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

March 6, 2007

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by President Scott Tracy on March 6, 2007 in the 7/8 Conference Room at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Scott Tracy, Jinny Dalbeck, Susan Boyd, Joel Peterson and Cindy Wilcox, Superintendent James Stratton, Assistant Superintendent Michael Leininger and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner.

WORKSHOP

The workshop began at 4:37 p.m.

The Board Bylaws, along with Board Norms were reviewed and discussed and mutually agreed upon revisions were made.

Dr. Loose arrived at 6:00 p.m.

The workshop adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Scott Tracy on March 6, 2007 in the 7/8 Conference Room at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Scott Tracy, Jinny Dalbeck, Susan Boyd, Joel Peterson and Cindy Wilcox, Superintendent James Stratton, Deputy Superintendent Bill Loose Assistant Superintendent Michael Leininger and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. Dr. Loose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Boyd) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion to approve the agenda was adopted unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following audience members addressed the Board:

None

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1. First Reading

a. *Resolution 16-06-07 Reduction of Particular Kinds of Service. It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Peterson) to approve Resolution 16-06-07 Reduction of Particular Kinds of Service.

Dr. Loose reported that due to declining enrollment it is necessary to decrease the number of employees of the District for the 2007-08 school year. This reduction will affect temporary contract teachers. The district is requesting the adoption of Resolution 16-06-07.

Dr. Loose explained the criteria: seniority followed by the credential with the supplementary authorization and the educational level of the employee.

The notice for this reduction is required by March 15th. It was requested that Dr. Loose look to see if retirements anywhere in the district could make room for these teachers.

Mr. Peterson asked about the impact of any future high school class size reduction on this reduction of service. The Board requested a communication plan with staff and the public regarding these reductions. Dr. Loose assured the Board that he has been in communication with LCTA and that he will assure the released employees that every effort will be made to place them within the district.

It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Dalbeck) to amend the resolution subject to legal review to add the following statement:

"WHEREAS, the district has experienced and continues to experience a decline in enrollment at the elementary level which reduces the need for a particular kind of service."

The motion to amend the resolution with the above statement, subject to legal review, was adopted unanimously.

The motion to adopt Resolution 16-06-07 Reduction of Particular Kinds of Service was adopted unanimously.

The Board encouraged staff to be proactive and gave direction to staff to provide internal and external communication regarding this reduction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.

Jim Stratton, Superintendent Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Joel Peterson, Clerk

Date