

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

May 22, 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 22, 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.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Governing Board convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada. 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/Boyd) 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. ***CMSA Salary Proposal, R155-06-07.**
- b. ***CSEA Salary Proposal for 2006-07, R156-06-07.**
- c. ***Cabinet Contract Amendments, R157-06-07.**

It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Peterson) to address items 1a – 1c as one item. The motion to address items 1a – 1c as one item was adopted unanimously. Dr. Loose stated that these three items come to the board for a salary settlement for CMSA and Cabinet and an additional salary increase for CSEA to bring them to the same salary agreement as LCTA and CMSA. This recommendation will provide for the same increase for all district staff. Mrs. Dalbeck requested a sheet showing current salaries including increase in the cabinet positions and a county comparison of the three cabinet positions. Mr. Stratton clarified this would be a TWIR item when prepared by Business. The motion to approve the items 1a – 1c was approved by a 4:1 vote with Mrs. Wilcox voting against the approval. Mrs. Wilcox stated she is voting against approval to be consistent with her vote against the LCTA contract proposal. Dr. Loose distributed information regarding present value of settlement with CSEA and LCTA. The Board requested that present value information also be provided on CMSA.

- d. **Reduction of Classified Services, Resolution 28-06-07.**

It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Boyd) to approve Resolution 28-06-07 Reduction of Classified Services. Dr. Loose reported that this is a request for reduction in classified staff for the Food Services workers. These same positions were originally 3 hour positions and were increased due to menu changes by Sodexo several years ago. Changes to the program are again being made and the increase is no longer required. The motion to adopt Resolution 28-06-07 Reduction of Classified Services was adopted unanimously.

e. **Board Bylaw Amendments, R158-06-07.**

Martin Fine was present to assist the Board in reviewing the Board Bylaw amendments. Mr. Tracy thanked Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Wilcox for their hard work in presenting revisions and thanked the Board members for their commitment in working on these revisions.

Mr. Stratton reported we will be working on bylaw revisions and any Brown Act questions that may come up in adopting these amendments.

Mr. Fine gave a brief overview on the role of Board Bylaws and discussed the kinds of considerations that he as legal counsel looks for in reviewing the bylaws. Martin Fine discussed the 3 C's of a bylaw: consistency, clarity and common sense.

Mr. Fine discussed Bylaw 9000 and made revision suggestions. Mr. Fine clarified that a bylaw is a governing rule establishing who the board is; policies define board goals and regulations define procedures. Mr. Fine and the Board discussed the difference between bylaws, board policies and administrative regulations.

Mr. Fine and the Board discussed recommended revisions on BB 9010, BB 9270 and BB 9312.

Mr. Beattie, a member of the audience, commented on BB 9270 and the hiring restrictions. Modifications were made to BB 9270.

During the discussion on BB 9312, the Board agreed to have Mr. Fine create a bylaw that better addresses the intent of the Board. Mr. Stratton will work with Mr. Fine to communicate the intent of the Board.

Bylaw 9323 was discussed. The legal requirement of officially approving the agenda at a board meeting was discussed.

Mr. Fine clarified specific questions from the Board regarding the Brown Act.

Mrs. Wilcox asked for clarification on negotiations topics in Closed Session.

The Board Bylaws will be presented to the Governing Board for a second reading on June 26, 2007.

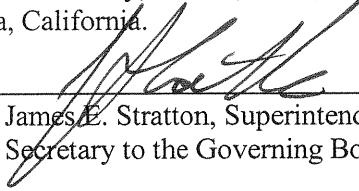
3. **Consent Agenda**

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, 19-06-07.** The Board approved the following Personnel Items:
Certificated: Summer School Hires: Nicole Baird, Lindsay Bozzani, Kathryn Wullschlager. Modification: Todd Kissell. Resignation: Andrea Coates, Tracy Hughes, Mercy Jesudass, Elaine Leibl, Oksana Sandefur. *Classified:* Summer School Hires: Roubina Barkhordarian, Heather Bursch, Katherine Camarena, Silvia Cordova, Anthea Hannivall, Vanoushik Hayrepetian, Jennifer Jackson, Vineda Mitchell, Jill Neubrand, Vicky Newmann, Armineh Ovasapians, Tracy Prehn, Bonnie Robinson, Karen Rosset, Ashleigh Valentine, Rickie Wang, Diane Yuen.

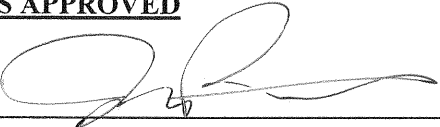
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 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

7/12/07

Date

