

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

June 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Andrew Blumenfeld on June 10, 2015, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members Andrew Blumenfeld, Ellen Multari, David Sagal, Dan Jeffries and Kaitzer Puglia.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were the five Governing Board Members, Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, Assistant Superintendent Anais Wenn and Chief Business & Operations Officer Mark Evans. Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Andrew Blumenfeld, President  
Mrs. Ellen Multari, Vice President  
Mr. David Sagal, Clerk  
Mrs. Kaitzer Puglia, Member  
Mr. Dan Jeffries, Member

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

None.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Blumenfeld stated that in Closed Session the Governing Board approved settlement on Special Education OAH Case No. 2015050376.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were five Governing Board Members, Ms. Sinnette, Ms. Wenn, Mr. Evans and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There were approximately 16 people in the audience. Mr. Blumenfeld asked Boy Scout Sam Salit to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REPORTS**

**1. Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Sinnette thanked Personnel employees Danielle Newcom and Christine Golder for their hard work and busy schedule during this busy hiring season.

Ms. Sinnette reported on the upcoming Leadership Retreat. She stated that during retreat the Leadership team will review and discuss the Governing Board Guiding Documents and will also engage in collaboration exercises and significant planning for the 2015-16 school year.

**2. President's Report**

Mr. Blumenfeld deferred his report.

### 3. **Chief Business & Operations Officer**

Mr. Evans reported on the La Cañada High School summer painting project.

Mr. Evans reported that the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation summer school started this week and the Assistant League of Flintridge summer school starts next week. Additionally, the YMCA is holding a summer school program at La Cañada Elementary.

Mr. Evans discussed the summer Custodial Cleaning Plan.

### **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

None.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD**

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Cindy Wilcox, regarding Special Meeting

David Haxton, regarding increase in district budget

### **PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. **Public Hearing**

- a. **Approval of LCUSD Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), R161-14-15.** The hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.
- b. **Report of Estimate Revenue and Expenditures for 2014-15 and Review the District's Proposed Budget for 2015-16, R160-14-15.** The hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. David Haxton stated that with the increase in the district's funding over the next couple of years he suggested looking at ways to retain the Educational Foundation dollars in the event of a recession. There being no additional public comment the hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

#### 2. **First Reading**

- a. **\*Acceptance of Measure LC Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Accountability Report for 2014-15, R156-14-15.** It was moved and seconded (Multari/Jeffries) to accept the Measure LC Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Accountability Plan for 2014-15. Mr. Evans introduced Carl Husfeld, Vice Chair of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Mr. Husfeld provided background on the committee's charge during 2014-15. He reported that the committee confirmed that the parcel tax funds that were collected in 2014-15 have been spent as intended. Ms. Sinnette thanked the committee for their commitment to the district. Mr. Evans reported that approximately \$2.26 million have been collected to date. The motion to accept the Measure LC Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Accountability Plan for 2014-15 was adopted unanimously.
- b. **Approval of LCUSD Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (First Reading), R161-14-15.** This is a First Reading item. The LCAP is a three-year plan and requires annual updates. The LCAP must include the annual goals for all pupils identified for each of the 8 state priorities and includes additional local priorities. Ms. Sinnette thanked the LCAP Oversight Committee for their valuable input. Mr. Blumenfeld expressed concern with some template formatting. He requested that CAASP data be included in the plan even though data won't be available until August. This item will come back to the Governing Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- c. **Report of Estimated Revenue and Expenditures for 2014-15 and Review of the District's Proposed Budget for 2015-16, R160-14-15.** This is a First Reading item. The budget report includes an estimate of revenues, expenditures and fund balances for 2014-15 and the district's proposed budget for 2015-16 (including budgetary estimates

for 2016-16 and 2017-18). Mr. Evans reported that the district's budget is based on a conservative approach as advised by School Services. Ms. Multari asked whether the rainy day cap will be triggered. Mr. Evans reported that it will not be implemented for 2015-16. Mr. Jeffries asked Ms. Sinnette about enrollment for next year. Ms. Sinnette reported that she anticipates that enrollment will be flat for 2015-16. She reported on the current acceptance of interdistrict permits. This item will come back to the Governing Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- d. **\*Contract for Food Services Management Company, R165-14-15.** It was moved and seconded (Sagal/Multari) to approve the contract with Chartwells for food services management. Mr. Evans reported that the RFP went out in February and 2 proposals were submitted. Based on the rubrics, Chartwells came out on top. Mr. Evans reported that Chartwells is a large corporation and has been successful with like districts. He anticipates running a deficit while the program gets started. Lunches will be \$1.90 along with ala carte choices. This is a 5 year contract but is renewable every year. Chartwells' approach is to have a consultant on site for several days a week to assist with getting the program started. The motion to approve the contract with Chartwells for Food Services Management was adopted unanimously.
- e. **\*Funding for Capital Advisors Group to Consult on Territory Transfer Negotiations, R163-14-15.** It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Multari) to approve entering into an agreement with Capital Advisors Group to consult on Territory Transfer negotiations. Ms. Sinnette reported that La Cañada Unified School District and Glendale Unified School District have been in negotiations regarding the territory transfer for over two years. Due to a recent set back in negotiations, GUSD and LCUSD have agreed to seek consultant services to assist with the negotiations. The contract is for a total of \$15,000 which will be equally paid for by LCUSD, GUSD and the City of La Cañada Flintridge. Tom Smith thanked the Governing Board for their continued support via on-going discussions with Glendale Unified School District and by bringing in an advisor. The motion to approve entering into an agreement with Capital Advisors Group to consult on Territory Transfer negotiations was adopted unanimously.

### 3. Second Reading

- a. **Grades K-12 Core Literature List Revisions, R142-14-15.** It was moved and seconded (Sagal/Puglia) to adopt the Grades K-12 Core Literature List Revisions. Ms. Sinnette stated that the 7/8 English teachers have requested the removal of the Miracle Worker and the addition of American Born Chinese. The motion to adopt the Grades K-12 Core Literature List revisions was adopted unanimously.

### 4. 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, P24-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the Personnel Report as follows: *Certificated*: New Hires: Sarah Beattie, Danielle Celestino, Carey Durfee, Nathan Fulmer, Valerie Gochez-Frasch, Yoona Lee, Danielle Murr-Pinsker, Mariana Valderhaug. Modification/Transfer: Daisy Kim, Susan Maljian, Linda Matchie, Sean Mispagel. Leave of Absence: Karina Culbertson, Melanie Sos. Resignation: Lisa Kiyomura, Kelly Lee, Lesley Mayne. *Classified*: New Hires: Eduardo Gomez, Robert "Kyle" Turner, Marius Villarreal. Modification/Transfer: Frank Landeros. Resignation: Carol Bridgwood, Patty Hwang. Termination: Lynn Donaghy, Maria Valenti.
- b. **Extra Duty Report, P25-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the Extra Duty Report as presented.
- c. **Resolution 20-14-15 Authorized Signatures.** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-14-15 Authorized Signatures.

- d. **Spec Acts: LCHS Annual Chamber Singers Retreat: Hartland Christian Camp, Badger, CA, R164-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the LCHS Spec Acts request to attend the Annual Chamber Singers Retreat at the Harland Christian Camp in Badger, California October 2 – 4, 2015.
- e. **Spec Acts: Boys Cross Country Summer Altitude Training Camp, R162-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the LCHS Spec Acts request to attend the Boys Cross Country Summer Altitude Training Camp in Big Bear, California July 13 – 16, 2015.
- f. **Disposal of Outdated and Unusable Curriculum Materials, R159-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the disposal of outdated and unusable curriculum materials as requested.
- g. **Gifts to District, R157-14-15.** The Governing Board approved the Gifts to District as presented.
- h. **Purchase Order List 17-14-15.** The Governing Board approved Purchase Order List 17-14-15.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Puglia congratulated those students who have promoted or graduated.

Mr. Jeffries provided an update from the Joint Use Committee. He reported on the Joint Use Committee's interest in providing air conditioning in Lanterman Auditorium. The Committee has also been working with changes in traffic patterns and parking conditions around our school sites. Mr. Jeffries reported that the Hahamongna sediment removal project is continuing to move forward. The district and the city are looking at providing a point person with the contractor to keep them alerted of school activities that could impact traffic during the sediment removal process. He also reported that the watering of the city's medians are being supplied with recycled water. There was discussion regarding ways to water the district's fields with recycled water but, to date, a solution has not been resolved.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 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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David Sagal, Clerk

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Date