



LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Geronimo, California

MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, January 30, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Steve Rebscher, Chair. Members present were Steve Rebscher, Christopher Sabec, Richard Sloan, and Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman. Also present were Larry Enos, Superintendent, Amy Prescott, Business Manager, and Laura Shain, Principal. Donna Henderson recorded the minutes.
2. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: Board Members approved the Closed Session Agenda.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: There were no comments.
4. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: Board Members recessed to Closed Session, pursuant to Section # 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and/or Reassignment, requested by Lawrence H. Enos, Superintendent.
5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: Open Session was reconvened at 5:10 p.m. The Chair announced that no reportable action had been taken during Closed Session.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments.
7. APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA: Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman moved to approve. Christopher Sabec, second. Approved unanimously.

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Board Candidates Meegan Lee Ochs-Potter and Jasper S. Thelin were introduced by Steve Rebscher, Chair and each candidate gave short introductory remarks. The Board of Trustees, with the exception of Trustee Richard Sloan, proceeded to interview the candidates by alternately asking the following questions:

1. What special skills or perspectives would you bring to the board and the District?
2. What is your long term commitment to the school district and this community?
3. What do you think are the three most significant issues facing the District in the near to medium term and what do you think the district should be doing to anticipate/respond to each of these concerns?
4. How will you handle school district issues presented to you by members of the community that may involve students, parents or staff?
5. What do you believe will be your greatest challenges as a new board member?

After the question and answer session, each candidate gave closing remarks.

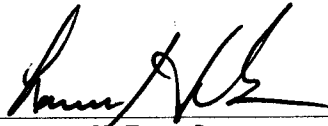
Board Members, with the exception of Trustee Richard Sloan, spoke in turn about the strengths of each of the candidates. Trustee Sloan indicated that he preferred to adhere to the results of the non-binding advisory election held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

1. **APPOINT PROVISIONAL BOARD MEMBER: Motion:** Richard Sloan moved to approve the provisional appointment of Jasper Thelin. Steve Rebscher, second. Discussion followed with each of the board members giving supportive comments to their choice of candidates. Both Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman and Christopher Sabec expressed their support of Meegan Lee Ochs-Potter for Board. Steve Rebscher called for the vote. The vote failed – 2 to 2 with Trustees Sloan and Rebscher voting to approve the motion to appoint Jasper Thelin and Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman and Christopher Sabec voting against the motion.

More discussion followed. Trustee Sloan suggested that because of the tie, the District should move to ask the Marin County Office of Education to schedule a Special County election for the appointment. Both board candidates asked to Board to make the decision rather than going forward with a special election which neither would take part in. After more discussion, Steve Rebscher indicated he was willing to give support to Meegan. **Motion:** Denise Santa Cruz-Bohman moved to approve the provisional appointment of Meegan Lee Ochs-Potter. Christopher Sabec, second. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 no (Sloan).

2. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Superintendent Larry Enos administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed provisional Board Member Meegan Lee Ochs-Potter.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD:** Larry Enos, Superintendent, announced the 30 day period during which a challenge to the appointment could be made (Education Code 5091 and 5092)

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Lawrence H. Enos, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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