

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
May 13, 2003 in LA CAÑADA HIGH SCHOOL IRC  
4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Cañada, California**

**PLEASE NOTE  
LOCATION:  
La Cañada  
High School  
IRC  
(New Library)  
7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** in La Cañada High School IRC at 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION** in La Cañada High School IRC at 5:01 p.m. (Agenda attached)

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**REGULAR MEETING** in La Cañada High School IRC (New Library) at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**, April 22, 2003

**REPORTS:**

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| 1. | Superintendent's Report                                      | Leabo  |
|    | a. Report from Playground Safety Committee – Penny Ledbetter |        |
|    | b. Status of 7/8 Principal                                   |        |
| 2. | President's Report   | Tracy  |
|    | a. Update on Elementary Music Program                        |        |
| 3. | Student Representative Report                                | Linden |

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** concerning items not on the agenda. The *Brown Act* prohibits the Board from responding to items not on the agenda. Please limit your remarks to three minutes. In order to facilitate the efficient working of the Board, comments on non-agendized items will be limited to a total of 45 minutes.

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS** (over for a description of items)

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| 1. | <u>First Reading</u> [Asterisk (*) denotes action may be taken on the first reading.]  |          |
|    | a. *Site Safety Plans, R177-02-03  | Stratton |
|    | b. *Accept School Accountability Report Cards, R178-02-03                              | Stratton |
|    | c. Grades K-2 Open Court Adoption: English Language Arts, R183-02-03                   | Stratton |
|    | d. Grades 3, 4, 5 Houghton-Mifflin Adoption: English Language Arts, R184-02-03         | Stratton |
|    | e. Grades 6-8 Textbook Adoption: English Language Arts, R185-02-03                     | Stratton |
| 2. | <u>Second Reading</u>  |          |
|    | a. Resolution #27-02-03 Authorizing Issuance of 1999 General Obligation Bonds Series B | Banis    |
|    | b. Board Policies 5000 Series – Students, R171-02-03                                   | Stratton |
|    | c. Textbook Adoption – Foreign Language, R175-02-03                                    | Stratton |
| 3. | <u>Consent Agenda</u>  |          |
|    | a. Personnel Report, P21-02-03   | Leabo    |
|    | b. Extra Duty/Extra Pay Report, P22-02-03  | Leabo    |
|    | c. Special Activities: Palpitating Panthers Summer Competitions, R176-02-03            | Stratton |
|    | d. Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contracts, R179-02-03                           | Stratton |
|    | e. Rejection of Claim, R180-02-03  | Banis    |
|    | f. Rejection of Claim, R181-02-03  | Banis    |
|    | g. Gifts, R182-02-03   | Banis    |
|    | h. Purchase Order List #14   | Banis    |

**COMMUNICATIONS: Informational communication among Board and staff members**

**RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION** (if needed)

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** (if needed)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the  
La Cañada High School Information Resource Center**

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY  
Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in a Board meeting  
may request assistance by contacting the Superintendent's Office,  
5039 Palm Drive, La Cañada, CA 91011; telephone – (818) 952-8381; fax – (818) 952-8309**

## May 13, 2003 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, DESCRIPTION OF ACTION ITEMS

### PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1. First Reading [Asterisk (\*) denotes action may be taken on the first reading.]
  - a. \*Site Safety Plans, R177-02-03. Pursuant to Education Code every school in California is required to develop a comprehensive school safety plan to address safety concerns identified through a systematic planning process. All plans were approved by the School Site Councils at meetings to which the mayor, LCTA rep, PTA rep, CSEA rep, and student government rep were invited. The Board is requested to approve the Site Safety Plans.
  - b. \*Accept School Accountability Report Cards, R178-02-03
  - c. Grades K-2 Open Court Adoption: English Language Arts, R183-02-03. Representatives from each grade level came together as a district committee to discuss recommendations. Based on specific criteria established by the district, **Open Court** was selected for grades K-2. This item if presented for first reading
  - d. Grades 3, 4, 5 Houghton-Mifflin Adoption: English Language Arts, R184-02-03. Representatives from each grade level came together as a district committee to discuss recommendations. Based on specific criteria established by the district, Houghton Mifflin's **A Legacy of Literacy** was chosen for grades 3-5. This item is presented for first reading.
  - e. Grades 6-8 Textbook Adoption: English Language Arts, R185-02-03. Language arts teachers in grades 6-8 came together as a district committee to discuss recommendations. Based on specific criteria established by the district, **Language of Literature** was selected for grades 6-8. This item is presented for first reading.
2. Second Reading
  - a. Resolution #27-02-03 Authorizing Issuance of 1999 General Obligation Bonds Series B. With the passage of the December 14, 1999 election, LCUSD was given the approval for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the District in the maximum amount of \$6,000,000. On April 19, 2000, the district issues \$3,500,000 of 1999 General Obligation Bond, Series A. It is necessary to request the issuance of the second series of such bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. This resolution is required to begin the procedure for issuance of these bonds. The Board is requested to approve Resolution #27-02-03 Authorizing Issuance of 1999 General Obligation Bonds Series B
  - b. Board Policies 5000 Series – Students, R171-02-03. The District is currently in the process of updating LCUSD Board policies and aligning them with California School Boards Association (CSBA) recommendations where necessary. The Board is requested to approve Board Policies 5000 Series – Students.
  - c. Textbook Adoption – Foreign Language, R175-02-03. The current Foreign Language textbooks are seriously outdated. The teachers of each foreign language reviewed several books and chose the ones most closely aligned with the national standards of the American Council for Teachers of Foreign Language. These recommendations are being presented for first reading.
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Personnel Report, P21-02-03. The Board is requested to approve the Personnel items.
  - b. Extra Duty/Extra Pay Report, P22-02-03. The Board is requested to approve the Extra Duty/Extra Pay items.
  - c. Special Activities: Palpitating Panthers Summer Competitions, R176-02-03. The Board is requested to approve the special activities: Palpitating Panthers to USA Jump Rope West Regional Camp in Redding, June 22 to June 27, 2003; Palpitating Panthers to Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games in Detroit, Michigan, July 22 to July 30, 2003.
  - d. Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contracts, R179-02-03. The Board is requested to approve the Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contracts.
  - e. Rejection of Claim, R180-02-03. The district's Claims Administrator has requested that the district send a rejection letter for claim file #S 140092 MH.
  - f. Rejection of Claim, R181-02-03. The district's Claims Administrator has requested that the district send a rejection letter for claim file #S 140162 MH.
  - g. Gifts, R182-02-03. This is a list of donations to the district since the last regular Board meeting.
  - h. Purchase Order List #14

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**MAY 13, 2003 – LA CAÑADA HIGH SCHOOL IRC**  
**4463 OAK GROVE DRIVE, LA CAÑADA, CALIFORNIA**

**CLOSED SESSION: 5:00 P.M.**

**IN LA CAÑADA HIGH SCHOOL IRC**

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**
- 2. Public Employee Appointment/Employment**
- 3. Student Discipline and/or Related Student Matters**
- 4. Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Government Code Section 54957.6. Direction will be provided to District Negotiator Superintendent Dr. Sue Leabo regarding negotiations with LCTA and CSEA.

- 5. Conference with Real Property Lease Negotiator**

GC Sections 54954.5, 54956.8. Direction will be provided to District lease negotiator Superintendent Dr. Sue Leabo regarding the terms of the leases at the District owned sites.

- 6. Pending Litigation**

GC Section 54956.9. Disclosure would jeopardize process of settlement.

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**7:00 p.m. in La Cañada High School IRC**

**RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION** following the regular 7:00 p.m. meeting, if needed.

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION** for adjournment.