

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORKSHOP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

May 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Board President Ron Dietel. Those in attendance were the Governing Board; Ron Dietel, Scott Tracy, Cindy Wilcox, Jinny Dalbeck and Andy Beattie, Superintendent Sue Leabo, Deputy Superintendent Jim Stratton, Assistant Superintendent Bill Loose and Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner.

The governing board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP: Educational Goals in the LCHS IRC at 4:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Review and Discussion on Educational Goals

Mr. Stratton distributed a copy of the Educational Goals revised and approved by the Governing Board on March 29, 2005. Those revisions went back to Curriculum Council and were used by the sites to prepare their Site Plans, which will be presented to the Governing Board on May 31, 2005.

Mrs. Dalbeck would like the district to be more goal-driven in their budget. Mrs. Dalbeck requested a district budget committee be included under V. Financial Management. Mrs. Dalbeck would also like a budget retreat for the board along with the budget committee. The budget retreat would give the district a group of educated community members that would understand the budget. Mr. Stratton stated this same concept was discussed when the new Deputy Superintendent was hired. It is Mr. Stratton's goal to have this committee established by September. It was expressed if a committee is established, the goal of the committee must be clear. Dr. Leabo stated a Budget Advisory Committee has been a goal of hers. Mr. Stratton reported the district has talked about what the district's expectations are on the establishment of this committee. The district's goal is that this be a Superintendent Committee. Various ideas on the establishment of a budget committee were discussed. Mr. Stratton reported it is his intention to have a committee of 10 – 12 members. This would include reps from LCTA, CSEA, CMSA, Boosters, the Educational Foundation etc. The whole idea would be to educate the members of the committee. Then mid-year, begin to ask the committee whether they feel the district funds are well spent. Mr. Loose will work on the committee recommendations with the Superintendent

for recommendation to the Governing Board. The governing board agreed with the concept of the committee.


Mrs. Wilcox discussed some of her recommendations to sections V and VI of the Educational Goals. Mrs. Wilcox proposed the following goals: To enable staff to provide more individualized instruction and support, maintain or improve class sizes in core subjects, including foreign languages, for grades 4 – 12. After discussion, the goal was re-written to “Maintain or improve class size, as funding allows, in core subjects for grades 4-12.” In Section V. Finances, Mrs. Wilcox proposed that the section be re-organized A-D under Finances. The Board agreed to strengthen the section on partnerships with the community, and added specific goals to minimize emergency fund-raising by the support groups, and to continue to work with the Presidents Roundtable to coordinate efforts.

Under section VI. Communications, the Board modified goals to improve communications with all stakeholders including an on-line newsletter. Under section VII. Public Policy, the board agreed to support full funding of new and existing state and federal mandates. The board also agreed to support legislation that would improve funding to the district.

Mr. Stratton will make the recommended changes and will bring the Educational Goals to the June 21st board meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

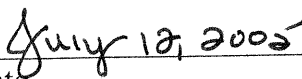
There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on May 31, 2005 in the Information Resource Center at 4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Canada, California.



 Sue Leabo, Superintendent
 Secretary to the Governing Board



 Jimmy Dalbeck, Clerk, Governing Board



 Date