LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
7:00 PM
HS Library

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Wendy Chord, Bob Taylor, John Parsons and Cris Yaw
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
Administrators: Carol Patton and Dave Holmes

1. Graduation:
   A. Mrs. Miller will be absent from this year's graduation as her daughter is graduating from college the same weekend. Wendy Chord will hand out diplomas in her stead.
   B. Gladys Giberson Award for Volunteerism: Bob Taylor will do this award in Mrs. Miller's absence.
   C. A question was raised about ELL (English Language Learners) and Board *past practice* of not allowing a student who had not met all graduation requirements to "walk". In question was a particular student who had met all graduation requirements except one portion of the state testing (reading). Administrators, counselors and parents all believed his status as an ELL student was at the core of this failure. While it is understood this student will not receive a diploma until ALL criteria are met, a discussion was needed regarding participation in the ceremony. While State law makes provision for special needs students and district policy allows foreign exchange students to participate regardless of graduation requirement status, the policy is silent on participation for other students.

      After a significant amount of discussion, the Board determined that further study over the next year is necessary before a determination regarding possibly changing policy can be made. Therefore, a majority of the Board was in favor of a one year variance of their *past practice* to allow time for this study. Dr. Mansell thanked the Board for sharing their perspectives and stated he would make a decision on this particular student and let them know what was decided before graduation.

2. Book Study: *Making Learning Whole*: Because of time constraints, the Board decided to move the book study to their July retreat.

As this was a workshop meeting of the board no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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