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

May 16, 2007

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Scott Tracy on May 16, 2007, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Scott Tracy, Jinny Dalbeck, Susan Boyd, Cindy Wilcox, and Joel Peterson.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada. Present were the five Governing Board Members, Mr. Stratton, Dr. Loose, Dr. Leininger and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There was 1 person in the audience. Mr. Tracy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Wilcox/Dalbeck) to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was adopted unanimously.

#### OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD ON AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following audience members addressed the Board:

None

#### **PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**

# 1. First Reading

- a. \*LCTA Contract Revisions, R153-06-07. It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Wilcox) to approve the LCTA Contract Revisions. Dr. Loose discussed the various contract items being presented for approval for negotiations with the district and LCTA. These represent all the language tentative agreements reached with LCTA and the district. The motion to approve the LCTA Contract Revisions was adopted unanimously.
- b. LCTA Salary Proposal for 2006-07, R154-06-07. It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Boyd) to approve the LCTA Salary Proposal for 2006-07. A tentative agreement was reached which was ratified by LCTA. This agreement calls for a 4% salary increase on all salary schedules retroactive to July 1, 2006. An additional increase of 1.2% will be received retroactive to March 1, 2007. The Board asked for and received clarification on the AB1200. Mr. Peterson discussed the importance of disclosing the cumulative cost of the increase on the agenda item cover sheet in the future. Mr. Tracy polled the board for support of this request. After receiving response from the Board, Mr. Tracy directed staff to identify the costs including underlying assumptions. Mr. Stratton reported the cover sheet for this item will be revised and included in TWIR. Mrs. Wilcox stated that in Closed Session she requested additional funds be put toward class size reduction and in order to stay true to that request she will be voting no on this item. Mrs. Dalbeck thanked staff for their hard work during this negotiations process. The motion to approve the LCTA Salary Proposal for 2006-07 was approved with a 4:1 vote. Mrs. Wilcox voting against the salary proposal.

- c. 2007-08 School Calendar, R120-06-07.
- d. 2008-09 School Calendar, R120-06-07.
- e. Resolution 29-06-07: 2008-09 School Holiday.
- f. Resolution 18-06-07: 2007-08 School Holiday.

It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Wilcox) to consider items 1c, 1d, 1e and 1f together. The motion to consider items 1c, 1d, 1e and 1f together was adopted unanimously.

Dr. Loose reported that we have reached a tentative agreement on two school year calendars.

The motion to approve items 1c, 1d, 1e and 1f was adopted unanimously.

### 3. Consent Agenda

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

a. Personnel Report, 18-06-07. The Board approved the following Personnel Items: Summer School Hires: Laurie Hopkins, Todd Kissel, Larry Naeve, Ray Pancost, Odessa Scott, Laura Strametz, Sue Trulik, Mary Walsten, Wendy Watts. Modification: Joy Walters. Leave of Absence: Lindsay Horne, Jennifer Riegler.

#### WORKSHOP: Strategic Planning Session, 7:30 p.m.

The Strategic Planning workshop began at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Stratton stated that the board received in TWIR both strategic plans. The Board began by reviewing Strategic Plan #1. Steps 4 & 5 were discussed.

During the discussion a parcel tax was discussed. Staffing and timeline for a Parcel Tax election were considered. The Board agreed on a decision-making timeline that could lead to a June 2008 ballot.

The modifications to the Strategic Plan that were discussed will be made by Mr. Stratton and distributed to the Board.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California. Present were the five Board Members, Superintendent James Stratton, Deputy Superintendent Bill Loose and Assistant Superintendent Mike Leininger. Closed session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Mr. Scott Tracy, President Mrs. Susan Boyd, Vice President

Mr. Joel Peterson, Clerk Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Member Mrs. Cindy Wilcox, Member

#### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tracy reported there was no action taken in closed session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 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** 

Joel Peterson, Clerk

Date