

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

July 11, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of La Cañada Unified School District was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Meredith Reynolds on July 11, 2000 in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Meredith Reynolds, Jeanne Broberg and Jinny Dalbeck, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Maureen Saul and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. in the La Cañada High School 7/8 Library. Present were three Board Members, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Maureen Saul and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo. Closed Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken during Closed Session.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Meredith Reynolds, President
Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Member
Mrs. Jeanne Broberg, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Moffitt, Vice President
Mrs. Barbara Racklin, Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. by Mrs. Reynolds in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library. Present were the three present Governing Board Members, Mrs. Gonia, Dr. Saul, Dr. Leabo, Director of Instructional Technology and Special Projects Bob Brauneisen and Secretary to the Superintendent Sandra Hakman. There were approximately 17 people in the audience. Mrs. Reynolds asked La Cañada High School teacher, Charmene Vega, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Reynolds said that the minutes of the June 9 and June 20, 2000 meetings of the Governing Board had been distributed to the Governing Board Members in advance for review. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mrs. Reynolds announced that this was the last board meeting for Assistant Superintendent of Business Maureen Saul who is leaving to become an Associate Superintendent in Chino Valley Unified and for retiring Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Sandra Hakman. Mrs. Reynolds presented

plaques and flowers to Dr. Saul and Mrs. Hakman and thanked them for their service to the district. Mrs. Broberg, Mrs. Dalbeck and Superintendent Gonía expressed their appreciation and good wishes to Dr. Saul and Mrs. Hakman.

The following members of the audience addressed the Board:

Sue Berta, 2000-2001 Foothills School PTSA President of 275 Starlane Drive in La Cañada
 Father John Day, Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in La Cañada
 Barry Riedel of 1355 ½ Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada
 Jody Shoemake of 4852 La Cañada Boulevard in La Canada

- a. ***Computer Lease Agreement, R5-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Dalbeck) that the computer lease agreement be approved. Bob Brauneisen presented the proposal to lease 264 Celeron computers from Compaq for every K-8 classroom and for computer labs at each site. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- b. ***Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, R2-00-01.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Broberg) to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo requested approval of this document, which is required annually in order to employ teachers who have not completed all their credential requirements in their teaching subject area. It was emphasized that this is a boiler plate action. LCUSD does everything possible to avoid having teachers on emergency credentials. The motion was adopted unanimously.

2. Second Reading

- a. **Resolution 32-99-00: Charter School Planning Grant Application.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Reynolds) to approve Resolution 32-99-00 to participate as a joint LEA applicant in a planning grant application requested by La Cañada High School teacher Charmene Vega. Mrs. Gonía reviewed a minor revision of the document since it was presented for a first reading at the June 20, 2000 Board Meeting. Condition 2, *Ms. Vega agrees to use all planning grant funding in a manner that will not negatively impact the fiscal or staff resources or time of the District.* is revised to read, *District will bill all state-approved indirect costs and actual direct costs which apply to the District to the grant amount.* Charmene Vega was comfortable with the changes. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- b. **Proposal for Use of Chilao Property, R209-99-00.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Dalbeck) to approve the proposal for use of the Chilao property, which was presented for a first reading at the June 20, 2000 Board Meeting. Dr. Saul presented the proposal from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department for use of the Chilao property, granting district use of the property for educational purposes. She said that the proposal had been revised to allow the district more time to use the property. Charles Norris from Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station was in attendance to answer questions. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- c. **English Department Literature Options, R212-99-00.** It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Dalbeck) that the La Cañada High School English Department literature options for English I (ninth grade) and English II (tenth grade) be approved. La Cañada High School Associate Principal Lindi Dreibelbis Arthur and La Cañada High School English teachers Mary Walsten and Patricia Anselm were present to answer questions. The proposed additions to the optional literature lists for LCHS English classes, which are proposed by the La Cañada High School English Department, were presented for a first reading at the June 20, 2000 Board Meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

- d. **Proposals for LCHS English 3-4 Electives and Summer 3-4 Honors AP, R213-99-00.** It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Reynolds) that the LCHS English 3-4 Electives and Summer 3-4 Honors AP classes be approved. Mrs. Gonia said that these English 3-4 electives and summer AP classes, proposed by LCHS English Department were presented by Mr. Stratton at the June 20, 2000 Board Meeting. Lindi Dreibelbis Arthur, Mary Walsten and Patricia Anselm answered questions from the Board. Mrs. Arthur clarified that each semester has a core theme, and it is not literally an elective program. There was discussion of taking care to use books that would not have been previously read in an English class.

Mrs. Broberg asked questions concerning inclusion of “Hamlet” in the Literature of War course, which focuses on World War I. Mrs. Anselm said that “Hamlet” had been listed in error.

There was discussion of Mrs. Broberg’s suggestion to offer a list of books to be used in these classes rather than asking for approval of the entire curriculum. There was discussion of the handling of permission slips to view R rated films.

Mrs. Broberg questioned the use of the book, The Bell Jar, in the course entitled, “Women at Work” and the film, Beloved in “Mystical Literature. There was discussion of Mrs. Broberg’s questions as well as the opportunities students have to choose other English curriculum.

Mrs. Broberg moved that the motion be amended by removing the course “Women at Work” to be approved at a later date. There was no second to the motion.

Mrs. Reynolds called for a vote on the original motion. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Dalbeck voted aye. Mrs. Broberg voted nay. The motion was adopted two to one.

- e. **Proposed LCHS Graduation Requirements, R221-99-00.** . It was moved and seconded (Dalbeck/Reynolds) that the revised graduation requirements be approved. Superintendent Gonia presented the proposed revised graduation requirements, which had been presented for a first reading at the June 20, 2000 Board Meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Personnel Report, P1-00-01.** *Certificated:* 2000-2001 New Hires Leslie Baldwin, Kathy Kaze, Carrie Leininger, Corinne Ritter. Summer Employment of Elementary Intervention Math and Reading Class Teachers Caroline Kato, Jamie Suk and Vanessa Balderrama. Leave of Absence for Robert Berger. Resignations of Teachers Andrea Balsky, Bonnie Mitchell and Frank Nelson. Retirement of Teacher Sara Phillips. *Classified:* Summer Employment of Special Education Paraprofessional Sean Harman. 25% Unpaid Leave of Absence for Computer Lab Facilitator Jeanine Bentz. Resignation of Paraprofessional Laurel Bates. Release of Employee 556-02-1802. *CMSA:* Resignation of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Maureen Saul.
- b. **Textbook: LCHS 10th Grade, World History Connections to TodayR219-99-00.** This textbook is for use in the La Cañada High School 10th grade World History classes.
- c. **Textbook for LCHS Chemistry 1P: Chemistry, Visualizing Matter, R214-99-00.** This textbook is for use in La Cañada High School chemistry classes.
- d. **Textbook for LCHS Environmental Science, Living in the Environment, R215-99-00.** This textbook is for use in La Cañada High School Environmental Science class.

- e. **Textbook for Grades K-6, Social Studies, Harcourt-Brace, R222-99-00.** This textbook has been adopted by the state for use in elementary social studies classes.
- f. **Amendment to Settlement Agreement #SN454-99, R3-00-01.** This is an amendment to a settlement agreement, which was approved on April 18, 2000.
- g. **Non-Public School/Agencies Contracts, R4-00-00.** These are contracts for students with special needs.
- h. **Authorization to Enter Into a Contract for Construction Management Services, R211-99-00.** This is a request from the Business Office to award a contract for construction management services.
- i. **Authorization to Enter into Contracts for Legal Services, R3-99-00.** The Business Office is asking for authorization to enter into contracts with Miller Brown & Dannis and Anderson Romo during 2000-2001.
- j. **Gifts to the District, R1-00-01.** This is a list of donations to the district since the last regular board meeting.
- k. **Purchase Order List #17-99-00 and Purchase Order List #1-00-01.**

COMMUNICATIONS Informational communication among Board and staff members

La Cañada High School science teacher, Dr. Mark Ewoldsen shared the newly approved textbook, Living in the Environment, Tenth Edition, which has a different cover than on the sample book.

Mrs. Gonia reported that the budget committee will be formed when a new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services is in place. A recommendation will then be brought to the Board on the purpose and use of the committee and how the members should be chosen. Mrs. Dalbeck asked that the superintendent proceed with the formation of the Budget Committee if the appointment of a new Assistant Superintendent should not be made by November.

Mrs. Reynolds reported that the Bond Oversight Committee, chaired by Craig Steele, met today. She said that there are many talented people on the committee with expertise in several helpful areas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no need to reconvene Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on August 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Cañada High School 9-12 Library.

Lorene Gonia, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Barbara Racklin, Clerk, Governing Board

Date