

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

May 7, 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 May 7, 2002 in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Andy Beattie, Jinny Dalbeck, Ron Dietel, Meredith Reynolds, 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 five Board Members. Superintendent Sue Leabo, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jim Stratton, and Chief Business Officer Dave Banis joined the Board at 5:30 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 7:03 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 7:08 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center. Present were the four Governing Board Members, Dr. Leabo, Jim Stratton, Dave Banis, and Secretary to the Superintendent Judy Mellick. There were approximately 15 people in the audience. Mrs. Dalbeck asked substitute Student Representative Tricia Linden 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.

Mrs. Dalbeck welcomed Dave Banis, new Chief Business Officer and Tricia Linden, substitute Student Representative.

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 MINUTES

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

REPORTS**1. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Leabo acknowledged the Day of the Teacher and expressed her thanks to the teachers for all they do.

Dr. Leabo also reported that she attended a Superintendent conference in San Diego. She shared information on the Joint Committee Master Plan for Education for California. This plan involves restructuring education, particularly in the area of governance. The plan suggests removing the Superintendent of Public Instruction and have all education issues run by the governor. It is a very complex and thorough report. Mrs. Dalbeck reported that Assembly Member Carol Liu is sitting on the executive committee that will hear the executive summaries of the master plan.

Dr. Leabo reported that there was some vandalism at the high school. Someone tried to cut down a tree. The damage was so great that the tree had to be removed.

2. Student Representative Report

Substitute Student Representative Tricia Linden reported that Prom was a huge success. She reported that people maintained a nice sense of decorum throughout the evening. She also reported that this is a stressful time at the high school, with SATs, college entries, etc. There is a lot of focus among the students to shine as a school.

3. President's Report

Mrs. Dalbeck expressed special thanks to Penny Ledbetter, Andrea Terry and Dawn Witte, who worked so hard to bring a PTA resolution on playground safety that has now passed the state level and moved on to the national level.

Opportunity to address Board

The following audience members addressed the Board:

Sally Kalaghan, 4228 Chula Senda Lane
Cindy Wilcox, 4408 Union

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS**1. First Reading**

a. *Resolution #24-01-02 Day of the Teacher. It was moved and seconded (Tracy/Dietel) to approve Resolution #24-01-02 Proclaiming May 7, 2002 as Day of the Teacher. Dr. Leabo explained that it is the first item on the agenda because it is so important to recognize teachers. Mrs. Dalbeck also thanked the teachers for all they do, as did Mr. Beattie. Mr. Dietel expressed his appreciation and also thanked the PTA for their work on the teacher appreciation. Mr. Tracy also expressed his appreciation to the teachers. The motion to approve Resolution #24-01-02 Proclaiming May 7, 2002 as Day of the Teacher was adopted unanimously.

b. *Resolution #23-01-02 Classified School Employees Week. It was moved and seconded (Beattie/Tracy) to approve Resolution #23-01-02 Proclaiming May 19-25 as Classified School Employees Week. Dr. Leabo thanked the classified staff for all their work. The Board members also expressed their gratitude to classified staff. The motion to approve Resolution #23-01-02 Classified School Employees Week was adopted unanimously.

c. *Declaration of Need for Qualified Educators, R199-01-02. It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Beattie) to approve the Declaration of Need for Qualified Educators. Dr. Leabo explained that every year the District has a need to hire a few individuals that have emergency credentials. The areas of anticipated need for next year are math, science, and adaptive PE. In order to hire a teacher with an emergency credential, it is

necessary to have a declaration of need on file with the state. The motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Qualified Educators was adopted unanimously.

- d. *Variable Term Waiver Request, R201-01-02.** It was moved and seconded (Beattie/Dietel) to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request. Dr. Leabo explained that the District has employed a temporary teacher at Foothills School who has not yet completed credential requirements. Since substitute teachers may not teach longer than 30 days in the same class, the District must request a waiver in order for the teacher to finish the year. The motion to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request was adopted unanimously.
- e. *Amendment to Five-Star Coalition Legislative Action Agenda, R213-01-02.** It was moved and seconded (Tracy/Dietel) to approve the amendment to Five-Star Coalition Legislative Action Agenda. Mrs. Dalbeck explained that the Five-Star Coalition has made recommendations for positions on several pieces of legislation currently under consideration at the state level. Legislative advocacy on behalf of the Coalition will represent the common position of all member districts. Following are the bills and recommended positions:
- AB 520 – Oppose.
 - AB 1888 – Support.
 - AB 2093 – Support.
 - AB 2160 – Oppose.
 - SB 1253 – Support.
 - SB 1419 – Oppose.
 - SB 1646 - Support.
 - SB 1968 – Oppose.

The following people addressed the Board on this issue:

Richard Weld, LCTA President
 Lauren Oakes, 4708 Gould
 Cindy Wilcox, 4408 Union

Following discussion, the Board was unanimous in their opposition to AB 2160.

The motion to approve the amendment to Five-Star Coalition Legislative Action Agenda was adopted unanimously.

- f. *Resolution #22-01-02 Certification of Signatures.** It was moved and seconded (Dietel/Tracy) to approve Resolution #22-01-02 Certification of Signatures. Mr. Banis explained that the Board must authorize certain individuals to sign warrants, contracts, etc. This Certification of Signatures adds Mr. Banis as a signatory. The motion to approve Resolution #22-01-02 Certification of Signatures was adopted unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Personnel Report, P24-01-02.**
- b. Special Activity: Palpitating Panthers to Hawaii and Tennessee, R207-01-02.**
- c. Textbook Disposal, R212-01-02.**
- d. Intern Candidates Partnership between La Cañada Unified School District and Point Loma Nazarene University/Arcadia – MOU, R210-01-02/**

- e. **Amendment to Student Teaching Agreement with Cal State Northridge, R211-01-02.**
- f. **Non-Public School Non-Public Agency Contracts, R202-01-02.**
- g. **Request for Claim Settlement, R200-01-02.**
- h. **ROP Surplus, R201-01-02.**
- i. **CEC Summer Lease, R204-01-02**
- j. **Change Orders for Phase 2 Library, R205-01-02.**
- k. **Notice of Completion, R208-01-02.**
- l. **Change Orders for Elementary Schools Phase 2, R209-01-02.**
- m. **Gifts, R206-01-02.**
- n. **Purchase Order List #15.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Beattie reported that the La Cañada High School Boosters Association golf tournament took place on Monday. The attendance increased from 96 last year to 140 this year. The benefits go to high school extra-curricular and other activities. The amount that will go to the school will be approximately \$130,000 for this year. Mr. Beattie offered congratulations to Russ Glauber, chair of the event.

Mr. Dietel reported that the Community Prevention Council (CPC) will have its last forum on May 16, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Featured speakers will be Gaylene van Zijll, the 7/8 counselor, and Deputy Pat Murphy. Mr. Dietel passed out copies of the “Small Book of Big Issues.” This book includes recommendations on how to prevent drug and alcohol use.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:09 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 10:10 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Cañada High School Information Resource Center.

Sue Leabo, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Meredith Reynolds, Clerk

Date