

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

July 31, 2000

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Meredith Reynolds on July 31, 2000 in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Meredith Reynolds, Jeanne Broberg, Jinny Dalbeck, and Barbara Racklin, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library. Present were four Board Members, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo. Closed Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken during Closed Session.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Meredith Reynolds, President
Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Member
Mrs. Jeanne Broberg, Member
Mrs. Barbara Racklin, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Moffitt, Vice President

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. by Mrs. Reynolds in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library. Present were the four present Governing Board Members, Mrs. Gonia, Dr. Leabo, and Secretary to the Superintendent Judy Mellick. There were approximately 17 people in the audience. Mrs. Reynolds asked La Cañada High School Associate Principal Lindi Dreibelbis Arthur to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Reynolds reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Racklin/Dalbeck) to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Broberg moved that the agenda be amended to indicate that this was a Special Meeting, and also that the action to approve the agenda be on the agenda. Mrs. Racklin seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no audience members who wished to address the Board at this time.

Superintendent Gonia introduced the new staff:

Judy Mellick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Esther Salinas, Teacher Specialist for Palm Crest Elementary
Gaylene van Zijll, LCHS 7-8 Assistant Principal

Donna Robinson, Principal of Paradise Canyon
 Gail Crotty, Director of Special Education
 Betsy Richman, Communication Consultant

Mrs. Gonia thanked everyone who served on the interview committees.

- a. ***Resolution 1-00-01: Signature Authorization.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Broberg) that the signature authorization for Dr. Leabo be approved. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- b. ***Special Activity: ASB Team Building in LCHS Gym, R6-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Racklin/Dalbeck) to approve the Special Activity: ASB Team Building in LCHS Gym. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- c. ***Classified Job Descriptions, R7-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Racklin) to approve the Classified Job Descriptions for Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, and Director of Facilities and Construction. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- d. ***Contract with School Services of California, R11-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Broberg) to approve the contract with School Services of California for the Assistant Superintendent, Business search. Mrs. Gonia explained that the District had advertised and recruited for this position, but to date had no candidates. School Services has access to a bank of candidates that we do not have. The target is the third week of September to have someone identified for the position. Mrs. Dalbeck asked if there would be an additional charge if someone were not found by October 31, which is the ending date of the contract. Mrs. Gonia stated that there would be no additional charge. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- e. ***Contract with Pulliam Group, R12-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Racklin/Broberg) to approve the contract with the Pulliam Group for Interim Special Education Director Services. Dr. Leabo explained that we did not know that we would be able to hire a Director of Special Education so quickly, but asked that the Board approve the contract on a consultant basis for legal issues. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- f. ***Contract with Betsy Richman, R13-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Dalbeck) to approve the contract with Betsy Richman for communication services. The motion was adopted unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Personnel Report, P2-00-01.** *Certificated:* 2000-2001 New Hire of Special Education Teacher Myrna McCune and Teacher Specialist for Palm Crest Elementary Esther Salinas. Transfers of Teachers Frank Pace and Charmene Vega from LCHS to Foothills. Resignations Teachers Cheryl Foster, Taleen Garboushian, Ashley Gish, Lori Johnson. *Classified:* New hire Computer Lab Assistant for Palm Crest Kristen Morefield. Transfer of Instructional Specialist II-Special Education Teresa Pisacane from LCHS to Foothills. Resignation of Instructional Specialist-Special Education Brian Miller. *CMSA:* New hires LCHS 7/8 Assistant Principal Gaylene van Zijl and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Judith Mellick.

- b. **2000-2001 Salary Schedule, R25-00-01.** Salary Schedule for 2000-2001 for Certificated and Classified Employees.
- c. **Notice of Completion, R9-00-01.** Notice of Completion for Bear State Plumbing, completed on May 17, 2000.
- d. **Notice of Completion R9-00-01.** Notice of Completion for Stevens Construction, completed on May 13, 2000.
- e. **Purchase Order List #18-99-00**

REPORTS

1. Review of Joint Use Library Project

Superintendent Lorie Gonia reported that the district has a letter from the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), dated October 31, 1999, which states that the State's matching part would be slightly less than \$1,000,000. There is now a new reviewer at OPSC who has told us that the amount may be less than what was previously allotted. It is speculated that the amount could be as much as \$400,000 less. However, we have not received a letter telling us what will be allowed. Mrs. Gonia assured the Board that the District will be getting funds from the state, but we do not know how much. In light of this, Mrs. Gonia asked for the Board's direction on whether to proceed with the Library Project, delay the project for up to two months, or cancel the project altogether, and lose the monies that we would be getting.

Mrs. Gonia then introduced Terry Wood from Osborn Architects, who outlined a few options for lessening the possible shortfall of the Library Project, such as eliminating the walker duct, or eliminating the colored flooring. Eliminating the walker duct would save \$27,000, it is something we need and would not be able to go back and do later. There are other items that, if eliminated, would save money today, but would be needed at a later date, such as landscape, irrigation and shelving.

Mrs. Racklin asked if we could go ahead if we were to decrease the square footage to 12,000 instead of 13,000. Mr. Wood stated that the plans for the 13,000 square foot project have already been approved and we would have to start again at square one if we changed any of the plans.

Mr. Wood explained that our new contact at OPSC is unwilling to meet with us until his supervisor approved. OPSC has the numbers but won't tell us.

Mrs. Dalbeck indicated that the Bond Oversight Committee had all this information.

Mrs. Reynolds, stated that her personal opinion, not speaking for the Bond Oversight Committee – was to go ahead with the project.

The following community members addressed the Board regarding the Joint Use Library Project:

Linda Bair of 4641 Hillard Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge
 Lorrie Alves of 5316 Palm Drive, La Cañada Flintridge
 Sherill Carbonetti
 Warren Jacob of 5177 Haskell St., La Cañada Flintridge
 Lindsay Ward, LCHS Librarian
 Alan Pygin of 1107 Green Lane, La Cañada Flintridge

The Board gave the Superintendent direction to proceed with the project.

COMMUNICATIONS Informational communication among Board and staff members

Mrs. Dalbeck stated that it is not yet clear whether the District has lost out on matching funds. Mrs. Dalbeck and Mrs. Gonia will be going to Sacramento to testify before the State Allocation Board (SAB). There is discussion now to change the regulations, but Mrs. Dalbeck said that the SAB needs to treat districts that applied under current regulations according to those regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no need to reconvene Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on August 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library.

Lorene Gonia, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Barbara Racklin, Clerk, Governing Board

Date