly explained that she could not support the action item as she believes that as a student publication, it is protected under the Constitution and Ed Code guarantees of Freedom of the Press, and that while the article and picture may have pushed the boundaries for some families, it opened the opportunity for some to begin dialog on the subject. Dr. Connolly also stated that as a student newspaper/magazine, only journalism students in the class should write the articles.

Mrs. Phelps stated that if others wanted to address their displeasure with the picture and article, they should submit their comments to the Letters to the Editor section of the newspaper.

Mr. Dunn asked if Board members would consider modification of his original motion to take the adult name out of the motion, and replace it with “Approve issuing a written request to the Panther Prowler magazine asking the magazine staff to print a written uncensored rebuttal with front page picture from ~~Garry Pae~~ students in response to the Panther magazine article entitled “Let’s Talk About Sex.” Mr. Andersen seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-Yes (Andersen, Dunn), 3-No (Buckles, Connolly, Phelps).

Dr. Connolly addressed the student journalists present, indicating the Board action was leaving the content of the next newspaper edition to their judgment, and that she hoped they would exercise that judgment wisely.

Change in the Order of the Agenda

Mrs. Phelps moved to amend the order of the agenda to have Information Item VI. E. Resolution #14/15-14: Authorizing the Issuance of CVUSD Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds Series A and Actions Related Thereto discussed at this point in the Agenda. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Timothy Carty, representing Piper Jaffray, the District’s Measure I Bond counsel, explained the issuance process to the Board and answered their questions. The Resolution will return as an Action item at the March 31, 2015, board meeting.

Superintendent

B. Approval of Measure I Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Members

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the Oversight Committee members, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Dr. Baarstad announced that the committee members consist of:

- Wendy Goldstein, representing Parents (one year term)
- Marshall Denninger, representing Parent/Parent-Techer Organizations (two year term)
- Charles Lech, representing Business Organizations (two year term)
- Tony Gitt, representing Senior Citizens’ Organizations (two year term)

Gail Ginell, At-Large (one year term)
Bill Gorbach, At-Large (one year term)

There remains an opening for a representative from a taxpayers' association, which Dr. Baarstad will pursue.

Personnel Services

C. Resolution #14/15-12: Layoff/Reduction of Classified Positions

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve Resolution #14/15-12 – Layoff of Classified Positions as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. One speaker offered alternative plans in order to spare further layoffs of CSEA members, and one speaker asked that the Board consider the request. Board members asked for clarification from Mr. McLaughlin, who provided more information. Motion carried 3-Yes (Buckles, Connolly, Phelps), 1-No (Dunn) and 1-Abstain (Andersen).

D. Child Nutrition Department Staffing Allocation

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the establishment and modification of classified assignments as specified, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried 4-Yes (Andersen, Buckles, Connolly, Phelps) and 1-Abstain (Dunn).

Instructional Services

E. Approval of Amendments to Board Policies 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements and 6146.11: Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

Mr. Andersen moved to approve revised Board Policies 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements, seconded by Mrs. Phelps. Motion carried (with adjustments requested by Board members) 5-0.

Business Services

F. Revisions to Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3460: Financial Reports and Accountability

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve revisions to Board Policy 3460 and Administrative Regulation 3460: Financial Reports & Accountability, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Motion carried 5-0.

G. 2014-2015 Second Interim Financial Statements

Mrs. Buckles moved to approve the 2014-2015 Second Interim Financial Statements, as proposed, seconded by Mr. Dunn. Dr. Sand thanked Susan Tucker, Director of Fiscal Services, and her staff for their work on the report. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

Mrs. Phelps moved to approve the consent agenda as printed, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of March 3, 2015

B. Personnel Assignment Orders:

1. Certificated Employees: #9794 to #9796
Teachers

2. Classified Employees: C-8948 to C-8976
Accounting Technician I, Child Care Leader, Child Nutrition Assistant I, Custodian, Early Care Assistant Teacher, Early Care Teacher, Language Assessment & Development Facilitator-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Bilingual-Spanish, Paraprofessional/Special Ed, School Office Manager III

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3. Exempt Employees: E-14483 to E-14559
Campus Supervisor, Coaches, Outdoor Specialist, Proctors, Specialist, Student Helper
- C. Contract for Nonpublic School Placement for Handicapped Student #14-14/15
- D. Expulsion – Conejo Valley High School #3-14/15E
- E. Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorizations
 1. Thousand Oaks High School Band Booster Club
 2. Thousand Oaks High School Baseball Booster Club
 3. Westlake High School Softball Booster Club
 4. Westlake High School Volleyball Booster Club
- F. Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests (CIF Playoffs)
- G. Field Trip Requests
 1. EARTHs Magnet School (Watercraft)
 2. Lang Ranch Elementary, Madroña Elementary, Sequoia Middle, and Newbury Park High Schools
 3. Newbury Park High School Culinary Arts
 4. Newbury Park High School Future Business Leaders of America
 5. Westlake High School Health Occupation Students of America Future Health Professionals Leadership Conference
- H. Purchase Order Report #874
- I. Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent

- A. Approval of Development Agreement on Kelley Road Property with the City of Thousand Oaks. Dr. Baarstad presented information. This item will be forwarded to Action Item next meeting.

Personnel Services

- B. Business Services – Planning & Construction Staffing

Instructional Services

- C. Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 6146.2: Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency. One public speaker stated that there was an error in the report as to how many times a year the test may be taken.

Approval for Board to Continue Past 10:30 p.m.

Mrs. Phelps, in accordance with past practice, moved that the Board continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m. in order to finish the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Buckles. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Services

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D. Resolution #14/15-13: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of 2015-2016 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs) and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell Said Series of Notes

~~E. Resolution #14/15-14: Authorizing the Issuance of CVUSD Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds Series A and Actions Related Thereto~~ *This item was brought forward on the agenda between items A and B in Action Items. The item was discussed but no action was taken.*

F. Approval of the 2015-2016 Major Projects List

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Connolly adjourned the Open Session at 10:37 p.m. The Board will reconvene on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., Open Session at 6:00 p.m.** at the CVUSD South Building Board Room, 1400 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

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Date

Clerk

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Date

Superintendent