

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tom Hunt, Board President; Mr. Brent Lee, Board Vice President; Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Board Clerk; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Member; and Dr. Angelov Farooq, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. David C. Hansen, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

There were no requests received to address the Board members regarding Closed Session items.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District Representative: David C. Hansen, Ed.D., District Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association
California School Employees Association
3. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
4. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Assistant Superintendent, Personnel – Leadership and Development, and Assistant Superintendent, Operations
5. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:
(1 case)

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:13 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to appoint Mr. Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Mrs. Kyley Ybarra, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel – Leadership and Development:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Aubrey Rhoades, 6th grade Emerson Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognition of Waudier “Woodie” Rucker-Hughes

Dr. Hansen and the Board of Education recognized Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes for her many contributions to prevent educational barriers and provide support for student success – “Every Student, Every Day”.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports were presented by Riverside STEM Academy, John W. North, Riverside Polytechnic, and Ramona High School Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen voiced that he hopes everyone had a restful Spring Break with family and friends and were able to get away for a few days.

He noted that Abraham Lincoln High School recently received the exciting news from the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson that Lincoln was being declared a “Model Continuation School”. He stated that Lincoln was recognized for its “innovative teaching approach that enables students with diverse needs to complete their high school education.” He noted that Principal Pamela Mshana said, “We are overjoyed to see all of the hard work on the part of our teachers and staff being recognized by the state’s top education official.”

Ms. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer/Governmental Relations, discussed during a recent trip that she and Dr. Hansen took to Sacramento, that they received information about our District’s credit rating that it has been assigned an Aa2 by Moody’s Investors Service and an A rating on the District’s outstanding certificates of participation.

Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, reported that RUSD’s spring testing window has opened. She stated that each school is setting their own schedule, and she thanked the schools and their staff for their work in this process. She noted that testing will continue through the end of May and will overlap with AP testing. Ms. Hill indicated that we still have a 95 percent participation requirement.

Mr. Garcia shared that 15 courses were being brought forward this evening for approval, and he highlighted the American Sign Language courses.

SECTION D – POLY CLUSTER PRESENTATION

A brief presentation was given by Principal Gary Reller, Gage Middle School and the Principals within the Poly Cluster were introduced.

SECTION E – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals spoke to the Board members regarding Special Education concerns Ms. Krista McGhee spoke about Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) concerns; Ms. Martha Oliva mentioned she is a member of Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC) and discussed Individualized Education Program (IEP) concerns; Ms. Nichole Rimport spoke about IEP concerns; Ms. Lesvta Aguilar discussed her child’s IEP that will be held tomorrow; Ms. Merced Maxe shared concerns about the IEP and evaluation process; Ms. Sara Dement, Community Advisory Chairperson discussed barriers that Special Education parents face; Ms. Sandra Huerta spoke about Special Education and IEP concerns; and Ms. Rosemary Moreno discussed IEP concerns.

The Board took a break from 7:36 to 7:42 p.m.

SECTION F – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

F.1 CSEA Presentation by Ms. Carrie Alldis, Vice President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

Ms. Carrie Alldis reported on the activities and accomplishments of the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

F.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Azin Mobasher, Treasurer, Riverside Council PTA

Ms. Azin Mobasher reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

SECTION G – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Allavie seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION H– REPORTS/DISCUSSION

H.1 Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee 2014 Annual Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Mark Cloud, Chairperson of the Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), who reviewed a PowerPoint with the Board of Education for the 2014 Annual Report.

H.2 Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Program Update

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education, and Ms. Kim Coons Leonard, Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint providing an update on the VAPA Review Committee's work and recommendations for the long-term vision of a comprehensive art plan.

SECTION I – ACTION

I.1 Resolution No. 2015/16-43 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Denying the Charter Petition for the Establishment of Options for Youth – Riverside and Adopting Findings of Fact

Mr. Garcia introduced Dr. Keyisha Holmes, Principal on Special Assignment, and Ms. Dina Harris, Partner, Best, Best & Krieger, who summarized the Proposed Findings of Fact regarding the Options for Youth Public Charter School – Riverside. It was shared that after careful review, District staff is recommending that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2015/16-43 denying the Charter Petition.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-43 Denying the Charter Petition for the Establishment of Options for Youth as presented:

- AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved to extend the Board meeting to 10:00 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

I.2 Proposed Attendance Area Adjustment for Communities Facilities District (CFD) No. 32 From Lake Mathews Elementary School to Harrison Elementary School and From Frank Augustus Miller Middle School to Chemawa Middle School – First Reading

Dr. Lewis introduced Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, who reviewed a PowerPoint sharing a proposal to transfer a future residential development, CFD No. 32, from Lake Mathews Elementary School to Harrison Elementary School

and similarly from Frank Augustus Miller Middle School to Chemawa Middle School being presented for first reading.

It was agreed that this item will be brought back to the May 2 Board meeting for second reading and approval.

I.3 Approval to Purchase Instructional Materials for Third-Sixth Grade

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Shearer who reviewed a PowerPoint requesting approval for the adoption and purchase of English-Language Arts Instructional material for use in third through sixth grade classrooms.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the purchase of *McGraw Hill – Wonders* and *Amplify* instructional materials as presented:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

I.4 Board Policy #1230 (a) – Recognition of Organized Booster and Parent Groups – Second Reading and Approval

Ms. Kakish stated that the Board was being asked to review the recommended revisions to Board Policy #1230 (a) – Recognition of Organized Booster and Parent Groups being presented for second reading and approval.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Board Policy #1230 (a) as presented:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

The Board agreed to postpone hearing Items I.5 through I.7 until the next regular Board meeting.

I.8 Resolution No. 2015/16-44 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing California Day of the Teacher, May 11, 2016

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel – Leadership and Development indicated that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2015/16-44 which recognizes May 11, 2016 as the California Day of the Teacher.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-44 as presented:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lock-Dawson
NOES: Lee
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

I.9 Resolution No. 2015/16-45 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing Classified School Employees Week – May 15-21, 2016

Mrs. Mills noted that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2015/16-45 which recognizes May 15-21, 2016, as Classified School Employees Week.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-45 as presented:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lock-Dawson
NOES: Lee
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

J.10 California School Boards Association’s (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Riverside Unified School District Representative Appointment

Dr. Hansen indicated that the Board of Education is being asked to appoint a representative to the CSBA’s Delegate Assembly to fill the position that is open due to Mr. Brent Lee’s resignation to serve as RUSD’s CSBA Delegate.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Mr. Hunt as RUSD’s CSBA Delegate to replace Mr. Lee:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

SECTION K – CONCLUSION

K.1 Board Members’ Comments

There were no comments made by the Board members.

K.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: May 2, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 9:35 p.m. in memory of Ms. Sylvia Martin-James, who passed away on March 22, she was a high school teacher and an

elementary school principal in RUSD before she retired in 1999, and Staff Sergeant Louis F. Cardin, field artilleryman with Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, was killed when an Islamic State group of militants launched a rocket attack on a coalition base in Mahmoud (U.S. Military campaign against ISIS). Staff sergeant Cardin was a graduate of Temecula's Chaparral High School Class 2006.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:35 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:45 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that no formal action was taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 10:45 p.m.

Patricia Lock-Dawson
Clerk
Board of Education