

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Hunt, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 3:30 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; 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 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9:
(1 case)

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:56 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Board President Tom Hunt.

SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests received to speak to the Board of Education.

SECTION B – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson 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 C – ACTION**C.1 Resolution No. 2015/16-32 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order – First Reading**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, reviewed a PowerPoint summarizing information in consideration of passing the Resolution Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order for first reading. He introduced Mr. Jared Boigon, TBWB Strategies, who discussed information from the voter survey results as presented at the Special Board meeting this morning.

The Board members took a break from 5:35 to 5:45 p.m.

SECTION D – STUDY SESSION**D.1 Communications Department and Crisis Planning**

Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer, introduced Mr. Justin Grayson, Public Information Officer, who reviewed a PowerPoint providing information on the Communications Department objectives and long term plans. He introduced the Publications staff members in attendance, and the new Communications Specialist Robert Bledsoe, who will begin working in the District tomorrow.

Dr. Gary McGuire, Assistant Director, Pupil Services; Dr. Charity Plaxton-Hennings, Coordinator, Pupil Services/SELPA; and Dr. Lewis provided additional handouts and reviewed information regarding crisis planning and response.

SECTION C – CONCLUSION**E.1 Board Members' Comments**

Dr. Farooq expressed that he agreed with Mr. Hunt regarding the importance of improving public access to Board meetings, keeping the public informed, and allowing the public to provide input. He mentioned a *Washington Post* article that he shared with Dr. Hansen regarding "The Age of Resegregation" and his hope that staff will look into these types of studies.

Mrs. Allavie reported visiting Santa Ana Unified School District with Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, K-12; Dr. Keyisha Holmes, Principal on Special Assignment; and Ms. Gabriella Alonso, Coordinator, School, Family and Community Partnerships, and she noted that they have parent centers at every school because they have been working at this effort for 20 years. She indicated that it is important for RUSD to decide if we are going to grow our parent centers into the community or into our school sites. She would like this topic agendaized for a future Board meeting. Mrs. Allavie noted that she and Mrs. Lock-Dawson are working with the STEM Committee, a group of about 25 people and that the meeting went well. She said along with Dr. Hansen that she was able to meet with the Provost at UCR and that discussions were very positive. She discussed summer engagement programs and that Gordon Bourns is interested in starting a program, and Mrs. Allavie would like to know what types of summer engagement programs we will have available so that she can share the information with others.

Mr. Hunt requested that Dr. Lewis follow-up on the sign request for the Family Resource Center.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson referenced at the last Board meeting, she expressed concerns about high school and college entrance requirements. She mentioned asking Dr. Hansen to form an Ad Hoc Committee to determine what is working at our high schools and what is helping or hurting.

Mr. Lee noted that he was very thankful for all of the work that went into tonight's presentation and thanked Dr. Hansen and Ms. Kakish for having Mr. Grayson bring the plan forward.

Mr. Hunt shared that he has asked Mrs. Allavie to work with Mr. Ken Mueller, Director, Maintenance, Operations, to look at sprucing up the Board Room.

Adjournment

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 7:39 p.m. in remembrance of Mr. Andy Nguyen, Occupational Trainer, at Project T.E.A.M., who recently passed away.

Patricia Lock-Dawson
Clerk
Board of Education