

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Tom Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:32 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.

Mr. Ronald O. Loveridge, Director of Center for Sustainable Suburban Development, University of California, Riverside, provided information about the upcoming Special Luncheon with Robert Putnam. He shared due to a scheduling conflict, he would not be able to present later during the Open Session of the meeting and would reschedule his presentation for a future Board meeting.

**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 4:38 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: Middle School Assistant Principal
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 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to appoint Ms. Magdalena Zepeda, Central Middle School Assistant Principal:

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

**RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL MARINE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Marco Manzanilla, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Patricia Beatty Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

The Magnolia Elementary School Advanced Band performed for the Board members.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS**

**A.1 Profile of the City of Riverside, University of California, Riverside (UCR)**

Mr. Ronald Loveridge will bring his presentation back to a future Board meeting.

**A.2 Plaque Presentation for Kiwanis Club of Riverside**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12 and Ms. Adela Flores-Bertrand, Instructional Services Specialist, recognized Mr. Ben Orozco and Mr. Booker Huling, from the Kiwanis Club of Riverside, and presented them with a plaque for providing dictionaries to RUSD third grade students for the past 10 years.

**SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

**B.1 Reports were presented by Educational Options Center (EOC)/Riverside Virtual School, Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln High School Student Board Representatives.**

**SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Hansen discussed that Read Across America Day was held last week and he along with our Board members were busy reading at several of our school sites including Harrison, Alcott, Longfellow, and Jackson.

Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education, shared some highlights about Reading by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade including data, professional development, and small group support.

Dr. Hansen congratulated Poly High School’s Mock Trial Team who won the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Riverside County Mock Trial Championship on Saturday. He highlighted several winter sport programs and commended our amazing student athletes: King’s Wrestling took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state tournament; North’s Boys’ Basketball CIF Champions;

North Girls' Basketball CIF Quarter Finals; Girls' Water Polo – King High School CIF Champions and Poly High School CIF Finals; Boys' Soccer – Arlington High School CIF Quarter Finals; Girls' Soccer – King High School CIF Semi Finals and Poly High School CIF Quarter Finals.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, noted on February 20 the Completion Counts Middle School Conference was held at Gage Middle School. She reported that summer camp for reading will include 14 of our elementary schools with 2,100 students. She stated that the validation visit for Bryant Elementary School's California Gold Ribbon Award is scheduled for March 23. Mrs. Carmen Day said the Special Education Prom is scheduled for this Friday, March 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Riverside Marriott.

**SECTION D – NORTH CLUSTER PRESENTATION**

A brief presentation was given by Principal Donna Dorsey, Highland Elementary School and the Principals within the North Cluster were introduced.

**SECTION E – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individual spoke to the Board members regarding consideration for rehiring: Mr. Robert Hudson.

**SECTION F – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**F.1 RASM Presentation by Mr. Victor Cisneros, Riverside Association of School Managers**

Mr. Victor Cisneros reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Association of School Managers (RASM).

**F.2 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

Mr. Tim Martin reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA).

**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 Encore Charter School of the Arts – Riverside Update/Annual Report**

Mr. Antonio Garcia introduced Mr. Steven Dekany, Executive Director, who provided a PowerPoint sharing an update to the Board of Education as stipulated in the Charter guidelines, including finances, academic achievements, and enrollment.

**H.2 Non-Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying**

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, introduced Mr. Gary McGuire, Assistant Director, Pupil Services, and Mrs. Lanna Goffman, Child Welfare and Attendance Manager, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding RUSD policies, procedures, practices, and initiatives related to non-discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

**H.3 Cal200 PE Minutes Settlement Report**

Mr. Brad Shearer and Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, shared a report on the status of compliance with the Cal200 minutes Settlement.

**H.4 2016-2017 Adopted School Calendar**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel – Leadership and Development, reviewed a PowerPoint discussing that the Riverside Unified School District approved the Standard Calendar for the 2016-17 school year and stated this was being brought forward to discuss the December 2016 and January 2017 school calendar days and if student attendance would be affected by students being released too close to the holidays.

Mr. Hunt asked that this item be brought back to the next Board meeting as an Action Item and obtain feedback from the PTA and employee associations.

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved to hear Item J.5. next in the agenda by the following roll call vote:

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

**J.5 Board Policy #1230 (a) – Recognition of Organized Booster and Parent Groups – First Reading**

Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer/Governmental Relations, stated that the Board of Education was being asked to review the recommended revisions to Board Policy #1230 (a) – Recognition of Organized Booster and Parent Groups being presented for first reading.

It was agreed that this item would be brought back to the Board for second reading with the recommended changes. Mrs. Kakish will also work with the school sites on additional language.

The Board members took a break from 8:42 to 8:55 p.m.

**SECTION I – PUBLIC HEARING**

**I.1 Public Hearing – Charter School Petition Review Options for Youth**

Mr. Hunt opened the Public Hearing at 8:56 p.m.

Mr. Antonio Garcia noted that the Board of Education is being asked to hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605(b), to consider the level of support for a petition filed for the establishment of Options for Youth Charter School.

Mr. Garcia introduced Dr. Dan Hertzler, Options for Youth Public Charter Schools, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the Charter School.

The following individuals spoke in favor of Options for Youth Public Charter Schools: Ms. Wendy Gillespie, Ms. Rosalind Spraslae, Mr. Jacob Kaakuahiwi, and Ms. Melissa Sprague.

The Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input.

Mr. Garcia stated that this item would be brought back for action at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Hunt closed the Public Hearing at 9:34 p.m.

It was moved by Dr. Farooq and seconded by Mrs. Allavie 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

**SECTION J– ACTION**

**J.1 2015-16 Second Period Interim Financial Report**

Mrs. Kakish shared that California Education Code Sections 42130 and 42131, which incorporates provisions of AB 1200, requires each district in the State of California to file interim reports twice each fiscal year. She reviewed a PowerPoint highlighting information that the second report covers the financial and budgetary status of the District for the period ending January 31, 2016.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the 2015-16 Second Period Interim Financial Report and adopt a positive certification pursuant to Education Code 42131 as presented:

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

ABSTAIN: None

**J.2 Resolution No. 2015/16-36 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District in Support of the California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative 2016, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities**

Mrs. Kakish indicated that this resolution represents Riverside Unified School District’s support of the California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative 2016, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Allavie to table this item for a future meeting.

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**J.3 Resolution No. 2015/16-38 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Amending Resolution No. 2015/16-31 Increasing the Par Amount of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, and Actions Related Thereto**

Mrs. Kakish noted that Resolution No. 2015/16-31 has been amended to provide that all references to the maximum amount of refunding bonds authorized to be issued shall be increased from \$52,000,000 to \$55,000,000.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-38 to increase the maximum amount of refunding bonds to \$55,000,000 as presented:

AYES: Allavie, Farooq, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**J.4 Resolution No. 2015/2016-37 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services**

Mrs. Mills discussed that Resolution No. 2015/2016-37 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services was being submitted for Board approval.

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. 2015/16-37 as presented:

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

It was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved to extend the Board meeting to 10:30 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

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

**J.6 Updated Board Policies for Federal Program Monitoring – First Reading**

Mr. Walker shared that the Board of Education was being asked to review the recommended updated Board Policies which were being presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the updated Board Policies for Federal Program Monitoring as presented with a few changes that Mrs. Allavie will work with staff on and waive the second reading:

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

**J.7 Consideration of 2016 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election**

Dr. Hansen discussed that election materials for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Subregion 18-A have been received and the Board can make up to six votes for the six vacancies.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve voting for Thomas D. Elliott (Perris ESD); Wendy Jonathan (Desert Sands USD); Ben Johnson, II (Alvord); Marla Kirkland (Val Verde USD); Susan E. Scott (Lake Elsinore USD); and Horacio Valenzuela (Hemet USD):

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

## **SECTION K – CONCLUSION**

### **K.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Allavie shared a University of California, Riverside (UCR) Master Plan map with the Board Members and stated that the STEM Center is located on the map. She indicated that a presentation will be made at the April 11 Board meeting by the STEM Design Team and that all feedback has been positive.

Dr. Farooq discussed speaking with Dr. Hansen about National Board Certification, and he would like to know if RCTA feels this would be a good tool for recruiting teachers.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that the Inspire Her Mind Conference was a wonderful half-day event at Bourns. She provided an update on the Ad-Hoc Committee for our students to help make them successful. She mentioned meeting with Mr. Garcia and Mr. Hansen, and they reviewed our data tracking system during the meeting. She noted that four committee meetings will be held and the first step will include analyzing the data.

Mr. Lee mentioned he liked the infographic from the Arlington Student Board Representative. He is interested in having Encore students perform at a future Board meeting. He reported that his son, Henry, will be attending the DLI program at Washington Elementary School.

Mr. Hunt said he would like the Board to consider looking at the boundary issue at Arlington. He reminded the Board members that there are five legal reasons why we as a Board can vote against a charter school. As a reminder, he said the reception for Mr. Vanderzyl and Mr. Littleworth is scheduled for March 9.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she would like our District's recycling program to be included on a future Board agenda.

### **K.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: April 11, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 10:28 p.m. in memory of Mr. Dave Tucker, former RUSD Counselor at Martin Luther King High School, who passed away on January 30.

Patricia Lock-Dawson  
Clerk  
Board of Education