

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

February 19, 2008

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Susan Boyd on February 19, 2008, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Susan Boyd, Joel Peterson, Jeanne Broberg, Cindy Wilcox and Scott Tracy, Superintendent James Stratton, Assistant Superintendent Michael Leininger and Interim Chief Business Officer Stephen Hodgson. There were 14 people in the audience.

WORKSHOP: Demographics Study Presentation

The workshop began at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Stratton opened the meeting with a statement on the value of enrollment projections for budget planning.

Dr. Hodgson, Interim Chief Business Officer, introduced Scott Torlucci of Davis Demographics & Planning, Inc. Mr. Torlucci was present to discuss the methodology and results of the demographic study.

Mr. Torlucci stated the scope of the work was to map the fall 2007 student data, to create a mobility study, to develop 7 year enrollment projections (through 2014) and to compare resident LCUSD student populations to estimated school age student population from census data.

A computer software program called GIS Basis was used to generate data. This program provides layers of geographic information, and a spreadsheet with a map attached for viewing complex tabular data. The information includes students, street networks, study areas, census data and attendance zones.

Birth data is reported to the health department by zip code.

Mr. Torlucci discussed mobility factors, which measure the migration of students in and out of the district, drop outs and private school movement. This information was applied to existing and future students by elementary attendance areas.

Mr. Tochui reviewed and discussed the District Projection Summary.

Historical enrollment data from CBEDS were presented. This information included enrollment from 1993-94 to 2007-08 and projected enrollment for 2008-09 to 2011-2012.

Davis Demographics provided a project summary reporting that after reaching 4,363 students in 2002 the district's K-12 enrollment has averaged greater than a 1% decrease each year. The larger number of upper grade students (6th – 12th) will be replaced by a smaller number of incoming students. Davis Demographics projects a 19.6% decline in enrollment by 2012.

At the completion of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Torlucci opened the presentation to questions.

Mobility was clarified.

Since the 2002 birth rate appears to be an anomaly, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Wilcox asked if for the final report David Demographics could look at a different base or use a range instead of the 2002 figure.

Home prices were discussed.

Dr. Hodgson clarified that staff is interested in using a range which takes into consideration the current year kindergarten enrollment of 168 and the base of 137.

Mr. Stratton reported that actual kindergarten class numbers for next year will be available some time next week. Those numbers will be reviewed and then the district will request a final report from Davis Demographics.

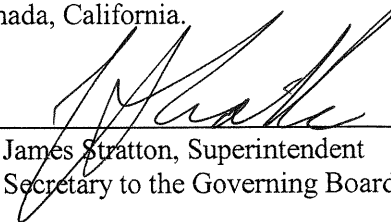
OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following audience members addressed the Board:

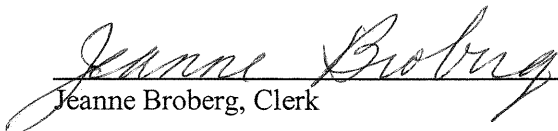
Amy Bernhardt, PCR PTA President – impact of the results on Palm Crest Elementary

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.


James Stratton, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED


Jeanne Broberg, Clerk

3-10-08
Date