



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CVUSD Board Room
1402 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

MINUTES

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments – Public

President Fitzgerald announced that there were no public comment requests submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. where the following items were discussed:

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case L-20/21

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2020120263

D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. SCSS Holdings Inc. File No. VCBA07363A1 (Case No. 56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA)

E. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. Art Trek (Case No. 56-2021-00551873-CU-OR-VTA)

F. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, and related cross-claim (American Arbitration Assoc. Case 01-19-0001-9268)

G. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

Closed Session ended at 6:10 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Board Members present: President Jenny Fitzgerald, Vice President Bill Gorback, Karen Sylvester, Lauren Gill, Cindy Goldberg, and Student Trustee Addie Craig.

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 Services.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

President Fitzgerald 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 L-20/21

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

C. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case OAH 2020120263

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

D. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. SCSS Holdings Inc. File No. VCBA07363A1 (Case No. 56-2016-00481228-CU-BC-VTA)

E. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. Art Trek (Case No. 56-2021-00551873-CU-OR-VTA)

F. Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Conejo Valley Unified School District v. Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, and related cross-claim (American Arbitration Assoc. Case 01-19-0001-9268)

G. Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The agency negotiator is Jeanne Valentine, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association (CVPPA)

D. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the amended agenda, pulling item 4N for a separate Vote, seconded by Trustee Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary "yes" vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

E. Report from Student Reporters

Century Academy – Harry Esau (not present)
Conejo Valley High School – Amelia Layba
Newbury Park High School – Steven Kitchell
Thousand Oaks High School – Chauncey Walker
Westlake High School – Joey Cacciarelli

Students reported on: school rallies, Kindness Week and Women's History Month activities, student government elections, SOLE outdoor classroom ribbon cutting event, spring semester events, athletic competitions, accomplishments and tryouts, peer mentor activities, Visual/Performing Arts recognitions and performances, senior events and celebrations, end of year activities, and graduation.

F. Comments – Public

President Fitzgerald announced that there were four (4) public comment requests submitted, and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. President Fitzgerald asked Dr. McLaughlin to provide clarifications on comments made by public speakers. There were two (2) public written statements submitted.

G. Comments – Board of Education

Individual Board members provided comments.

H. Comments – Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin provided comments.

I. Student District Advisory Committee (SDAC) – Presentation: Student Cell Phone Usage

SDAC students presented information on student cell phone usage, including an overview of SDAC's work on this topic, the subcommittee's findings and recommendations, survey input by grade level and by high school site, review of previous policy for search and seizure, and disciplinary and cyberbullying practices. SDAC students and Dr. McLaughlin responded to questions from Board members.

J. Student Advisory Committee (SDAC) – Presentation: Bathroom Issues at the School Sites

SDAC students presented information on bathroom issues at the school sites, including bathroom accessibility, solutions to be considered and enforced, importance of vape detectors and graffiti removal, female and male bathroom specific issues, and the importance of access to gender neutral bathrooms. SDAC students and Dr. McLaughlin responded to questions from Board members.

3. ACTION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5132 – Dress and Grooming

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. President Fitzgerald recused herself from this agenda item and Vice President Gorbach led the meeting. Vice President Gorbach announced that there were two (2) public comment requests submitted, and each speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There were four (4) public written statements submitted for this agenda item.

SDAC students and a middle school student representative presented information on the proposed changes to the student dress code Board Policy and Administrative Regulation, including the dress code research and revision timeline, issues and impacts of the current dress code, success of revisions in other districts, and a breakdown of the proposed dress code. SDAC students and Dr. McLaughlin responded to questions from Board members.

- *Trustee Goldberg moved to rescind her original motion, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. **Motion carried: 3-1, with Trustee Gill voting “no” and an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.***
- Trustee Goldberg moved to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5132 with the following amendments:
 - Page 1 of the Board Policy: the addition of “...while learning **in a safe and respectful academic environment.**”
 - Page 3, paragraph 1, sentence #2 of the Board Policy: remove the word “those” and replace with “**District**”

- Page 2, Item #3 of the Administrative Regulation: the addition of “**Students cannot show visible underwear, not including straps and waistbands.**”
- Page 2, Item #3 of the Administrative Regulation: the addition of “**No bathing suits. Board shorts are allowed.**”

Motion carried: 4-0, with a recusal from President Fitzgerald and an honorary “yes” vote from Student Board Trustee Craig.

- *Trustee Gorback moved to extend the Board meeting to no later than 11:59 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gill. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.***

B. Business Services – Resolution #20/21-34: Authorizing and Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of 2021-2022 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Dr. Hayek provided background on the TRANS loan process and answered a Board member’s question. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Board Trustee Craig.**

C. Student Services – Approval of Resolution #20/21-28: In Support of National Mental Health Month

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. President Fitzgerald announced that there was one (1) public comment request submitted, and that speaker received three (3) minutes to speak. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

D. Student Services – Approval of Resolution #20/21-26: In Support of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Board members provided comments, and President Fitzgerald recommended that additional language be added to the resolution, to which the Board agreed.

*Trustee Goldberg moved to amend her original motion to include the language presented by President Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Gorback. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.***

E. Student Services – Approval of Resolution #20/21-33: In Support of Jewish American Heritage Month

Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. There were Board member comments on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

President Fitzgerald stated that the Board would start the approval of the Consent Agenda by addressing pulled item 4N for a separate vote.

N. Student Services – Approval of New Contract – John Sovec, M.A., LMFT

President Fitzgerald stated that Trustee Goldberg recused herself from this agenda item. Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Sylvester. There was no Board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 4-0, with a recusal from Trustee Goldberg and an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.**

- *Trustee Gorback made the motion to approve the remainder of the amended agenda, seconded by Trustee Goldberg. Motion carried: 5-0, with an honorary “yes” vote from Student Trustee Craig.*

REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Board of Education – Approval of Minutes
- B. Board of Education – Approval of Subcommittee’s Recommendations for Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Member Selection
- C. Human Resources – Personnel Assignment Orders
- D. Human Resources – Approval of Renewal Contract and Purchase of Additional Modules – Frontline Education
- E. Instructional Services – Approval of New Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vista Real Public Charter, Inc.
- F. Instructional Services – Approval of Contract Renewal – Kingsmen Shakespeare Company
- G. Instructional Services – Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000
- H. Instructional Services – Approval of New Contract with The Princeton Review
- I. Instructional Services – Approval of Elementary English Language Arts/English Language Development Instructional Materials and New Contract with McGraw-Hill
- J. Instructional Services – Approval to Obsolete and Recycle English Language Arts/English Language Development TK-5 Treasures and Carousel Materials
- K. Instructional Services – Approval of 2021 Summer School/Extended Year Program
- L. Student Services – New Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement for Student #25-20/21
- M. Student Services – New Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement for Student #29-20/21
- O. Student Services – Approval of Contract Renewal – Reality Improv Connection, Inc. – BRITE
- P. Student Services – Approval of New Contract with 3 Chords, Inc. DBA: Therapy Travelers & Therapy Travelers, LLC
- Q. Student Services – Approval of New Contract – Gary L. Etting, O.D.
- R. Student Services – Approval of New Contract – Dr. Skye Stifel – Insight Neuropsychology
- S. Business Services – Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- T. Business Services – Approval of Transfer of Funds – March 2021
- U. Business Services – Ratification of Warrants – March 2021
- V. Business Services – Acceptance of Donations/Gifts
- W. Business Services – 2021-2022 District Fee Review: School Lunch Menu Pricing
- X. Business Services – 2021-2022 District Fee Review: Transportation Fees
- Y. Business Services – Approval of New Agreement with Climatec – AB-841 and Comprehensive Infrastructure Modernization and Utility Savings Program
- Z. Business Services – Ratification of Workers’ Compensation Claims (under \$50,000)
- AA. Business Services – Approval of Amendment #2 for the Transportation Services Agreement with ALC Schools, LLC
- BB. Business Services – Amendment to the 2020-2021 Major Project List
- CC. Business Services – Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)
- DD. Business Services – Ratification of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)
- EE. Business Services – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment
- FF. Business Services – MEASURE I – Change Order 1: New STEM Building – Westlake High School – Visalia Ceramic Tile, Inc.
- GG. Business Services – MEASURE I and Other Funds – Notices of Completion
- HH. Business Services – Award of Contract – Roof Replacement – Seven (7) Sites

II. Business Services – Approval of Amended Agreement with Facilitron for Facility Rental Services and Work Order System

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – GENERAL

A. Instructional Services – Update on Ethnic Studies Course Development

Mr. Lichtl and Mr. Mercer presented information on the development of the Ethnic Studies Course, including an update on progress from staff and the Ethnic Studies Working Group, overview of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, expected outcomes of Ethnic Studies teaching, State Board of Education guidelines, and UC approved course outlines. Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Lichtl answered questions from Board members.

B. Instructional Services – Math Pathways: UC/CSU “a-g” Requirements and Accessibility for All Students

Mr. Lichtl presented information on the Math Pathways from grades 5-8 and 9-12 and answered questions from Board members.

C. Information Update on Stimulus Funds for CVUSD

Dr. Hayek presented information on the anticipated state and federal stimulus funds for CVUSD, targeted to address learning loss, reopening, in-person attendance and facilities. This presentation included the description of funding categories, estimated amount, deadlines to spend funds, use criteria, the development of the Extended Learning Opportunity Grant (ELOG) plan, and an update on the first round of stimulus funds. Dr. Hayek answered questions from Board members.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

The Board added the following topic to be discussed at a future Board meeting:

- Cell phone search and seizure process
- Bathroom policies at the school sites
- Letter on behalf of Board to the City of Thousand Oaks regarding housing

B. Adjournment

President Fitzgerald adjourned the Open Session at 11:22 p.m. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 4:30 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.

May 18, 2021

Date



Clerk

May 18, 2021

Date



Superintendent

Please note that all regular CVUSD Board Meetings are recorded for public viewing, are considered matters of Public Record, and are housed on the CVUSD website in perpetuity. The video recording of this Board Meeting can be viewed on the CVUSD website on the Board of Education page under *Board Meeting Videos & Live Stream* at the following link:

<https://conejousd.org/Board-of-Education/Board-Meeting-Videos-Watch-Live>