

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

July 8, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Joe Radabaugh on July 8, 2020, via Zoom in La Cañada, California. Present were the four Governing Board Members: Joe Radabaugh, Brent Kuszyk, Dan Jeffries and Kaitzer Puglia; Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Associate Superintendent Mark Evans, Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Kim Bergner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Puglia 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 and Procedures for Filling the Unscheduled Vacancy on the LCUSD Governing Board, R4-20-21.** The Governing Board conducted interviews for the vacant seat on June 16 and June 17, 2020, and engaged in deliberations following the interviews. At the conclusion of deliberations, it was moved, seconded, and approved 3:1 not to appoint any candidate to the position. Following that, at its meeting on June 30, 2020, the Governing Board engaged in deliberations, took public comment, and sought to clarify any miscommunications with stakeholders regarding the decision not to appoint after the June 17th interviews. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Governing Board voted 3:1 to take action to fill the unanticipated vacancy through a provisional appointment. The ten applicants were asked to reconfirm their interest in an appointment. Eight of the ten candidates expressed continued interest. Mr. Radabaugh discussed the ballot vote process, stating that the applicants will have 3 minutes to make incremental statements, the Governing Board will engage in discussion regarding the attributes they are looking for in a provisional Governing Board member, and then engage in an electronic ballot vote. After a brief discussion, the Governing Board clarified the process in the event of a tie. It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Kuszyk) that, in the event of a tie, there would be three rounds of voting, and failing to secure a majority then the Governing Board President will make the decision. The motion that in the event of a tie after three additional rounds the Governing Board President will make the decision was approved unanimously. The following members of the community reinstated their interest in being appointed as a member of the Governing Board and made a 3 minute incremental statement: Emily Woods, Donna Robinson, Belinda Randolph, Kelly McWilliams, Josh Epstein. Caroline Anderson provided a pre-recorded video with her statement. Ms. Sinnette read statements for candidates Andrew Blumenfeld and Anna Kurze. At the conclusion of the candidate statements, the Governing Board engaged in discussion regarding the attributes they are looking for in a provisional Governing Board member. Prior to voting, Mr. Radabaugh opened up the meeting for Public Comment.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Governing Board:

Community Member Cindy Wilcox, shared her support for candidate Andrew Blumenfeld

Mr. Radabaugh asked the Governing Board to vote electronically by sending an email to Ms. Sinnette with their number one candidate. All four members of the Governing Board voted for Andrew Blumenfeld. Therefore, the Governing Board unanimously approved the appointment of Andrew Blumenfeld. Mr. Blumenfeld will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on July 14, 2020. The Governing Board and Ms. Sinnette thanked the candidates for their time and interest in applying.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 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

Kaitzer Puglia, Clerk

Date