

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

August 22, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Jinny Dalbeck on August 22, 2002 in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center at 4463 Oak Grove in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Jinny Dalbeck, Andy Beattie, Ron Dietel, and Scott Tracy, Superintendent Sue Leabo, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jim Stratton, and Chief Business Officer Dave Banis.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center Workroom. Present were the four Board Members, Superintendent Sue Leabo, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jim Stratton, and Chief Business Officer Dave Banis. Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, President  
Mr. Scott Tracy, Vice President  
Mr. Andy Beattie, Member  
Mr. Ron Dietel, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Meredith Reynolds, Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:06 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center. Present were the four Governing Board Members, Dr. Leabo, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Banis, and Secretary to the Chief Business Officer Kim Bergner. There were approximately 5 people in the audience. Mrs. Dalbeck asked PCY Principal Donna Robinson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Dalbeck reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded (Beattie/Dietel) to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda as submitted was adopted unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTE**

Mrs. Dalbeck stated that the minutes of the July 16, 2002 regular meeting and the July 23, 2002 Special Meeting of the Governing Board had been distributed to the Governing Board Members in advance for review. The minutes of the July 16, 2002 regular meeting and the July 23, 2002 Special meeting were approved as submitted.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Leabo announced the start of the "Achieving-Believing-Caring" campaign for the 2002-03 school year. Dr. Leabo stated that modernization will be done before the start of school. She also informed the Board that the district is almost fully staffed and student attendance for the district is up. Dr. Leabo turned the meeting over to Mr. Banis to discuss alternative income considerations.

#### Alternative Income Considerations.

##### 1) Developer Fees

Mr. Banis explained Developer Fees. Developer Fees are assessed based on the impact a developer will have on a school district. In reviewing the Developer Fee Justification and Impact Analysis of August 2000 we are justified in assessing \$1.52 per square foot for residential projects and \$.33 for industrial and residential. The district currently charges less than justified, the district's current rates are \$1.50 for residential and \$.25 per square foot for industrial and commercial. The purpose of these funds is to provide housing for the increase in students from development. In the past these funds have been used for Class Size Reduction. Mr. Tracy asked the District to look at San Marino's Developer Fee Justification and to see how they are using their funds.

##### 2) Cell Tower

Mr. Banis explained that cellular companies are looking for places to put their towers. The District has not received any proposals for cellular towers so there are no real facts. The going price is negotiated but is generally about \$1,500 a month.

##### 3) Additional Lease Income

Mr. Banis explained that Education Code provides that the district can lease district property. FIS has only a few classrooms that are not leased. Oak Grove is completely leased. If Delphi leaves in December there will be a decrease in income. Lanterman Auditorium and the FIS gym were discussed. Dr. Leabo stated that she has requested a report on Lanterman to see whether there is income in the leasing of Lanterman when compared to the cost of maintaining and leasing the facilities. Mr. Dietel suggested that the Board tour FIS.

### **2. President's Report**

Mrs. Dalbeck stated that the likelihood of the state budget passing in the next few weeks is slim. Mrs. Dalbeck discussed the changes in the State's credentialing process for Administrative Credentials.

### **3. Report on STAR Program Results**

Mrs. Arthur presented the STAR results. She stated there have been gains in all grade levels. Mrs. Arthur reported that FIS would not be reported because it represents less than 10 students. Although STAR included the SAT 9 and California Standards, Mrs. Arthur will only be reviewing the SAT 9 results.

The District average in Reading is 81%, the Language average is 86%, the Spelling average is 81%, the District average in Math is 89%. There is improvement in every grade level in Math this year. The Social Science average is 79% and the Science average is 78%. A comparison was made of all elementary schools by grade and subjects

## PROPOSED ACTION ITEM

### 1. First Reading

- a. **\*Approve Changes to Conflict of Interest Code, R30-02-03.** It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Tracy) to approve the changes to the Conflict of Interest Code. Dr. Leabo explained the regulation and explained that action is required. The motion to approve the Changes to the Conflict of Interest Code was adopted unanimously.
- b. **\*Joint Use Library Agreement, R37-02-03.** It was moved and seconded (Tracy/Beattie) to approve the Joint Use Library Agreement #02-5. Mr. Tracy explained that this is in regard to the Library and the use of non-school hours and is a proposal to extend the term of the extended hours to June 2004. This agreement covers costs and indemnification and insurance requirements. The motion to approve the Joint Use Library Agreement #02-5 was adopted unanimously.
- c. **\*Resolution #2-02-03 Supporting Proposition 47, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002.** It was moved and seconded (Beattie/Dietel) to approve Resolution #2-02-03 Supporting Proposition 47, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002. The District has received bond funds in the past and supports this proposition. The motion to approve Resolution #2-02-03 Supporting Proposition 47 was adopted unanimously.
- d. **\*New Board Policy 4112.41 Health Benefits, R43-02-03.** It was moved and seconded (Beattie/Tracy) to approve new Board Policy 4112.41 Health Benefits. The motion to approve New Board Policy 4112.41 Health Benefits was adopted unanimously.

### 2. Second Reading

- a. **Approval of Contract between LCTA and LCUSD, R18-02-03.** It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Beattie) to approve the Contract between LCTA and LCUSD. Dr. Leabo stated that this agreement will increase benefits for LCTA and stated that changes in extra duty and extra pay will guarantee an all schools musical every year. The motion to approve the contract between LCTA and LCUSD was adopted unanimously.

### 3. Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Beattie) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

- a. **Personnel Report, P2-02-03.**
- b. **Job Description, R26-02-03.**
- c. **Special Activity: Water Polo to Annual Devil Mountain Invitational Varsity Boys Tournament at Las Lomas High School, October 10-12, 2002, R38-01-02.**
- d. **Disposal of Outdated and Unusable Curriculum Materials at Palm Crest, R39-02-03.**
- e. **Disposal of Outdated and Unusable Curriculum Materials at Paradise Canyon, R40-02-03**
- f. **Disposal of Outdated Library Materials at Paradise Canyon, R41-02-03**
- g. **Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contracts, R266-01-02.**
- h. **Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contracts, R27-02-03.**

- i. **Authorization to Enter into Contract with Margaret A. Chidester & Associates for Legal Services, R31-02-03.**
- j. **Notice of Completion, R32-02-03.**
- k. **Ratification of Change Orders for 600 Building, R34-02-03.**
- l. **Ratification of Change Orders for Chiller/Boiler, R35-02-03.**
- m. **Change Orders for Elementary Modernization Projects, R42-02-03.**
- n. **Gifts, R36-02-03.**
- o. **Purchase Order Lists #2 and #20.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Leabo announced that all district employees who applied for inter-district transfer have been approved except for Kindergarten. Everyone that attended school here last year on a work permit has been approved at this point.

Mrs. Dalbeck would like to set up tours for all school sites.

Dr. Leabo stated that there is an Outdoor Science Center opening ceremony on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at La Cañada Elementary.

The Dress Code has received many compliments from students.

Mr. Stratton invited the Board to attend the Buy Back Day presentation August 30<sup>th</sup> at La Cañada Country Club from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Kiwanis Luncheon for New Teachers is Wednesday at Descanso Gardens.

### **RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Closed Session at 8:30.

### **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:35 p.m. and reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center.

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Sue Leabo, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Governing Board

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

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Meredith Reynolds, Clerk

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Date