

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

February 5, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Susan Boyd on February 5, 2008, in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Susan Boyd, Joel Peterson, Jeanne Broberg, Cindy Wilcox, and Scott Tracy.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada, California. Present were the five Board Members, Superintendent James Stratton and Assistant Superintendent Mike Leininger. Closed session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mrs. Susan Boyd, President
- Mr. Joel Peterson, Vice President
- Mrs. Jeanne Broberg, Clerk
- Mrs. Cindy Wilcox, Member
- Mr. Scott Tracy, Member

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. in the Round Building at 4490 Cornishon Avenue in La Canada. Present were the five Governing Board Members, Mr. Stratton, Dr. Leininger and Executive Secretary to the Superintendent Kim Bergner. There were approximately 16 people in the audience. Mrs. Boyd asked Randy Boal to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Boyd reported there was no action taken in closed session.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No agenda modifications were requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Boyd stated that the minutes of the December 11, 2007, meeting of the Governing Board and January 30, 2008, meeting of the Governing Board had been distributed to the Governing Board Members in advance for review. The minutes of December 11, 2007, and January 30, 2008, were approved as presented.

REPORTS

1. **Student Representative**
Mr. Heller was not present.
2. **Superintendent's Report**
 - a) LCJBSA gift and recognition - The La Canada Jr. Baseball and Softball Association has recently made a commitment to contribute to the Oakgrove Field Restroom project. The

Association has reached its goal and is presenting a check tonight in the amount of \$35,000 as its contribution to the project. Governing Board President Mrs. Boyd received the check on behalf of the district.

- b) Staff retirement (2007) recognition – Recent La Cañada Unified retirees Randy Boal, Claudia Beach and Aileen Peterson were presented with a retirement plaque on behalf of the district and Governing Board. Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Stratton thanked these three members for their commitment and contributions to the district.
- c) Progress Report on 2007-08 District Goals

Mr. Stratton announced that the district principals and directors were present to share progress on the 2007-08 district goals. Mr. Stratton reported that specific details would focus on new initiatives or existing programs receiving special attention this year.

- Mr. Stratton introduced Paradise Canyon Elementary principal Donna Robinson and La Cañada High School principal Dr. Damon Dragos who discussed progress in Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment K – 12.

Mr. Tracy was pleased to hear about the coordination with JPL and CalTech for instructional resources.

- Palm Crest Elementary principal Anais Wenn and La Cañada High School assistant principal Kevin Buchanan provided an overview of successes in Student Support.

The Board commented positively on the progress in the various student interventions.

- Director of Assessment Lindi Arthur and 7/8 Principal Wendy Sinnette reported on Staff Development.

Mr. Peterson thanked the teachers and staff who focus on Special Education. He has seen substantive progress in the program.

- Director of Technology Enoch Kwok reported on achievements in Technology.

Mr. Kwok reported that just today he received notification from the state that the 5 year Technology Master plan has been approved by the State. He will bring this to the Board for approval at a future date.

Mr. Tracy asked Mr. Kwok when the high school will see improvement in its internet connections. Mr. Kwok responded that his goal is to have the updated service ready by April.

- Dr. Leininger reported on Facilities progress.
- Dr. Leininger provided an update on financial management.

Mrs. Wilcox asked for clarification on the ROP costs. Mr. Buchanan reported that the county reimburses the district for students in the ROP program and stated that the ROP classes are self-sustaining.

- Director of Special Education Dr. Jackson reported on Communications & Decision making.

Mr. Stratton thanked staff and stated that this presentation is a tribute to all the hard work that is being done at the sites.

3. **President's Report**
Mrs. Boyd deferred her report.
4. **Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations Report**
Dr. Leininger deferred his report.

OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS BOARD

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Mandy Redfern, LCTA President – Governor's Proposed Budget
Donna Shepphard – La Canada Books and Toys, donated books to sites

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

1. First Reading

- a. **Approval of 2008-09 District Goals, R94-07-08.** This is a first reading only. Mr. Stratton reported that any recommendations discussed will go to Curriculum Council and will be brought back to the Board.

Mrs. Wilcox requested language change to III A for performance based compensation and III D for routine surveys of students and parents. Mr. Peterson suggested gender factors be considered in item II C 2.

Mrs. Broberg would like to encourage the high school to keep proper standards in the content of assemblies. This would be addressed in the site's implementation steps.

The Board thanked staff for the PowerPoint presentation on the Education Goals progress stating it was appreciated and very helpful.

- b. ***Resolution 9-07-08 opposing the Governor's Proposed Budget.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Wilcox) to adopt Resolution 9-07-08 Opposing the Governor's Proposed Budget. Mr. Stratton reported on the potential impact of the Governor's cuts to the district this year, next year and the following year. Potentially, this year the district could lose over \$100,000 in revenue. Next year, the district could see over a \$1 million dollar loss. It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Peterson) to modify the 6th paragraph to include the word "increasingly" between the words "meeting" and "rigorous". The motion to modify paragraph 6 as stated was approved unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Broberg) to amend the last paragraph to read, "BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Cañada Unified School District strongly opposes the Governor's 2008-09 education related budget proposals and urges the Governor and Legislature to discuss all possibilities to solve the budget crises while materially maintaining Proposition 98 and mandated program funding." The motion to modify the last paragraph of the Resolution as stated was approved unanimously. The motion to adopted Resolution 9-07-08 was adopted unanimously as amended.

2. Second Reading

- a. **Request to go to Bid for PCR Multipurpose Room Project, R77-07-08.**
- b. **Request to go to Bid for PCY Multipurpose Room Project, R78-07-08.**

- c. **Request to go to Bid for LCHS Bldg A 1st, 2nd & 3rd floors modernization, R82-07-08**

It was moved and seconded (Tracy/Wilcox) to consider all three items under Second Reading together. The motion to consider all three items together was adopted unanimously. The motion to approve all three items was adopted unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Personnel Report, P9-07-08.** The Board approved the following Personnel Items: *Certificated:* New Hires: Janice Vessey. Leave of Absence: Monique Willshire. Retirement: Larry Naeve. Resignation: Joseph Mearing. *Classified:* New Hires: Laura Deans, Christina Ordaz, Kanda Lawson, Robina Barkhordarian. Resignation: Gina Leemhuis. Leave of Absence: Seham Hanna.
- b. **Approval of CSEA reclassification, R85-07-08.** The Board approved the CSEA reclassifications for the Paraprofessional II to Paraprofessional III with range change, Security-LCHS to Security LCHS range change, Library Coordinator K-8 to Library Coordinator K-6 and range change.
- c. **Approval of CSEA Job Descriptions, R86-07-08.** The Board approved CSEA job description modifications for Paraprofessional III, Security LCHS, Library Coordinator K-6 and Library Coordinator 7-8.
- d. **Request to go to bid for Oakgrove Field restrooms, R91-07-08.** The Board approved the request to go to bid for the Oakgrove Field restrooms.
- e. **Request to go to bid for Roofing at FIS Bldgs., E,I, and J, R92-07-08.** The Board approved the request to go to bid for roofing at FIS Bldgs. E, I. and J.
- f. **Request to go to bid for re-grade and asphalt of Oak Grove parking lot, R93-07-08.** The Board approved the request to go to bid for re-grade and asphalt of Oak Grove parking lot.
- g. **Surplus of Equipment, R95-07-08.** The Board approved the surplus of equipment at the high school.
- h. **Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with South Pasadena Unified, R88-070-8.** The Board approved the five-year Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with South Pasadena Unified.
- i. **Gifts to District, R87-070-8.** The Board approved the Gifts to the District as presented.
- j. **Purchase Order List #9-07-08.** The Board approved Purchase Order List #9-07-08.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stratton requested a Special Board workshop to discuss the demographics study. The Board agreed and scheduled the workshop for February 19th at 6 pm, with an alternate date on the 20th at 6 pm. A press release will be sent out once the date is confirmed with Davis Demographics.

Mrs. Wilcox asked if the Palm Drive district office property is coming to the Board on February 26th and if a press release will be sent. Mr. Stratton confirmed the sale of the property will come to the Board on February 26th and that a press release will be sent out tomorrow.

Mrs. Wilcox would like to tour the elementary schools before the decision to sell the Palm Drive property comes to the Governing Board. Interested Board members will coordinate with Ms. Bergner.

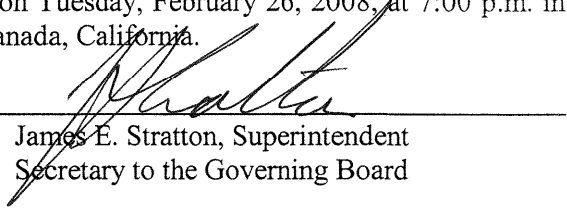
Mrs. Wilcox requested a copy of the legal process to sell the Palm Drive district office property. This information will be provided in TWIR.

Mrs. Boyd discussed a fundraiser that Beverly Hills Unified does regarding cooking classes and asked about the ability to make district facilities available for fundraising

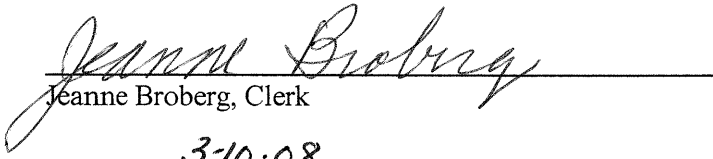
Mrs. Boyd reported that the Boosters have purchased a mini Zamboni for the high school gym floors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 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


Jeanne Broberg, Clerk

3-10-08

Date

