

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

May 2, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Scott Tracy on May 2, 2006 at the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members, Scott Tracy, Jinny Dalbeck, Cindy Wilcox, and Susan Boyd.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California. Present were four Board Members, Superintendent Jim Stratton, Deputy Superintendent Bill Loose and Assistant Superintendent Mike Leininger. Closed session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Scott Tracy, President
Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Boyd, Clerk
Mrs. Cindy Wilcox, Member

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 6:05 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada. Present were the ~~five~~^{four} Governing Board Members, Mr. Stratton, Dr. Loose, Mr. Leininger and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There were approximately 9 people in the audience. Mr. Tracy asked Donna Robinson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

WORKSHOP: Best Practices

Mr. Stratton reported Management Team has been working on the establishment of Professional Learning Communities at each site. As stated in Mr. Stratton's workshop executive summary, Professional learning communities are committed to ongoing program improvements. The collaborative analysis of best practices is an effective way to ensure continual improvements. Best practices are education techniques, strategies or programs that have been validated through research, field testing and data analysis and whose success may be transferred from one organization to another. Best practices are accessed through professional development, classroom trial, research study, observation of model programs, consultant review and team tasks.

Each site principal and director discussed their Best Practice focus areas and the progress of those areas. Ms. Sinnette, 7/8 Principal discussed math sequencing and parent communication. Dr. Dragos, LCHS Principal, discussed Algebra I course design and weighted grades. Ms. Kobilaresik, Foothills principal discussed block scheduling. Ms. Jackson, Director of Special Education discussed autism services and general education interventions/instructional techniques. Mrs. Ellis, LCE principal, discussed her best practices areas, which are: teaching social skills to autistic students and reading inventory instrument. Ms. Robinson, PCY principal discussed writing process, math problem solving and reading comprehension. Mr. Leon, principal at Palm Crest discussed writing process and academic intervention

(reading intervention program). Mr. Kwok, Director of Technology discussed creating technology infused lessons and web-based broadcasting. Ms. Arthur discussed improving English language learners performance.

Dr. Leininger and Dr. Loose will discuss their best practices at the upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Stratton closed the meeting with what has been learned through the best practices process.

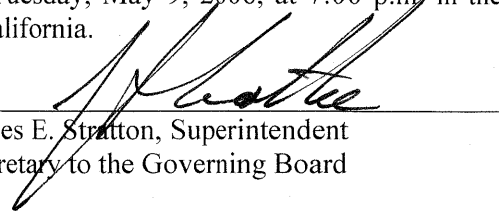
OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following audience members addressed the Board:

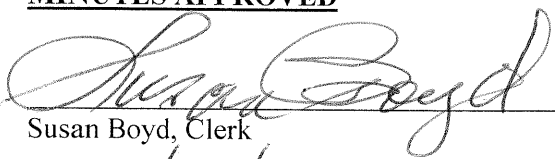
None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California.


James E. Stratton, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED


Susan Boyd, Clerk


Date