

**LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Los Altos School District Board Room  
201 Covington Road, Los Altos  
November 14, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER	The Special Meeting was called to order by Mr. Cooper at 6:15 p.m.
PRESENT	Mr. Bill Cooper, President; Mr. Mark Goines, Vice-President; Mr. Doug Smith, Clerk; Ms. Tamara Logan, Member  Mrs. Margot Harrigan, Member, arrived at 7:00 p.m.
ABSENT	None
ADMINISTRATION	Mr. Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Mrs. Alyssa Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Randall Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business
STAFF	Marcy Birnie, Terry Pomposo, Niki Mitchell, Sandy Carse, Roberta Pyne, Erin Green
PRESS	Traci Newell
OTHERS	Mary Boennighausen, David Casas, Rob Dinneen, Sue Boennighausen, Jen Carlstrom, Vladimir Ivanovic, Tom Campbell, Margaret Brooks
CLOSED SESSION	The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. for anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9.
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mr. Cooper asked the public to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
CLOSED SESSION REPORT	Mr. Cooper reported the board voted in Closed Session to appeal the appellate court's decision to the California Supreme Court. The vote was 4-0, Mrs. Harrigan was absent.
AGENDA APPROVAL	MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Smith to approve the agenda of the meeting.  AYES: 5                                      NOES: 0                                      ABSENT: 0
EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD	None.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	None.

**BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS** Mr. Baier welcomed the four candidates and thanked them for their interest in serving on the board. The interview process will include six questions and each candidate will be given three minutes to answer each question. A rotation will be used for candidate responses to each of the questions. Each candidate will be given three minutes at the end of the interview for closing comments. Following public input, the board will take a short recess to individually review their notes before beginning discussions and making a possible appointment. Mrs. Harrigan will participate in the interview process and candidate discussions but will not be voting on any motions.

**BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS** The following questions were asked of each candidate:

1. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Trustees and what strengths do you bring as a member of the board?
2. As trustee, what do you see as your primary purpose or role and what do you hope to accomplish through your service on the board?
3. What are you proud of in this district?
4. What do you believe makes a board more effective? Less effective?
5. How does an effective school board ensure opportunities for parents and community members express their diverse range of views to inform board deliberation on important policy issues?
6. What questions do you have for the board to help you prepare to take on this commitment if chosen?

Sandy Carse and Jennifer Carlstrom provided public comment.

**RECESS** A recess was called at 8:35 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO SPECIAL MEETING** The meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT** The board shared the criteria they were looking for in making a provisional appointment. The discussions then focused on the candidates they felt best met the criteria set forth.

MSC: Mr. Goines, Mr. Smith to nominate Mark Boennighausen.

AYES: 2 NOES: 2 (Cooper, Logan) ABSTAIN: 0

The board continued discussions on the candidates and the criteria.

MSC: Ms. Logan, Mr. Cooper to nominate Steve Taglio.

Mr. Cooper called for a roll vote:

Ms. Logan – Aye

Mr. Smith – Aye

Mr. Goines – Aye

Mr. Cooper - Aye

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS, UPDATES, QUESTIONS, ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** The board members used this opportunity to share their participation in district and community events followed by comments and concerns.

ADJOURNMENT            The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Clerk