

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

December 2, 2019

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board was called to order by President Brent Kuszyk at 4:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members Brent Kuszyk, Joe Radabaugh, Ellen Multari and Dan Jeffries, Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Associate Superintendent Anais Wenn, Associate Superintendent Mark Evans and Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder. There were approximately 4 people in the audience. Mr. Kuszyk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS**

The following audience members addressed the Board:

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution 6-19-20 Proposing a Qualified Special Tax and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order.**

The hearing was opened at 4:02 p.m. There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 4:02 p.m.

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**

**1. First Reading**

- a. \*Resolution 6-19-20 Proposing a Qualified Special Tax and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order.** Ms. Sinnette reported that the Governing Board, at its meeting on August 26, 2019 received and discussed the results of a voter survey conducted by True North research and TBWB. The survey related to the Governing Board's on-going planning efforts regarding the renewal and/or extension of a parcel tax election to support the District's instructional program. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize La Cañada Unified School District to place a measure before local voters on the March 3, 2020 ballot. Passing of the measure would renew the expiring education parcel tax to offset the local impact of inadequate State education funding for the District and provide the funding needed to sustain the outstanding quality of local public instruction offered in the District's schools by generating a source of local revenue that can be used exclusively by the District. Currently the District receives one of the lowest allocations of funding for school districts in the State. LCUSD has implemented a number of measures to maximize funding and reduce expenses, including extensive local fundraising, active management of its properties, and significant reductions to administrative costs and expenses. In 2009, over 74% of local voters supported a parcel tax to provide stable, local funding for our schools. In 2014, over 68% of voters supported Measure LC, which renewed the 2009 parcel tax measure for the purposes of protecting the District's high performing schools and continuing to provide adequate, funding to the district. Measure LC continues to provide reliable funding to protect the most essential instructional programs for students, including advanced programs in science, technology, engineering, math, robotics as well as reading, writing and the arts. The locally controlled funding from the current parcel tax expires in 2021. Based on the discussion and direction the Governing Board received on August 26, 2019, TBWB and legal counsel Fagen, Friedman and Fulfroost put together Resolution 6-19-20. This resolution provides for an election on March 3, 2020 and calls for a voter approval of a measure to renew the existing parcel tax rate with annual adjustments for inflation to support the District's

instructional program into the future. Approval of this measure will continue to generate approximately \$2,686,500 income annually. The rate will be adjusted annually by Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed 3% per year. The parcel tax would be ongoing or until ended by voter. Ms. Sinnette thanked Josh Epstein and Matt Weber who have agreed to chair the parcel tax campaign committee. It was moved and seconded (Multari/Jeffries) to adopt Resolution 6-19-20 Proposing a Qualified Special Tax and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order. Charles Heath was present to answer any questions of the Governing Board. It was clarified that Senior Exemptions will continue to be an option for senior citizens. Mr. Heath clarified the CPI. Mr. Jeffries clarified that this is an extension of the existing parcel tax. Ms. Sinnette reported on the impacts the district would experience if the parcel tax were not renewed. The parcel tax currently pays for 23 FTE. If the parcel tax does not renew those positions would need to be eliminated. The motion to adopt Resolution 6-19-20 Proposing a Qualified Special Tax and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order was adopted unanimously. (4:0) Ms. Puglia was not present but is in support of the measure.

2. **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.

- b. **Personnel Report, P9-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the Personnel Report as follows: *Certificated*: New Hires: Christina Carrari, Kendall Walbrecht. *Classified*: New Hires: Monica Hong, Jesus Quezada. Reclassification: Sandra Miller, Kris Mueller. Resignation: Jonathan Klish, Matt Whisenant.
- c. **Extra Duty Report, P10-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the Extra Duty Report as presented.
- d. **Approval of a Confidential, Managerial, Supervisory and Administrative (CMSA) Job Description, R70-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the CMSA job description for the Administrative Secretary of Educational Services.
- e. **Approval of a Confidential, Managerial, Supervisory and Administrative (CMSA) Job Description, R71-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the CMSA job description for the Lead Accounting Analyst.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Radabaugh commented on the opening of the cafeteria.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.

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Wendy K. Sinnette, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Governing Board

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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Dan Jeffries, Clerk

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Date