

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

May 30, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dan Jeffries on May 30, 2017, at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members, Dan Jeffries, Kaitzer Puglia, Brent Kuszyk and Ellen Multari. David Sagal arrived at 5:44 p.m.

There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jeffries asked Ryan Chen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

Bill Stoner, LCHS parent concerned with late start implementation due to pressure from the California State Senate;
 Craig Miller, LCHS parent concerned with impact to student athletes;
 Stephanie Fossan, LCHS parent in support of late start;
 Kai Ryssdal, LCHS parent in support of late start;
 Josh Epstein, LCHS parent in support of late start;
 David Haxton, LCHS parent concerned with impact to athletics;
 Naomi Stephens, LCHS student regarding student impact of late start.

FIRST READING ITEM

- a. ***Approval of Change in the Starting and Ending Times of the school Day, R143-16-17. Late Start.** It was moved and seconded (Multari/Sagal) to approve the change in starting and ending times of the school day for 2017-18 LCHS 7-12. Ms. Sinnette reviewed the current and proposed high school schedule. She reported on the research done regarding the impact the proposed scheduled would have on student athletes. Several avenues have been looked at to minimize impacts on student athletes. Ms. Sinnette discussed the results of the recent survey regarding late start which showed an approximate rate of 80% of respondents supporting late start. The survey will be done again next year to see how the proposed change has impacted students. She reported on an article regarding late start and the need to continue to outreach and work with teachers to help ensure the success of a late start program. Ms. Sinnette reported on teacher collaboration and stated that collaboration will continue next year one morning per week even with the approval of late start. Parking at LCHS and the impact to Athletes transportation was discussed. Ms. Sinnette updated the Governing Board on current negotiations of a late start schedule with LCTA. Ms. Sinnette read the Memorandum of Understanding with LCTA regarding late start, which includes a statement that teachers will work to mitigate negative related impacts to student athletes. She suggested an oversight committee to monitor the impacts of an implemented late start schedule. If late start is not approved by the Governing Board for 2017-18, the Oversight Committee would continue to do research on the benefits and impacts of a late start. If approved the Oversight Committee would meet to review related impacts and concerns making recommendations going forward. Reducing the stress of our students is a major reason for wanting to implement late start. Communication regarding the change was discussed. Mr. Jeffries clarified that this has been one of the Superintendent's goals and clarified that this is not a sudden decision. The motion to

approve the change in starting and ending times of the school day for 2017-18 LCHS 7-12 was adopted unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members Dan Jeffries, Kaitzer Puglia, Brent Kuszyk, Ellen Multari and David Sagal. Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Jeffries reported that by a 5:0 vote the Governing Board voted to approve a settlement agreement with employee #7-16-17.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Next Special Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.

Wendy K. Sinnette, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Brent Kuszyk, Clerk

Date