

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

April 18, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Scott Tracy on April 18, 2006 at the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members, Scott Tracy, Jinny Dalbeck, Cindy Wilcox, Susan Boyd and Joel Peterson.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. in Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California. Present were the five Board Members, Superintendent Jim Stratton, Deputy Superintendent Bill Loose and Assistant Superintendent Mike Leininger. Closed session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Scott Tracy, President
- Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Vice President
- Mrs. Susan Boyd, Clerk
- Mrs. Cindy Wilcox, Member
- Mr. Joel Peterson, Member

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:15 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada. Present were the five Governing Board Members, Mr. Stratton, Dr. Loose, Mr. Leininger and Executive Secretary Kim Bergner. There were approximately 14 people in the audience. Mr. Tracy asked Meredith Reynolds to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tracy reported the Governing Board unanimously approved a stipulated expulsion agreement on Student #02-05-06 for violation of Education Code 48900 (c) and the finding at Education Code Section 48915 (a) (3) for the remainder of the second semester of the 2005-06 school year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Wilcox) to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tracy stated that the minutes of the March 6, 2006; March 21, 2006; March 28, 2006 and March 29, 2006 meetings of the Governing Board had been distributed to the Governing Board members in advance for review. The minutes of the March 6, 2006; March 21, 2006; March 28, 2006 and March 29, 2006 meetings of the Governing Board were approved as presented.

REPORTS

1. Student Representative Report

Ms. Shipley reported fourth quarter has started and class registration for next year has begun. The counselors have been a great support for the students. Tonight there is a mini dance called Morp. Morp is where Prom information is disclosed. Prom is May 27th. Seniors are going to Catalina again this year for Senior Day. STAR testing is next week. Mrs. Spangler, LCHS Counselor, will be holding finance meetings to help seniors prepare for life after high school.

for the next year,

Advance Drama performed their last play for the year Mrs. Davidson is getting ready for the Every 15 Minutes program on May 12, which is a program about drunk driving. Ms. Shipley is putting together a self defense class for senior girls to help prepare for college.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Stratton discussed Kindergarten enrollment, which continues to be down from last year.

Mr. Stratton will bring information from the teachers regarding test construction at the next board meeting.

3. President's Report

Mr. Tracy deferred his report.

4. Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations Report

Dr. Leininger reported Ms. Rios, the Choral teacher, is in the new choral room; although minor adjustments will continue to be made. The elevator should be complete prior to the opening of school in the fall. The energy management system continues to be at a 99% completion rate. Training on the energy management system was discussed. Dr. Leininger still has a few outstanding questions for Osborn Architects before a recommendation to move forward is made on the LCHS Band Room and Home Economics.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Mandy Redfern, LCTA Rep

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Presentation of 06-07 LCTA Negotiations Proposal to District, R132-05-06.
The hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. There being no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:45:30 p.m.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1. First Reading

- a. **Resolution 16-05-06 in Support of Applications for Eligibility Determination and funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associates Documents.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Boyd) to approve Resolution 16-05-06 in Support of Applications for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associated Documents. Dr. Leininger reported this resolution is to provide authorization for Dr. Loose and Dr. Leininger to sign various documents for the State Allocation Board. This is a pro active request, should the district become eligible for additional state funding. The motion to approve Resolution 16-05-06 in Support of Applications for Eligibility Determination and funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associates Documents was adopted unanimously.
- b. **Resolution 17-05-06 Proclaiming May 10, 2006 as Day of the Teacher.** It was moved and seconded (Wilcox/Peterson) to approve Resolution 17-05-06 Proclaiming May 10, 2006 as Day of the Teacher. Mr. Stratton stated at this point in the year we reflect on the success of our district by recognizing our teaching staff. This is an annual resolution for the Day of the Teacher per Education Code and is recognized throughout California. Mr. Stratton would like to join other districts throughout the state to recognize the Day of the Teacher. The motion to approve Resolution 17-05-06 Proclaiming May 10, 2006 as Day of the Teacher was adopted unanimously.
- c. **Resolution #18-05-06 Proclaiming May 21 – 27, 2006 Classified School Employee Week.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Boyd) to approve Resolution #18-05-06

Proclaiming May 21 – 27, 2006 Classified School Employee Week. Success of the district is attributable of the contribution of teachers and classified staff. The resolution provides the district the opportunity to recognize the classified staff for the contribution to the district's success. The motion to approve Resolution #18-05-06 Proclaiming May 21 – 27, 2006 Classified School Employee Week was adopted unanimously.

- d. **Roger Barkley Community Center Parking Structure discussion, R134-05-06.** This item is for discussion only. Dr. Leininger reported at the last meeting of the Joint Use Committee the Roger Barkley Community Center made a presentation to the committee to get a sense whether the proposal you have before you is something worthwhile to go forward and explore. The Joint Use Committee agreed to move forward by taking to the respective parties. Dr. Leininger discussed the proposed parking lot, which would have an artificial turf playing field on top of the parking structure. Dr. Leininger introduced the Roger Barkley Community Center representatives that were present: Aaron Solomon, Bob Wallace and Tom Reynolds and Meredith Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds is President of the community center's board and thanked the district's governing board for the opportunity to discuss the center's proposal. Mr. Solomon provided clarification to the questions from the governing board. Mr. Tracy asked the board's members of the Joint Use committee if there were any negative sides to the project. Mrs. Dalbeck reported that the Joint Use Committee is currently considering doing a parking study at the whole FIS site. Mrs. Dalbeck stated the Roger Barkley Community Center proposal would actually benefit the district by providing additional parking spaces at the FIS site. Mr. Tracy asked Mr. Stratton and Dr. Leininger for their opinions. Mr. Peterson asked about the current leasees and if this proposal would bring conflict. Mr. Stratton responded there would be no negative impact on the leasees. The proposal seems to meet the district's needs as well as the Roger Barkley Community Center. Dr. Leininger discussed security issues. The governing board determined there was sufficient support for the community center to continue to move forward on the proposed project.
- e. **Options for Consideration of City/District Safety Issues, R133-05-06.** This item is for discussion only. A discussion among board members, particularly board members on the Joint Use Committee, was requested by the Board President regarding safety issues. No recommendation or decision will be made this evening. Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Dalbeck, both members of the Joint Use Committee, agreed district safety concerns was an appropriate issue to bring forward to the Joint Use Committee. Since the Master Joint Use agreement will be reviewed in May, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Dalbeck agreed the school board should approach the Joint Use Committee with the safety topic to include traffic management, drugs, and disaster preparedness and planning; with the agreement to leave the appropriate language up to the City Manager. The thought is that by putting the safety issues through Joint Use Committee, safety would be calendared to ensure an annual safety review.

Mrs. Wilcox discussed the upcoming Community Prevention Council community meeting April 29th from 9 – 11: 00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. The direction from the board is to post the meeting as a board workshop.

2. **Second Reading**

- a. **Language Arts Literature Approval Request, R120-05-06.** It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Dalbeck) to approve Language Arts Literature Approval Request, R120-05-06. Mr. Stratton clarified this is not the core reading list. It is beyond the core reading list. The motion to approve Language Arts Literature Approval request was adopted unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Wilcox/Dalbeck) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

- a. **Personnel Report, P19-05-06.** The Board approved the following Personnel Items: *Certificated*: Leave of Absence: Tawni Allen, Arvind Arya, Hilary Gregg. Retirement: Phil Despard, Mary Jane Hufstедler. Resignation: Jeri Reck.
- b. **Approval for Special Activities: LCHS Water Polo, R128-05-06.** The Board approved the LCHS Water Polo trip to Cegled Hungary August 14, 2006 to August 26, 2006 and the trip to Menlo, California October 20, 2006 through October 21, 2006.
- c. **Disposal of Surplus Furniture, R129-05-06.** The Board approved the requested to dispose of surplus furniture.
- d. **Notice of Completion, R135-05-06.** The Board approved Notice of Completion for BOC Construction, Lee's Engineering & Construction, Inc. and G. Voskanian Construction.
- e. **Gifts to District, R130-05-06.** The Board approved the Gifts to the District presented.
- f. **Purchase Order List #13-05-06.** The Board approved Purchase Order List #13-05-06.

COMMUNICATIONS

Proposition 82 was discussed. Mrs. Dalbeck reported Proposition 82 will be discussed in Five Star. The Board agreed to wait on this issue pending the decision by Five Star. At the request of Mr. Tracy, voter Registration will also be discussed in Five Star.

The proposed ByLaw revisions were discussed. It was agreed to schedule a summer workshop to review the bylaws. It was recommended Ms. Bergner provide the red lined copies along with CSBA model by laws to the Board for review. Legal counsel review was discussed. The workshop was not scheduled at this time.

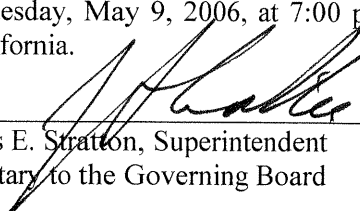
Mrs. Wilcox requested site visits be scheduled. The Board directed staff to provide dates for site visits.

The Fiesta Days parade was discussed: The board will decide who will participate at the May 8th board meeting.

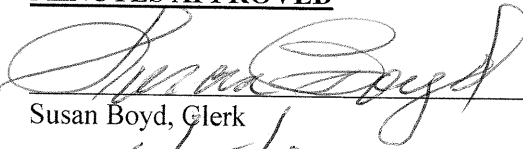
Mr. Peterson reported on his La Canada Elementary site visit with Mrs. Boyd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.


James E. Stratton, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED


Susan Boyd, Clerk


Date