



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, January 17, 2024

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

President Goldberg announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted, and both speakers received three (3) minutes to speak. The Board then convened into Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor P. Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 2000 La Granada Dr., Thousand Oaks, California 91362. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; MATES Charter School

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor P. Hayek, Deputy Superintendent. The discussion item is price and terms of payment regarding 1335 Calle Bouganvilla, Thousand Oaks, California 91360. Negotiating Parties: Conejo Valley Unified School District; BRIDGES Charter School

D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Goldberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Board President Cindy Goldberg, Board Vice President Lisa Powell, Board Clerk Bill Gorback, Board Trustees Lauren Gill and Karen Sylvester, and Student Board Trustee Naima Kahl.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Kenneth Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services (arrived late); and Dr. Shanna M. Egans, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services. Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, was absent.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

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

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There was no Board action taken on this agenda item.

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There was no Board action taken on this agenda item.

D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Powell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, pulling Consent Agenda item 4B for a separate vote, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

E. Student Recognitions

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

- NPHS Boys Football – Canyon League Co-Champions
- TOHS Marching Band – 2023 Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Field Show Championships – First Place, Division 3A

F. Reports from Student Reporters

Century Academy: Abigail Vey

Conejo Valley High School: Robert Lizarraga

Newbury Park High School: Evan Sussman

Thousand Oaks High School: Ashley Deach

Westlake High School: Kaitlin Knight

Students reported on: Winter spirit weeks and rallies, Valentines Day, College/Career Center, and ASB/Leadership activities; student field trips, student success seminars and workshops, online learning platform piloting, student academic and co-curricular accomplishments, community service events, winter formal dance planning, kick off for winter sports, performing

arts events and performances, kindness challenges, Future Freshman Preview Night, recognition of Black History Month and School Counseling Week, elective fairs, CAASPP testing, and registration for the 2024-2025 school year.

G. Comments – Public

President Goldberg announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak.

G. Comments - Board of Education

Board members provided comments.

H. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Board of Education – Update and Consideration of School Board Member Assignments to Committees

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gill. There was no discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

B. Human Resources – Adoption of Resolution #23/24-20: National School Counseling Week – February 5-9, 2024

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Powell. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

C. Student Services – Adoption of Resolution #23/24-19 in Recognition of the Lunar New Year

Trustee Gill made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. There was no discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

D. Business Services – 2022-2023 Financial Audit for Bond Measure I

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Powell. Dr. Hayek confirmed that there were no findings in the 2022-2023 Financial Audit for Bond Measure I and that the Bond Committee had reviewed the audit prior to its placement on the agenda for Board approval. Dr. Hayek responded to a Board member’s question regarding the district’s experience with a new audit firm. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

President Goldberg stated that the Board would start the approval of the Consent Agenda by addressing pulled agenda item 4B.

B. Board of Education - Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9124 - Attorney

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gill. The Board discussed proposed revisions to codify language regarding the requirement of an affirmative Board majority vote for individual Board members who request to seek advice from legal counsel. Board members reached consensus to codify the language as discussed. *Trustee Gorback amended his motion and moved to accept the approval of the amendments to Board Bylaw 9124 – Attorney, seconded by Trustee Gill. Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.*

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee Powell. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kahl.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Board of Education - Approval of Minutes
- C. Board of Education - Approval of Amendment to Exhibit A - Designated Positions and Filing Officers of Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest
- D. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders
- E. Human Resources - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4113 – Assignment
- F. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000
- G. Instructional Services - Parent Support/Booster Organization Reauthorization
- H. Instructional Services - Preauthorization of Overnight Trip Requests - Winter Athletics
- I. Instructional Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- J. Instructional Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
- K. Instructional Services - Approval to Obsolete and Recycle Previous High School Textbooks and Materials
- L. Instructional Services - Approval of Contract Amendment - WOW! Events – NPH
- M. Instructional Services - Annual Approval of the Development and Implementation of the 2022/2023 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)
- N. Instructional Services - Approval of Contract Amendment - Be GLAD, LLC
- O. Instructional Services - Approval of New Contract - Ultimate Entertainment, LLC dba The Fun Company – LCMS
- P. Student Services - Approval of Contracts for Non-Public School Placement
- Q. Student Services - Approval of New Contract - Simun Psychological Assessment Group, PC
- R. Student Services - Approval of Memorandums of Understanding with Pleasant Valley School District
- S. Student Services - Approval of New Contract with 1 Shine Youth
- T. Student Services - Approval of New Contract with Cross Country Education
- U. Business Services - Ratification of Workers' Compensation Claims (under \$50,000)
- V. Business Services - Ratification of Warrants - December 2023
- W. Business Services - Acceptance of Donations/Gifts
- X. Business Services - Approval of Transfer of Funds - December 2023

- Y. Business Services - Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**
- Z. Business Services - Ratification of STS Education's Statement of Work (SOW) for Configuration and Setup Services for ECF Funded Chromebooks**
- AA. Business Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3230 - Federal Grant Funds**
- BB. Business Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability**
- CC. Business Services - MEASURE I - Notices of Completion**
- DD. Business Services - MEASURE I - Change Order 1 – Roofing – Patio Cover – Conejo Valley High School - Falcon Roofing Company**
- EE. Business Services - MEASURE I - Change Order 1 – Play Equipment Installation and Site Work – Acacia Magnet School - Ortco, Inc.**
- FF. Business Services - MEASURE I - Change Order 1 – Safety-Security Gates – Newbury Park Cluster Group - EverFence Corporation**
- GG. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- HH. Business Services - Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)**
- II. Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Presentation: WASC Report from Westlake High School

Principal Jason Branham and Dr. Laurie Looker presented information on the WASC report from Westlake High School, which included a brief description of the WASC process, WASC Self Study focus areas, WASC group leaders and meeting groups, schoolwide strengths, growth areas for continuous improvement, and next steps. Mr. Branham and Dr. Looker responded to questions from Board members regarding notable surprises on areas of strength or growth in the report, plans to present WASC report information to students, mention of school's competitive nature in the report, and future conversations on the connection between mastery grading and understanding academic relevancy.

B. Instructional Services – Presentation: International Baccalaureate TK-12

Principals Karla DiDomizio, Steve Lepire, and Michele McDonald presented information on the International Baccalaureate TK-12 program, which included background on the IB Programme continuum of learning and central elements, Cypress Primary Years Programme (PYP – grades 4 and 5) definition, highlights, and next steps; Sequoia Middle Years Programme (MYP – grades 6-8) timeline, professional learning, program benefits, key takeaways, and teacher feedback; and Newbury Park High IB Diploma Programme (grades 11 and 12) goals, participation options, and student feedback. Principals Judd, Lepire, and McDonald responded to questions from Board members regarding thoughts on offering these programs at all three grade levels, program connection challenges for ninth and tenth grade students prior to IB Diploma Programme participation, breakdown of eight subject areas in the MYP, challenges in the MYP implementation process, inclusion opportunities for special education students, IB Diploma Programme credit and course requirements, and access to global mindedness concepts for students not participating in the IB programme.

C. Instructional Services – Approval of New Middle School Core Literature Title – Almost American Girl

Mr. Loo provided background on the core literature approval process for this title. Board members commented on their appreciation for the expanded core literature offerings.

D. Instructional Services – Approval of New High School Core Literature Titles – Overground Railroad and Piranesi

Mr. Loo provided background on the core literature approval process for these titles and confirmed that *Piranesi* is a mythical text and would not be added to the optional required reading list for that reason. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

E. Superintendent – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 1150 – Commendations and Awards

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the language amendments specified by Gamut regarding types of commendations and awards that may be presented by the Board of Education. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

F. Superintendent – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1340 – Access to District Records

Dr. McLaughlin provided background on the language amendments specified by Gamut regarding new law (AB1819), which allows members of the public to use their own equipment on district premises to copy or reproduce disclosable district records and updates the list of confidential public records to include the prohibition against the releasing of an employee’s personal email address upon request from the employee. This amendment also notes that Board members can submit a Public Records Request (PRA). Dr. McLaughlin responded to a Board member’s question regarding whether information responding to an individual Board member’s PRA would be provided to all Board members.

G. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures

Mr. Loo provided background on the language amendments specified by Gamut and aligned with Assembly Bill 1078, which adds that complaints regarding discrimination would be handled through the Uniform Complaint Process. Mr. Loo responded to a Board member’s statement regarding the potential for appropriate remedies offered to support victims for complaints involving retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying being seen as punitive to the victim.

H. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Administrative Regulation 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Mr. Loo provided background on the language amendments specified by Gamut and aligned with Assembly Bill 1078, which provides the State Superintendent the authority to investigate and intervene on complaints regarding supplemental materials. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

I. Student Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 5145.6 – Parent Guardian Notifications

Dr. Egans provided background on the language amendments specified by GAMUT regarding the requirement for districts to develop a plan to meet alternative formatting requirements for individuals with disabilities to ensure they can effectively participate in any program, service, or activity as required by law. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item.

J. Student Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 6159.2 – Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

Dr. Egans provided background on the language amendments specified by GAMUT regarding the use of seclusion and restraint as it relates to a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities placed in nonpublic schools. Dr. Egans responded to a Board member’s question regarding whether we would contract with nonpublic schools that follow procedures for seclusion and restraint that differ from district procedures.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

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

- CVUSD Teacher Induction Program
- Mastery Grading Status Report (in Spring 2024)

B. Adjournment

President Goldberg adjourned the Open Session at 9:16 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 4:30 p.m. Discussion Session; 5:30 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.

February 7, 2024

Date



Board Clerk

February 7, 2024

Date



Superintendent

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