

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT**

January 24, 2020

The Governing Board Retreat was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Joe Radabaugh on January 24, 2020, at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in the Technology Professional Development Room in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members, Joe Radabaugh, Ellen Multari, Den Jeffries, Kaitzer Puglia, and Brent Kuszyk, Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Associate Superintendents Anais Wenn and Mark Evans, and Director of Technology Jamie Lewsadder.

Governing Board President Joe Radabaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None.

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Discussion Regarding LCUSD Communication Needs, Strategies, and Developing an Integrated Approach

The retreat began with a discussion lead by Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder regarding LCUSD communication needs and strategies. The Governing Board engaged in a discussion about the communication strengths and needs for LCUSD and reviewed newly developed communication routines for parents and families developed in the “Stay Connected to LCUSD” campaign. Handouts for the discussion are attached as pages a-h. The Board directed that continued work on communication strategies take place within a sub-committee and Board members Multari and Kuszyk agreed to serve.

Presentation Regarding Summer Bond and Facilities Projects (Presenters: A4E Architecture Firm)

Representatives from A4E Architecture Firm were present to discuss Summer Bond and Facilities Projects. The Governing Board and Cabinet engaged in discussion regarding timelines and recommended summer projects specifications. Phased fencing projects at LCHS will take place over future summers with the initial work commencing in summer 2020. The goal is to reduce the number of entry points on the campus and to assist with visitor wayfinding. The Board gave direction to the architects to proceed with design development documents which would fence the LCHS campus from the Oak Grove parking lots southeast corner to the administration building and address access road traffic through gate placement, fencing and construction in the 7/8 drop-off zone.

Presentation Regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Report Findings, Asset Mapping, and Recommendations (Presenter: Christine Hale-Elliott)

LCUSD’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Christina Hale-Elliott presented her draft report findings entitled *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strengths and Needs Assessment Report – PRELIMINARY DRAFT* and discussed asset mapping, areas of strength, areas for growth, areas for further examination, and recommendations for next steps. The Governing Board and Cabinet engaged in discussion regarding her presentation. The Governing Board reviewed and discussed the district’s DEI Commitment Statement and Definitions providing recommendations for edits to Ms. Hale-Elliott and the Superintendent. The Governing Board requested that the final report findings and the DEI Commitment Statement and Definitions be agendized as a presentation and action item at its March 10, 2020 meeting.

Discussion Regarding LCUSD Vision, Integrated Programs and Initiatives, and Effective Messaging.

Due to time constraints the Governing Board scheduled an additional retreat on March 20, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. to discuss LCUSD Vision, Integrated Programs and Initiatives, and Effective Messaging. This item was tabled to the March 20, 2020 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. **Personnel Report, R13-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the Personnel report as follows: **Certificated:** New Hire: Nate Fulmer, Ashley Mueller, Natalie Wilson. Leave of Absence: Adriana Egger. **Classified:** Leave of Absence: Mijung Konkov. Modification: Caroline Vartan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Governing Board retreat was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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

Dan Jeffries, Clerk

Date