



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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

## MINUTES

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

#### **A. Public Comments**

President Goldberg announced that there were no public comment cards submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

#### **B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion (2)**

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019090504**

**D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019090476**

**E. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8. The agency negotiator is Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services. Price and terms regarding 2498 Conejo Center Drive, Newbury Park, California. Negotiating party: Lindero Partners Consulting, LLC and/or Assignee**

**F. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: Unified Association of Conejo Teachers (UACT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)**

Closed session ended at 6:06 p.m.

### 2. OPEN SESSION

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Goldberg called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Board Members present: President Cindy Goldberg, Vice President Jenny Fitzgerald, Bill Gorbach, Sandee Everett, Dr. Betsy Connolly, 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 Goldberg announced that the following items were discussed in Closed Session:

**B. Consideration of Student Discipline, Education Code §35146, Action other than expulsion (2)**

**C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019090504**

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

**D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2019090476**

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gorbach. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

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**G. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3). Number of potential cases: 1.**

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the amended agenda, pulling Consent Agenda Items 4A, 4O, 4P and 4R for a separate vote and withdrawing Information/Discussion Agenda Item 5D, seconded by Dr. Connolly. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

**E. Reports from Student Reporters**

Century Academy: Julia Krencies  
Conejo Valley High School: Izzy Rocha  
Newbury Park High School: Paige Hajiloo  
Thousand Oaks High School: Kiara Benioff  
Westlake High School: Kyle Huemme

Students reported on: week of success seminars, senior activities, junior college presentations, dual enrollment opportunities, Black History Month activities, dances and prom, Conejo Closet prom dress event, field trips, talent shows, Unified Sports Basketball game, sports events and accomplishments, drama productions, leadership retreats, American Legion state delegate interviews, peer mentor activities and tours for new students, rallies and assemblies, grad night, senior newsletters, CADA Conference, Odyssey of the Mind and Mock Trial competitions, and celebrations for academic success.

## **F. Reports from Parent Support Organizations**

**District Advisory Council (DAC):** Susan Hanscom, DAC Parliamentarian, commented on the DAC bylaw review and amendments, highlights of performance arts programs at their meetings, presentation on vaping, support of the We the People program, details on the upcoming DAC meeting, and appreciation for the recent presentation DAC received on the co-teaching model.

**District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC):** Karla Luna introduced herself as the new DELAC President and commented on topics discussed at the last several DELAC meetings, which included their bylaws, SPSAs, UDL, Title I Parent Engagement Policy, 2020 Census, ELPAC and Special Education. She also commented on the presentation they received on Special Education services and programs, their work to increase English learner (EL) parent awareness and engagement, Project 2 Inspire training, the shortage of bilingual counselors, teachers and staff, and training for teachers on EL standards and methods.

## **G. Comments – Public**

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

- Speaker 1 asked the Board to find a way to provide access to school and yearbook pictures for all students, including those with diverse needs or those with barriers to attendance.

Dr. Connolly asked Dr. McLaughlin for follow-up on this issue, to which he agreed.

- Speaker 2 asked the Board to find a common ground with those with different backgrounds and viewpoints to accomplish what is best for children.
- Speaker 3 spoke about the paperwork that he requested and received from the Closed Session portion of the Board meeting, and commented on spending taxpayer money on legal fees.

## **H. Comments – Board of Education**

Student Board Trustee Scott thanked the public speakers for their comments and the student reporters and parent support organizations for their reports. She also commented on SDAC business, including topics of discussion at their last meeting and the application process for new members for the next school year, and spoke about her support of Black History Month.

The Board thanked the public speakers for their comments, and thanked the student reporters and parent support organizations for their reports. They also congratulated ETHOS Academy for their recent designation, honored school counselors for National School Counseling Week, and commented on: the ratio of bilingual counselors to students, dual enrollment opportunities, and their attendance at school assemblies and events, choral performances, SDAC meetings, One Spark Academy's Alternative High School Night, Budget/LCAP Committee and Facilities Committee meetings, and the Friends of the Library event.

Mrs. Everett commented on the inaccuracy of the statement read by President Goldberg prior to the public comment section of the agenda, to which Dr. Connolly raised a Point of Privilege stating that the Board member comment period is intended for brief comments, and she asked for Mrs. Everett to end her misuse of Board member comments. The Board further discussed Government Code and the Brown Act in relation to Board member comments, to which Mrs. Fitzgerald raised a Point of Order, asked Dr. McLaughlin to resend information to the Board regarding the Brown Act and asked for the Board President to rule on this issue. Dr. Connolly raised a Point of Privilege, stating that she expected an answer from the Board President. President Goldberg ruled on the Point of Privilege, stating that the Board is off topic. Mrs.

Everett commented that three Board members willfully prevented her from speaking during Board comments.

**I. Comments - Superintendent**

Dr. McLaughlin commented that on the activities and events that he and staff have attended, and stated that he appreciates the exceptional work of our students, staff and community members. He also thanked the School Counselors for their hard work in supporting students and parents, and helping seniors get into college and the work force.

**3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL**

**A. No Items**

**4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

President Goldberg stated that the Board would start the approval of the Consent Agenda by addressing pulled items 4A, 4O, 4P and 4R, in the order given.

**A. Board of Education – Approval of Amendments to Board Bylaw 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials**

Mrs. Fitzgerald made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. The Board asked for clarification on specific language, to which Dr. McLaughlin provided clarification. Further discussion included questions on agenda translation and the process required to request that items be placed on the agenda. **Motion carried: 5-0, with the requested changes.**

**O. Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (PO's exceeding \$5,000)**

Dr. Connolly made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Everett. The Board asked for clarification on the line item regarding attorney fees and on the construction at Conejo Valley High School, to which Dr. Hayek responded. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

**P. Business Services – Award of Contracts – Under the Guidelines of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)**

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. The Board asked for clarification on the accounts charged for respective projects and the criteria used to determine which accounts are charged, to which Dr. Hayek responded. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

**R. Business Services – Notices of Completion**

Mrs. Everett made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Connolly. The Board asked for clarification on the ratification and contract occurring on the same agenda and the process for determining which funds are charged for specific projects, to which Dr. Hayek responded. **Motion carried: 5-0.**

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

**B. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders**

**C. Human Resources - Approval of Annual Invoice - PowerSchool/TalentEd Agreement**

**D. Instructional Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy 6179 - Supplemental Instruction**

**E. Instructional Services - Stipulated Agreement - Student #8-19/20 SA**

**F. Instructional Services - Stipulated Agreement - Student #9-19/20 SA**

**G. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Thousand Oaks High School - DECA State Conference**

- H. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School - WCE Dance Nationals
- I. Student Services - Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement for Student #27-19/20
- J. Student Services - Contract for Non-Public School Placement for Student #28-19/20
- K. Student Services - Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement for Student #29-19/20
- L. Student Services - Approval of Contract - 3 Chords, DBA Therapy Travelers
- M. Student Services – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with California Reading and Literature Project at California Lutheran University
- N. Business Services – Approval of Ad Hoc Maintenance Agreements for 2019-2020
- Q. Business Services – Field Contracts for 2019-2020
- S. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 3314.2 – Revolving Funds
- T. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Board Policy 3600 - Consultants

## **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL**

### **A. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Replacement of Administrative Regulation 6020 – Parent Involvement**

Mr. Lichtl presented information regarding the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation, including District expectations for parent and family involvement, support to Title I schools for implementation, engagement strategies, annual evaluation of District and site plans, and the Parent Engagement Task Force. The Board and District staff discussed measurements of success, notification to families on parent involvement opportunities, a process for continuous improvement, and next steps. Mr. Lichtl stated that he would provide the Board with information regarding what has happened to date and plans for the future.

### **B. Instructional Services – Approval of Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

Mr. Lichtl presented information about the plan to engage parents, involvement in developing school improvement plans, building capacity to plan and implement effective parent and family engagement plans, professional learning opportunities for staff to engage parents, allocation of Title I funding, and annual evaluation of the plan. The Board and District staff discussed the purpose and selection process for the Parent Engagement Task Force and the involvement of the District English Learner Advisory Committee in this process.

### **C. Instructional Services - Approval of Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Acacia Magnet School for Enriched Learning, Conejo, Glenwood, Ladera STARS Academy, Madrona, Maple, and Walnut Elementary Schools**

Mr. Lichtl stated that the respective site plans were provided to the Board for review through their weekly report, and asked that questions regarding these plans be emailed to him or Mrs. Wilson. These plans will move forward for Board approval at their meeting on February 18, 2020.

### **D. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3541.1 – Transportation for School-Related Trips**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

### **E. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 3542 – School Bus Driver**

Dr. Hayek stated that the District has gone out for a Request for Proposal for transportation services.

**F. Business Services – Approval of Amendment to Administrative Regulation 7160 – Charter School Facilities**

Dr. Hayek stated that the amendments were legal updates that were recently signed into law by the Governor. The Board and District staff discussed whether the charter schools in our area would be impacted by the amendments, and the timing of these amendments in relation to our current charter school agreements.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Future Board Topics / Activities**

The Board discussed the following items:

- Potential need to review the definition of Board member comments during the meeting - Dr. McLaughlin responded that he could set up a study session for the Board for a Brown Act training (with an attorney present).
- Bathroom issues – Dr. McLaughlin stated that information would be brought back to the Board in March to provide staff with the opportunity to collect a larger sample size from the school sites in addition to the feedback from the Student District Advisory Council.
- Overview of District-owned properties – Dr. McLaughlin will review the documents presented during the last review and report back to the Board.

**B. Adjournment**

President Goldberg adjourned the Open Session at 8:46 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 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.

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