

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

January 29, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Governing Board President Kaitzer Puglia on January 29, 2018, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Governing Board Members Kaitzer Puglia, Brent Kuszyk, Joe Radabaugh, Ellen Multari, and Dan Jeffries; Superintendent Sinnette; Assistant Superintendents Anais Wenn and Mark Evans; Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There were approximately 22 people in the audience. Ms. Puglia asked LPA representative Lindsay Hayward to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**GOVERING BOARD WORKSHOP**

Ms. Puglia reported that the purpose of the workshop is to inform the community on the overall process and necessary next steps in implementing the Measure LCF Bond Program.

Mr. Evans introduced Adam Bauer from Fieldman Rolapp who was present to talk about the processes and timeline involved in funding the district's general obligation bond's first issuance and future issuances. He provided a summary of current market conditions and the municipal bond impact from the recent tax reform. It is expected that 2018 municipal issuances will be markedly lower than recent years, due to new restrictions on certain issuances and the large amount of activity in the month of December 2017. Mr. Bauer reported on the district's outstanding bonds and projected tax rates. He provided a Measure LCF finance plan. The tax extension wraps around existing general obligation bond debt, and maintains a "not-to-exceed" the current tax rate across all of the district's outstanding general obligation bonds. The proposed plan shows a first issuance date of May 24, 2018 in the amount of \$30,000,000; \$27,000,000 on August 1, 2021; \$30,000,000 on August 1, 2024; \$32,000,000 on August 1, 2027; with a final issuance on August 1, 2030 of \$30,000,000. Mr. Bauer provided a proposed timeline in order to meet the first issuance in May 2018.

Chief Technology Officer Jamie Lewsadder reported on the concept of learning standards and the need to uncover the instructional values to support classroom modernization. Ms. Lewsadder began her presentation by discussing the proposed modernization projects. She reported on the importance of classroom environment to student learning. Ms. Lewsadder asked the Governing Board to brainstorm on three issues: "What we want to see in the Classroom", "Actions to see in our classrooms", and "Behaviors we want our classrooms to promote". She discussed the importance of prototype classrooms. Ms. Lewsadder is using the technology plan development as an integrated part of the classroom design process. She suggested forming learning space study teams to formalize a learning standards document to be used during the modernization process. She will ask these teams to brainstorm and contribute to the same 3 topics presented to the Governing Board. She would like teachers to apply for a grant to create prototype classrooms. Ms. Lewsadder will report back to the Governing Board in May.

Members of the audience suggested having students as part of the learning space study team. It was also suggested that a class for students on this creative process be considered.

Lindsay Hayward from the architectural firm LPA was present to help facilitate discussion regarding project priorities. Ms. Sinnette asked the Governing Board to consider projects for the first \$30,000,000 issuance that can be considered for this summer. She discussed options on how to approach the prioritization and reported on DSA requirements.

Ms. Multari suggested looking at Safety & Security issues first, which has a projected cost of approximately \$7.3 million. In addition to safety and security projects, the following projects were also discussed for consideration:

- Lunch shelter at Paradise Canyon Elementary
- Sewer connection at Palm Crest Elementary
- La Cañada High School Cafeteria improvements
- La Cañada High School bandroom improvements
- Bleachers at La Cañada High School
- Fencing at La Cañada Elementary
- HVAC improvements

Mr. Evans will include a list of the proposed projects in TWIR and will work with Ms. Hayward on associating costs with the suggested projects.

Ms. Sinnette asked for guidance on the timeline for moving forward with establishing the Bond Oversight Committee. Based on the guidance by Mr. Bauer it was suggested that the adoption of the Bond Oversight Committee be considered at the Governing Board meeting on February 27, 2018 with a Second Read on March 20, 2018. Ms. Sinnette clarified the process for the selection of Bond Oversight Committee members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 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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Joe Radabaugh, Clerk

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Date