

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

September 26, 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 September 26, 2000 in the La Cañada Elementary School Library at 4540 Encinas Drive in La Cañada, California. Present were Board Members Meredith Reynolds, Jeanne Broberg, Jinny Dalbeck, William Moffitt and Barbara Racklin, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Jim Stratton.

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. in the La Cañada Elementary School Faculty Lounge. Present were the five Board Members, Superintendent Lorene Gonia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sue Leabo and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Jim Stratton. Closed Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Meredith Reynolds, President
Mr. William Moffitt, Vice President
Mrs. Barbara Racklin, Clerk
Mrs. Jeanne Broberg, Member
Mrs. Jinny Dalbeck, Member

GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Board Priorities Workshop

Mrs. Reynolds called the workshop to order at 6:25 in the La Cañada Elementary School Library to discuss the Board's priorities. Mrs. Gonia explained that Board Policy 0200 outlines the District Goals. Each school site puts together their goals aligned with the district goals, and the tasks necessary to implement those goals. Each school plan lists the actions they are going to take for each goal. Each grade level lists their actions according to the school plans. Then individual teachers do their goals for the same areas.

Each of the Board members proposed three goals to focus on for the 2000-01 school year. They then discussed these proposed focus goals and arrived at priorities for the 2000-01 school year. The priorities for the Board this year will be Communication; Assessment, Accountability and Standards with a 7-12 focus; and Fiscal Management.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Reynolds in the La Cañada Elementary School Library. Present were the five Governing Board Members, Mrs. Gonia, Mrs. Leabo, Mr. Stratton, and Secretary to the Superintendent Judy Mellick. There were approximately 10 people in the audience. Mrs. Reynolds asked Hope Ricewasser 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 (Broberg/Moffitt) to approve the revised agenda. The motion to approve the revised agenda was adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded (Broberg/Moffitt) to approve the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Presentation of Gift from the Educational Foundation

Past President Scott Tracy and current President Craig Bockman presented a donation of \$675,000 to the District. They reported that, in addition, the Educational Foundation Endowment Fund is approaching its goal of a \$1 million in assets.. Mrs. Gonia thanked Scott Tracy and Craig Bockman for their work in the Educational Foundation. Mrs. Reynolds accepted the check from the Educational Foundation on behalf of the district. Scott Tracy thanked all donors, school families, donors without children in the district, and businesses in the area.

2. Graduate Report – Class of 2000, R48-00-01

LCHS Assistant Principal Hope Ricewasser reported on the graduating class of 2000. Each year the high school gathers information on the students in the graduating class, what schools they have attended, etc. The Class of 2000 had a total of 333 students. 325 students responded. Of the 325, 229 are attending 4-year colleges and universities. 96 students are attending 2-year colleges. 2 students are employed full time, 1 is in the Air Force, 1 in a Foreign Army and there were 4 non-graduates. The report included not only the college or university that a student attended, it also included other colleges or universities where the student was accepted.

3. English Language Development Content Standards, R51-00-01

Mr. Stratton reported on the program for students in the ELD program, which is aligned to the State standards for English Language Development. Mrs. Gonia thanked Mr. Stratton for his leadership in the development of the standards.

4. Superintendent's Report

- a. Back to School Nights: Mrs. Gonia reported that the Back to School events were very positive. It is an important time for parents to meet the teachers. Mrs. Gonia commented that she was pleased to see members of the Foundation in all classrooms.
- b. Welcome Back Picnics: Mrs. Gonia reported that the picnics were very well attended, and there was a very positive response from the community.
- c. K-12 Options Committee Meeting: Mrs. Gonia reported that letters have been sent to all members of the committee informing them that the committee will be reconvening on October 18. Mrs. Gonia will check if the meeting can be held in the new 7/8 building in a classroom. Work will start where the committee left off in July.
- d. Bond Oversight Committee Meeting: Mrs. Gonia reported that the meeting will be held on October 3 at 7 a.m. She has invited Terry Wood and Craig Windsor from Osborn Architects to attend the meeting.

First Reading

Resolution 8-00-01: Participation in L'STARSS. It was moved and seconded (Racklin/Moffitt) to bring back Resolution 3-00-01: Participation in L'STARSS consortium on the consent agenda at the October 10 meeting. Mr. Stratton explained the participation in the L'STARSS consortium, which administers, monitors and implements program quality review for all participating school districts. The motion to bring the resolution back on the consent agenda at the next meeting was adopted unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. **Approve Elementary Field Trips, R50-00-01.**
- b. **Adoption of English Language Development Content Standards, R51-00-01.**
- c. **Personnel Report, P5-00-01.** *Certificated:* Modifications: SDC Teacher Myrna McCune from 2 hours daily to 3 hours daily, Teacher Jeri L. Reck from 40% to 60%, Teacher Kathy Selsor from 60% to 40%. Leave of Absence for Psychologist Sheryl Genie. *Classified:* New Hires: Instructional Specialist Patricia Collins, 1:1 Aide Tresa Echevarria, On Call, as needed Holly Knierrium, Food Service Manager Marine Melkonian, Library Manager Ann Omae, COTA Genevieve Schorr-Hain. Modifications: PE Aide Connie Storey, .50 hours (decrease).
- d. **Notice of Completion for Judson Plumbing, R49-00-01.**
- e. **Bid Divisions for LCHS Library Project, R49-00-01.**
- f. **Gifts to the District, R46-00-01.** This is a list of donations to the district since the last regular Board meeting.
- g. **Purchase Order Lists #4-00-01 and #21-99-00**
- h. **Emergency Resolution to Replace FIS Floor, R52-00-01.**
- i. **Cash Transfer from Building Fund to State School Facilities Fund, R53-00-01.**
- j. **Approve Participation in Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Education Act of 1998, R54-00-01.**
- k. **Approve Board Policy Revisions, R43-00-01**
- l. **Rejection of Tort Claim, R55-00-01.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Broberg invited everyone to the retirement party for Sandra Hakman on Thursday, Sept. 28, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at her home. Mrs. Broberg also asked for dates for summer school.

Mrs. Dalbeck explained that the 5-star coalition meeting cannot be changed.

Mr. Moffitt reported that the Community Prevention Council is meeting Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Verdugo Hills Hospital doctors lounge. They will be sponsoring some activities for Red Ribbon Week, and will be launching fall and spring parenting forums.

Mrs. Reynolds reminded the Board about the CSBA conference and asked that the Board members let the Superintendent's secretary know within the next two days whether they will be attending. Mrs. Broberg, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Gonia confirmed they will be attending Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Reynolds reported that she, Mrs. Dalbeck and Mrs. Broberg are attending a CSBA conference on October 13 in Irvine.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no need to reconvene Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The Next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on October 10, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the La Cañada Elementary School Library.

Lorene Gonia, Superintendent
Secretary to the Governing Board

MINUTES APPROVED

Barbara Racklin, Clerk, Governing Board

Date