

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

May 10, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President David Sagal on May 10, 2016, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members David Sagal, Dan Jeffries, Kaitzer Puglia, Ellen Multari and Brent Kuszyk.

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, Assistant Superintendent Jeff Davis and Chief Business & Operations Officer Mark Evans. Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. David Sagal, President
Mr. Dan Jeffries, Vice President
Mrs. Kaitzer Puglia, Clerk
Mrs. Ellen Multari, Member
Mr. Brent Kuszyk, Member.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sagal reported that in Closed Session the Governing Board unanimously approved a Settlement Agreement signed on May 2, 2016 on Special Education Case #OSAH2015020113 with a 5:0 vote.

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, Mrs. Wenn, Dr. Davis, Mr. Evans and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There were approximately 160 people in the audience. Mr. Sagal asked Dan Yoder to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Multari) to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016. The motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a) Ms. Sinnette reported on the district's success at the Elementary Math Field Day.

Ms. Sinnette reported on the final meeting of the 2015-16 LCAP Oversight Committee stating that the committee approved the LCAP goals for 2016-17. The LCAP writing team

will now begin the task of writing the 275 page Local Control Accountability Plan. Ms. Sinnette reported on the 7 goals that have been identified for 2016-17.

Ms. Sinnette commended and thanked the LCHS 7/8 and 9-12 for their newly implemented Peer-Mentoring Program that will begin in 2016-17. She gave her heartfelt thanks to the 7/8 team: Allison Dalbeck, Shannon Brascia, Christine Werner and Alex Valadez; and the 9-12 team: Rachel Zooi, Kim Lauxen, Dan Yoder, Sarah Beattie, Gavin Williams and Mary Hazlett.

Ms. Sinnette reported on the successful performance by the LCHS Speech & Debate team during the state competition. She acknowledged the time and commitment of the advisor Susan Moore and the students of the Speech & Debate team. Ms. Sinnette asked Ms. Moore to provide background on the Speech & Debate Team and the state competition. Ms. Sinnette presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ms. Moore and the students on the team.

2. President's Report

Mr. Sagal made a statement regarding negotiations and the value of our teachers.

3. Chief Business & Operations Officer

Mr. Evans reported on the maintenance crew's summer schedule. He announced that the May revise should be available by May 14th.

4. Student Representative

Mr. Owen reported on upcoming student events districtwide. He thanked the Governing Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as Governing Board Student Representative for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Owen thanked his teachers he has had over the past 12 years. On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Sinnette thanked Mr. Owen for his exceptional service as Governing Board Student Representative and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Multari) to move 12b to 12a and move First Reading prior to Second Reading items.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Mandy Redfern, LCTA President, regarding budget;
 Justin Eick, LCUSD teacher, regarding teacher salaries;
 Sonya Kalara, LCHS student regarding teacher salaries;
 Alisa Patel, LCHS student regarding teacher salaries;
 Octavia Thuss, LCUSD Parent regarding fiscal solvency and parent donations;
 Dinah Loftus, CSEA staff member, regarding teacher salaries;
 Suzanne Cronon, LCUSD teacher, regarding teacher salaries;
 Craig Mazin, LCUSD parent regarding teacher salaries;
 Gavin Williams, LCUSD teacher, regarding value of teachers in the district;
 Tracey Calhoun, LCUSD teacher, regarding teacher salaries;
 Deborah Weirick, Director of LCFEF, in appreciation for Administrative and Governing Board's attempt to provide competitive certificated salaries;
 Belinda Randolph, LCUSD parent, in appreciation for Administrative and Governing Board support;
 David Adida, LCUSD parent, in appreciation for recent hiring of soccer coach and request to settle salary negotiations.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1) First Reading

- a. ***Elementary Mathematics Textbook Adoption: K-5 Everyday Mathematics; 6th grade Math in Focus, R121-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Multari/Jeffries) to approve the elementary mathematics textbook adoption: K-5 Everyday mathematics; 6th grade Math in Focus. Ms. Wenn reported on the textbook adoption process. Ms. Multari questioned some public information that is available regarding these textbooks and requested additional time to review the textbook prior to adoption. The Governing Board agreed to postpone adoption of the textbook so additional research and review may be provided. The following members of the audience addressed the Governing Board regarding the textbook adoption:
 - Sugi Sorensen, PCR parent
 - Josh Gottheim, PCY parent
 - Christopher Saldo, LCUSD parent
 - Simon Chang, PCR parent
 - Emily Blaney, LCE Principal
 - Deborah Craddock, PCY Principal

Ms. Sinnette reported on the limited availability of textbooks for Common Core mathematics. Ms. Sinnette suggested having site based parent review opportunities and then bringing this back to the Governing Board for adoption approval. It was moved and seconded (Multari/Jeffries) to table the motion to approve the elementary mathematics textbook adoption: K-5 Everyday mathematics; 6th grade Math in Focus.
- b. **Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-17 School Year: LCTV 1, R119-15-16.** This is a First Reading item. Ms. Wenn provided background on the potential new course, LCTV1. She thanked David Paszkiewicz for his work on creating this course description. Ms. Wenn introduced LCHS Associate Principal James Cartnal to provide additional background on this course. Mr. Cartnal reported that student enrollment numbers for this potential course are strong. Mr. Sagal asked about equipment needs for this course. Mr. Cartnal responded that ROP funds were used to purchase equipment needed to offer the course. It is hopeful that additional equipment can be purchased as the course progresses. Mr. Cartnal reported on the action research visits to other districts that currently offer similar programs. Ms. Sinnette reported on a Career Technical Education (CTE) grant that has been received in part to support this program. This item will come back to the Governing Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.
- c. ***Adoption of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation Plan, R118-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Puglia/Multari) to approve the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation Plan. Ms. Wenn provided background on collaboration with teachers to create this plan. Mr. Cartnal discussed the changes and challenges that Common Core is bringing into Science classrooms. Ms. Wenn reported on the Steering Committee that met to create the plan and thanked the committee for the work that went into creating this plan. The Steering Committee will meet at the end of each quarter to evaluate the plan to ensure that it is successful. The plan focuses on: Instruction (Teaching and Learning); Professional Development; Curriculum (Resources and Materials); Assessment; Community & Parent Engagement; and Budget/LCAP. The motion to approve the adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation Plan was adopted unanimously.
- d. ***Accept Proposal for Track Resurfacing at La Cañada High School, R116-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Multari/Jeffries) to accept the proposal for track resurfacing at La Canada High School. Mr. Evans reported that this proposal addresses updating the track by repairing and resurfacing the existing track and it includes installation and materials. The cost for the project is \$335,714. This is piggyback bid.

This agreement works in conjunction with other proposals for the turf as well as purchase orders for work related to the completion of the field replacement. Rachel Adams from Architects for Education was present to answer questions. She reported that the track was in better condition than expected so a resurfacing will be done versus a total replacement. The existing width of the track will remain the same. The replacement will have a warranty of 5 years while the field warranty is 8 years. Mr. Jeffries reported on the work done by the committee to ensure all planning for electrical needs are in place in the event an upgrade is required at a later date. Mr. Evans reported on some costs that are on the purchase order list that is being submitted for approval at this Governing Board meeting which were not required to come separately for Governing Board approval. The motion to accept the proposal for track resurfacing at La Cañada High School was adopted unanimously.

- e. **Approval of Cafeteria Meal Increase, R117-15-16.** This is a First Reading item. Mr. Evans reported that the last cafeteria fee increase was implemented in 2013-14. He reported that elementary site participation has declined while high school participation remains flat. Mr. Evans reported that one of the goals of the proposed meal increase is to be able to serve the food on more ecologically friendly containers that are recyclable. The proposed increase is to raise elementary meals from \$3.00 to \$3.50 and from \$4.00 to \$4.50 at the high school. This item will come back to the Governing Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.

2) Second Reading

- a. **Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Korean 4 Honors, R107-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Multari) to approve the Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Korean 4 Honors. Ms. Wenn reported that this was discussed at the last Governing Board meeting. There being no further questions from the Governing Board the motion to approve the Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Korean 4 Honors was adopted unanimously.
- b. **Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Introduction to Design – Project Lead the Way, R106-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Jeffries/Kuszyk) to approve the Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Introduction to Design-Project Lead the Way. Ms. Wenn reported that this was discussed at the last Governing Board meeting. There being no questions from the Governing Board the motion to approve the Potential New Course at LCHS for 2016-2017 School Year: Introduction to Design-Project Lead the Way was adopted unanimously.

3) Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Personnel Report, P22-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the Personnel Report as follows: *Certificated*: New Hires: Karl Geckle, Yvonne Hays, Katherine Hurley, Erin Kanner, Rose Malberg. *Classified*: New Hires: Nichelle Boyd, Bruno Costa, Deborah Cabitac, Andrew Eapen, Jesus Flores, Marianna Flores, Judy Friedman, Anna Galante, Stephanie Guzman, Corinne Haynes, Nash Hutter, Jennifer Jackson, Wilbert Jones, Kanyarat Konsue, Dolly Leidelmeijer, Dina Loftus, Sanna Ly, Kevin Neumeier, Danielle Nobles, Jill Oliver, Erica Perez, Lizbeth Perez, Tracy Prehn, Mary Protzko, Claire Raymond, Corina Ritter, Myrna Raquel Rivera, Sharis Sarkissians, Casey Sripramong, Ingrid Suarez, Jennifer Sullivan, Jennifer Tkach, Marti Valdes, Christian Virtucio, Jessica Voelker, Andrew Wagher. Leave of Absence: Georgie McAdams. Reclassification: Laura Hicklin, Theresa Jimenez, Jenny Lee, Sandy Miller, Jackie Ong, Debbie Pierce, Chris Roberts, Kerry Russell, Tanya Wilson. Resignations: Kevin Bularz, Katherine Spry.
- b. **Extra Duty Report, P23-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the Extra Duty Report as presented.

- c. **Resolution 18-15-16: Temporary Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing (2016-17).** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 18-15-16: Temporary Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing (2016-17) as presented.
- d. **Disposal of Outdated and Unusable Curriculum Materials, R120-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the Disposal of Outdated and Unusable Curriculum Materials as requested.
- e. **Purchase Order List 16-15-16.** The Governing Board approved Purchase Order List 16-15-16.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Puglia congratulated those students who will be promoting and graduating.

Mr. Jeffries reported on a Mock Trial that was held at Paradise Canyon Elementary.

A Special Governing Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 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