



Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CLOSED SESSION

A. Comments - Public

Vice President Gill announced that there were no public comment requests submitted, and the Board convened into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. where the following item was discussed:

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

Closed Session ended at 5:55 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION

A. Call the Meeting to Order

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

Board Members present: Board Vice President Lauren Gill, Board Clerk Bill Gorback, Board Trustees Cindy Goldberg and Lisa Powell, and Student Board Trustee Jalen Oben. Board President Karen Sylvester was absent.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Kenneth Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional and Student Services; and Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Announcements from Closed Session and Open Session Procedures

Vice President Gill announced that the following item was discussed in Closed Session:

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

Vice President Gill read the following statement: "During its recently concluded closed session, the Board voted to approve a settlement agreement resolving the employment of

a permanent classified employee, employee number 13268. The vote was unanimous. Under the terms of the agreement, the employee agrees to submit their irrevocable resignation from the District. In exchange, the District agrees to retain the employee in paid status through September 30, 2026. The employee waives and releases the District from any and all legal claims relating to or arising out of their employment with the District.”

Recommended Action: Approve the Settlement Agreement for Employee Number 13268, as submitted.

Moved by: Bill Gorback; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0.

D. Approval of the Agenda

There was no Board discussion.

Recommended Action: Approve the agenda, as submitted.

Moved by: Lisa Powell; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Oben.

E. Report from Conejo Schools Foundation

Conejo Schools Foundation (CSF) Executive Director Lana Clark provided an update on the Foundation’s mission, accomplishments from the previous school year, and efforts to support student success, highlighting funding provided for various programs, the teacher grant program, and direct student support. She noted a great turnout for the State of the Schools event and highlighted CSF support for the All District Music Festival and the Get Ahead Program, which added Ethnic Studies this year. She then discussed upcoming CSF events, including the Foundation’s 7th Annual Soirée and Charity Karaoke. Community members were encouraged to support the Conejo Closet and follow the Foundation on social media.

F. Comments - Public

Vice President Gill announced that there were no public comment requests submitted.

3. ACTION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Instructional Services - Adoption of Annual Resolution #26/27-07: Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials

There was no Board discussion.

Recommended Action: Adopt Annual Resolution #26/27-07 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials, as submitted.

Moved by: Lisa Powell; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Oben.

B. Student Services - Adoption of Annual Resolution #26/27-08 in Support of LGBTQ+ History Month

Trustee Powell expressed support for the resolution and the importance of supporting the LGBTQ+ community, noting that it provides an opportunity for students to learn about significant LGBTQ+ figures in history. She read a portion of the resolution aloud.

Recommended Action: Adopt Annual Resolution #26/27-08 in Support of LGBTQ+ History Month, as submitted.

Moved by: Bill Gorback; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Oben.

C. Human Resources - Adoption of Annual Resolution #26/27-09 in Support of Week of the School Administrator

There was no Board discussion.

Recommended Action: Adopt Annual Resolution #26/27-09 declaring October 12-18, 2026, as Week of the School Administrator, as submitted.

Moved by: Lisa Powell; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Oben.

4. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT

There was no Board discussion.

Recommended Action: Approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted.

Moved by: Bill Gorback; seconded by Cindy Goldberg

Motion Carried: 4-0, with a preferential "yes" vote from Trustee Oben.

- A. Board of Education - Approval of Minutes**
- B. Human Resources - Personnel Assignment Orders**
- C. Human Resources - Approval of Contract Between Conejo Valley Unified School District and AMN Healthcare**
- D. Human Resources - Approval of Contract Between Conejo Valley Unified School District and The Stepping Stones Group**
- E. Human Resources - Approval of Contract Between Conejo Valley Unified School District and Briotix Health LP**
- F. Instructional Services - Approval of Contracts Under \$5,000**
- G. Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Dance Team - Senior Career Tour**
- H. Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with DJ MoJoe**

- I. **Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Dance Team - Spirit, Dance and Collegiate Nationals**
- J. **Instructional Services - Overnight Trip Request - Newbury Park High School Dance Team - West Coast Dance Nationals**
- K. **Instructional Services - Approval of Renewal Contract with A Rental Connection for Newbury Park High School**
- L. **Instructional Services - Approval of Purchase Agreement Add-on for Solution Tree, Inc.**
- M. **Student Services - Ratification of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Informal Settlement (under \$50,000)**
- N. **Student Services - Approval of Contract for Residential Treatment Center Placement**
- O. **Student Services - Approval of 2026/2027 SELPA Master Contract with Dynamic Education Services, Inc.**
- P. **Business Services - Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment**
- Q. **Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs exceeding \$5,000)**
- R. **Business Services - Approval of Purchase Order Report (POs under \$5,000)**
- S. **Business Services - Acceptance of Donations/Gifts**
- T. **Business Services - Approval of Transfer of Funds - August 2026**
- U. **Business Services - Ratification of Warrants - August 2026**
- V. **Business Services - Measure I and Other Sources - Notices of Completion**
- W. **Business Services - Ratification of Workers' Compensation Claims (under \$50,000)**
- X. **Business Services - Approval of Contract with Conejo Recreation and Park District for Therapeutic Recreation Services for CVUSD Preschool**
- Y. **Business Services - Approval of Tier 1 Application for Adelante Comunidad Conejo, Inc.**
- Z. **Business Services - Approval of Amendments to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7214 - General Obligation Bonds**

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - GENERAL

A. Instructional Services - Discussion of 2026/2027 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Mr. Loo presented the draft SPSAs, describing them as each school's blueprint for student success aligned with districtwide goals and developed collaboratively through the School Site Council and other school councils and committees. He noted that the SPSAs were reviewed by Instructional Services and Student Support Services teams, with feedback provided to principals on September 4, and that principals subsequently made revisions. Mr. Loo stated that the plans remain open for additional feedback prior to Board approval at the next meeting.

Trustees discussed the SPSA timeline and annual template updates, with Mr. Loo noting

that the process follows the prior two years, incorporates state requirements and dashboard data, and that there were no additional requirements changing the SPSA monitoring tool.

B. Board of Education - Discussion of Board Policy 1000 - Concepts and Roles

Dr. McLaughlin noted that the amendments recommended by Gamut included a reference to Board Bylaw 9005 – Governance Standards and did not reflect any changes in law or regulations. Vice President Gill noted that the amendment was brought forward because the language had not been updated previously and that the revisions reflected language changes rather than a change in philosophy. There was no Board discussion.

C. Board of Education - Discussion of Board Bylaw 9220 and Exhibit 9220-E(1) - Governing Board Elections

Dr. McLaughlin noted that the Gamut update clarified provisions regarding incompatible public offices, confidentiality of addresses, filling vacancies following a recall, and an exhibit consistent with the revised Bylaw. Vice President Gill noted that, in the event of a tie, the winner is determined by lot. There was no Board discussion.

D. Board of Education - Discussion of Board Bylaw 9240 - Board Training

Dr. McLaughlin noted that the Gamut update clarified Board member training requirements, including school finance, ethics, and annual mandated reporter training, and requires the District to maintain training records and provide newly elected Board members with a copy of the Brown Act. Vice President Gill noted a correction needed to address a grammatical error on page one. There was no Board discussion.

E. Human Resources - Discussion of Board Policy 4000 - Concepts and Roles

Mrs. Ashmore noted that the Gamut updates reaffirmed the District's commitment to collaborating with employee unions and maintaining a safe working environment. There was no Board discussion.

F. Human Resources - Discussion of Board Policy 4033 - Lactation Accommodation

Mrs. Ashmore noted that the Gamut update clarified that accommodations apply to both breastfeeding and expressing milk and are available for one year following the child's birth. There was no Board discussion.

G. Board Committee Reports

Trustee Goldberg reported her attendance at the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families Annual Summit, where local nonprofits and organizations serving youth and families shared their missions and discussed opportunities for collaboration.

H. Comments - Board of Education

Board members provided comments.

I. Comments - Superintendent

Dr. McLaughlin stated that he had no comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Future Board Topics / Activities

The Board did not request that any topics be added for future discussion. Dr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Loo to provide an update regarding an upcoming presentation, and Mr. Loo noted that a presentation on the District's Strategic Arts Plan is scheduled for the October 21 Board meeting.

B. Adjournment

Vice President Gill adjourned the Open Session at 6:34 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 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.

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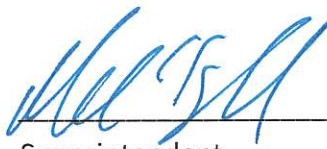
Date



Board Clerk

10/7/26

Date



Superintendent

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