

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

June 17, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Governing Board President Joe Radabaugh on June 17, 2020, the meeting was held via Zoom. In attendance were the four Governing Board Members: Joe Radabaugh, Brent Kuszyk, Dan Jeffries and Kaitzer Puglia; Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Associate Superintendent Anaïs Wenn, Associate Superintendent Mark Evans, Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Kim Bergner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Radabaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS**

The following audience members addressed the Board:  
None.

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**

**1. First Reading**

- a. **\*Directions for Filling the Unscheduled Vacancy on the LCUSD Governing Board – Interview Guidelines and Procedures, R168-19-20.** Ms. Sinnette reported that Ellen Multari resigned her Governing Board seat as of May 31, 2020. At its May 19, 2020 meeting, the Governing Board determined that it would accept applications, conduct interviews, and subsequently take action to appoint a candidate in order to fill the vacancy. There were 10 applicants for the position. Five candidates were in attendance, the other 5 candidates interviewed yesterday. Each candidate participated in a 30 minute interview with the Governing Board. Candidates were assigned interview spots via lottery. The 5 candidates for June 17th were Kelly McWilliams, Caroline Anderson, Andrew Blumenfeld, Belinda Randolph and Josh Epstein. The interviews began at 1:10 p.m. The Governing Board asked each candidate the same eight questions that were distributed to the candidates in advance. Upon completion of the interviews, the Governing Board thanked the candidates for taking the time to participate in the process. Ms. Puglia discussed the extensive strengths and skill-sets of the ten candidates and suggested leaving the seat vacant, allowing the community to choose the candidate in November during the regularly scheduled election. Ms. Sinnette reported on recent discussions with the Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding the Governing Board vacancy, clarifying the procedures for appointing a candidate and included the option that an appointment not be made until the November 2020 election due to the lack of lead-time available to hold a special election. The Governing Board engaged in discussion regarding the outstanding talent pool presented by the applicants. It was moved and seconded (Puglia/Kuszyk) to keep the seat vacant until the November 2020 election to allow the citizens to elect the new board member. With the motion in place, the Governing Board engaged in discussion regarding whether to appoint a candidate or leave the seat open. The motion to keep the seat vacant until the November 2020 election to allow the citizens to elect the new board member was approved 3:1 with Mr. Jeffries opposing the motion.
- b. **Direction Regarding the Leasing of District School Site Properties to Child Care or Summer Camp Providers in Summer 2020, R166-19-20.** Ms. Sinnette reported that the Child Education Center and the YMCA are interested in leasing district facilities for the summer. Ms. Sinnette discussed the advice received from ASCIP

regarding leasing district facilities. Additionally, the Department of Public Health reported that Los Angeles County has had its largest number of COVID-19 cases to date with 2,129 cases in one day and with 3 of those in La Cañada. The Governing Board discussed the potential liability if the district chooses to lease facilities this summer. After much discussion, the Governing Board unanimously agreed to not lease site facilities to the CEC or YMCA for the month of July due to the potential liability due to COVID-19.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Approve Contract for Bid No. LCF 19/20-9, Replacement of Gas Line at Palm Crest Elementary School, R169-19-20.** The Governing Board approved the contract with Barrington Plumbing for Bid No. LCF 19/20-9, Replacement of Gas Line at Palm Crest Elementary School in the amount of \$100,422.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 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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Kaitzer Puglia, Clerk

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Date