

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

May 21, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Jinny Dalbeck on May 21, 2002 at La Cañada Elementary School at 4540 Encinas Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Jinny Dalbeck, Ron Dietel, and Meredith Reynolds, and Superintendent Sue Leabo. The Board conducted a walk-through of La Cañada Elementary School and La Cañada High School 600 Building.

**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 three 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  
Mrs. Meredith Reynolds, Clerk  
Mr. Ron Dietel, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Scott Tracy, Vice President  
Mr. Andy Beattie, Member

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center. Present were the three Governing Board Members, Dr. Leabo, Jim Stratton, Dave Banis, and Secretary to the Superintendent Judy Mellick. There were approximately 30 people in the audience. Mrs. Dalbeck asked Past PTA Council President Karen Mathison to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Dalbeck stated that the minutes of the May 7, 2002 regular meeting of the Governing Board had been distributed to the Governing Board Members in advance for review. The minutes of the May 7, 2002 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

**REPORTS**

1. **Superintendent's Report**
  - a. **FMP Committee Meeting Update** – Dr. Leabo reported that the first round of site meetings has taken place, but they were not well attended. There will be another round of meetings beginning May 28.
  - b. **Library Usage** – Dr. Leabo reported that the first few weeks of joint usage of the library have been successful. There are approximately 20-30 people using the library on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, mostly students. There are very small numbers using the library on Saturday. It appears that use is good except on Saturdays.
  - c. **State Budget Update** – Sue introduced Chief Business Officer Dave Banis. Mr. Banis reported on the May Revision of the Governor's proposed state budget for 2002-03. The legislature must still act upon these proposals, so changes can, and probably will, occur before the final budget is approved. Mr. Banis reported that the Governor plans to balance the budget by various means, including reduction of programs, loans, deferrals, and increased Federal funding. One of the deferrals directly affects education, that being the deferral of \$1.149 billion in mostly undisbursed education allocations. Revenues are projected to be lower than anticipated in January. The Governor plans to use much of the federal funds for K-12 state expenditures to supplement the education budget. The Governor proposes a one-year suspension of the Vehicle License Fee reduction, which will provide almost \$1.3 billion. The Governor indicated that K-12 education, as his number one priority, must be maintained and the characteristics of Proposition 98 protected. The Governor proposes to fund education at \$31.454 billion.
  
2. **Student Representative Report** – The Student Representative was not present at the meeting due to rehearsal for the Spring Musical.
  
3. **President's Report** – Mrs. Dalbeck reported that AB 2160 is going to be put in a suspense file. There have been meetings the last four days with ACSA, CSBA, CTA and Jackie Goldberg, the author of AB 2160, and they have come up with new language for a new bill. This bill will go to the assembly floor on Friday and will be voted on. It is narrower in scope. The bill will then move to the Senate and will be heard in Committee. If changes are made in the Senate, then the bill will go back to the Assembly.

**Opportunity to address Board**

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Annie Honch, 4629 Palm Drive  
 Sean Mispagel, Paradise Canyon teacher  
 Jeanine Kaufman, La Cañada Elementary teacher  
 Shannon Snaer, Paradise Canyon teacher  
 John Herkert, Paradise Canyon teacher  
 Meg Campbell, 5089 Fallhaven Lane  
 Geoff Bywater, 754 Forest Green  
 Bob Chersi, 5280 Stardust Road  
 Mary Jane Hufstedler, LCHS teacher  
 Richard Weld, LCHS teacher,

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**

1. **First Reading**
  - a. **\*Approve Amended Joint Powers Agreement with School Employers Association, R215-01-02.** It was moved and seconded (Reynolds/Dietel) to approve the Amended

Joint Powers Agreement with School Employers Association. Dr. Leabo explained that the District has had a long-standing relationship with this organization, which provides information and recommendations on personnel issues. The group is restructuring and needs a vote of members in order to restructure. The motion to approve the Amended Joint Powers Agreement with School Employers Association was adopted unanimously.

- b. **\*Approve Supplemental Agreement #02-3 – Skate Park Facility, R225-01-02.** It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Reynolds) to approve Supplemental Agreement #02-3 – Skate Park Facility. Mrs. Reynolds explained that this supplemental agreement was in place for about 1 year. The skate park has been very successful, well attended, with few injuries. There have been some concerns from neighbors regarding traffic congestion, but this is not necessarily from just the skate park. The agreement is a restatement of all the pilot agreements, with the change to continue the skate park for as long as the overall Joint Use Agreement is in place. It was moved and seconded (Reynolds/Dietel) to amend the motion to reflect the changes received today in Section V-B-3 on page 4. The motion to amend Supplemental Agreement #02-3 was adopted unanimously. The motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #02-3 – Skate Park Facility was adopted unanimously.
- c. **Approve Proposed Agreement between California School Employees Association and La Cañada Unified School District, R229-01-02.** This item is for first reading only. Mr. Banis explained that the District has reached a tentative agreement with CSEA for a three year contract. CSEA President Debbie Pierce addressed the Board on this issue. This contract will be brought back at the next Board meeting for approval.

### 3. Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Personnel Report, P25-01-02.**
- b. **Approve Modification of Assistant Principal Job Description, R226-01-02.**
- c. **Job Descriptions, R214-01-02.**
- d. **Approve CSEA Calendar, R224-01-02.**
- e. **Special Activity: LCHS Band and Guard to Band Camp, R227-01-02.**
- f. **Award Contract for Chiller/Boiler Replacement at LCHS, R216-01-02.**
- g. **Notice of Completion, R217-01-02.**
- h. **Accept Bid for Waste Disposal Services, R219-01-92.**
- i. **Accept Bid for Fire Protection Services, R220-01-02.**
- j. **Accept Bid for Fire Extinguisher Services, R221-02-02.**
- k. **Accept Bid for Pest Control Services, R222-01-02.**
- l. **Accept Bid for Transportation Services, R223-01-02.**
- m. **Gifts, R218-01-02.**
- n. **Purchase Order List #16.**

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Dalbeck asked for clarification on the Joint Use Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to the District's 28-step Capital Improvement Administrative Regulation. Mrs. Reynolds explained that, according to the Joint Use agreement, all items must go to the Joint Use Committee to be approved and then to the School District and City Council to be approved. The items on the Joint Use Capital Improvement Plan are only items for discussion and possible consideration by the Committee. They would not be put in the Facilities Master Plan until they are thoroughly studied. Mrs. Reynolds said the District should add this item to the agenda for the next Joint Use meeting.

Mrs. Dalbeck reported that Mrs. Reynolds had spoken with her about giving commendation to Girl Scouts who are receiving the Gold award. Mrs. Dalbeck pointed out that some of the recipients do not attend La Cañada Schools. She suggested that the Board should have a discussion on when commendations are given, to whom and why.

Mrs. Dalbeck directed staff to work on drafting a policy on recognition.

Mrs. Reynolds reported that she would be attending the Foothills graduation on June 14. Mr. Stratton pointed out that it is not actually a graduation, but a celebration and a barbecue. He said it will be in the outside foyer area of Foothills School on Friday, June 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Dietel reported that a major Special Education conference was held at the high school on Saturday, which was attended by over 350 people. The keynote speaker was outstanding. Mr. Dietel also reported that the Community Prevention Council had its last program on May 17. There were 25 people in attendance. 7/8 Principal Gaylene van Zijll, two 7/8 counselors, and a Sheriff's Deputy were presenters. Mr. Dietel also reported that he will be making a presentation to the National PTA in San Antonio in June.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 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