

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

May 26, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Dan Jeffries on May 26, 2016, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members Dan Jeffries, Kaitzer Puglia, Ellen Multari and Brent Kuszyk.

Mr. Jeffries asked Paradise Canyon Elementary Principal Debra Craddock to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP: ELEMENTARY MATH ADOPTION

The workshop began at 7:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Anais Wenn stated that the purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for parents to hear from district teachers and administrators regarding the decision to recommend for adoption Everyday Math K-5th grade and Math In Focus for grade 6. She reported that teachers have worked diligently piloting a variety of rigorous materials and are ready to adopt curriculum for the 2016-17 school year. The panel of administrators and teachers at the meeting were: Palm Crest Elementary principal Karen Hurley, La Cañada Elementary principal Emily Blaney, Paradise Canyon Elementary principal Debra Craddock, Palm Crest Elementary teacher Rachel Harter, K-6 TOSA Carrie Adkins, La Cañada Elementary teacher Deborah Pruden, Paradise Canyon Elementary teacher Mickey Block, Paradise Canyon Elementary teacher Danna Lesko, Palm Crest Elementary teacher Bianca Marchese. Ms. Wenn thanked the panel for attending the meeting.

Dr. Craddock reported on districts that previously adopted Everyday Math and are no longer using it while Ms. Block reported on districts currently using Everyday Math. Ms. Wenn reported on the two year process which followed district protocol prior to recommending adoption of these textbooks. Carrie Adkins reported on the timeline of steps taken prior to bringing the adoption request to the Governing Board. K-5 grade level representatives reported on why they are recommending the Everyday Math textbook for adoption. Mr. Jeffries asked Stanford University Professor James Milgram to briefly discuss his opinion of the differences between Everyday Math and Math in Focus. Ms. Puglia briefly discussed the learning differences of K-5 students as compared to students in grade 6. Ms. Wenn reported on a confidential teacher survey that was administered to elementary teachers asking them which textbook they would like to adopt. This survey was administered to eliminate any perceived pressure from colleagues in choosing a particular textbook for adoption. Ms. Wenn provided estimated costs for the various math textbooks available for adoption.

Mr. Jeffries opened questions from the audience. Ms. Wenn answered questions regarding material costs; supplemental materials and homework available with each textbook: online components for Math in Focus and Everyday Math; and how the textbooks align with the Common Core State Standards. There was an extensive discussion regarding Singapore Math. There being no further questions the workshop was closed at 9:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

Sugi Sorenson, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Jennifer Ringo, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Joshua Gottheim, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Stacey Boland, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Trina Chen, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Katie Lee, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
Chris Salvo, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption

Nina Ries, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
 Julie Wood, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
 Mandy Redfern, LCE Teacher regarding textbook adoption
 Mitra Mofid, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
 Kevin O'Brien, LCUSD Parent regarding textbook adoption
 Emily Blaney, LCE Principal regarding textbook adoption
 Tracey Calhoun, LCTA Representative regarding negotiations

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

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1. Second Reading Items

- a. **Elementary Mathematics Textbook Adoption: K-5 Everyday Mathematics: 6th grade Math in Focus, R121-15-16.** It was moved and seconded (Multari/Kuszyk) to approve the Elementary Mathematics Textbook Adoption: K-5 Everyday Mathematics: 6th grade Math in Focus. Ms. Wenn discussed the process taken and the research done by the district prior to bringing the recommendation to adopt K-5 Everyday Mathematics and 6th grade Math in Focus. Ms. Multari recommended a Parent Oversight Committee to facilitate open communication after the textbook adoption. Ms. Sinnette expressed the importance of not going another year without math textbooks. Ms. Multari reminded the Governing Board and the audience that the adoption of these textbooks was put on hold last year so that additional research could be done. The district has taken an additional year to review available textbooks prior to bringing these recommendations to the Governing Board. The motion to approve the Elementary Mathematics Textbook Adoption: K-5 Everyday Mathematics: 6th grade Math in Focus was adopted unanimously (4:0).

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.

- a. **Personnel Report, P24-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the Personnel Report as follows: *Certificated*: New Hires: Andrew Kang, Jeenie Lee. *Classified*: New Hire: Nicole Davidson, Charles Gunter, Ani Tashchian. Resignation: Corinne Haynes, Crista Murray, Sharis Poulation.
- b. **Extra Duty Report, P25-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the Extra Duty Report as presented.
- c. **Spec Acts: LCHS Cheer Camp, R122-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the LCHS Spec Acts request to attend Cheer Camp Monday, June 20, 2016 through Thursday, June 23, 2016.
- d. **Spec Acts: National Speech and Debate Tournament, R123-15-16.** The Governing Board approved the LCHS Spec Acts request to attend the National Speech and Debate Tournament Sunday, June 12, 2016 through Friday, June 17, 2016.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:21 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were the four 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 10:45 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Jeffries stated there was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 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