

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 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.

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: Director, Nutrition Services

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:16 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to appoint Mr. Gavin Brody, Director, Nutrition Services:

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

ABSTAIN: None

RIVERSIDE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Alexi Rodriguez, 6th grade Bryant Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Ramona High School Brass Quintet performed for the Board members.

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Dr. Farooq and unanimously approved to hear Item H.1 at this time in the agenda by the following roll call vote:

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

H.1 Resolution No. 2015/16-30 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Proclaiming January 2016 as National Mentoring Month

Ms. Jennifer O’Farrell, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire, highlighted information from the PowerPoint that was provided to the Board members. She discussed how mentors can apply online. Mr. Lee stated that the Board was being asked to adopt Resolution No. 2015/16-30 proclaiming January 2016 as National Mentoring Month.

The item was moved by Dr. Farooq and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-30 as presented:

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

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Riverside Polytechnic High School Senior Josh Nava

Riverside Polytechnic High School Senior Josh Nava thanked the Board of Education for their continued support during his recovery from his football-related injuries. The Board members recognized Josh for his courage and strength that he showed during his recovery.

A.2 Tohoku University Future Global Leadership Program

Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, Curriculum and Instruction; Nevadita Kanrar and Alex Herrera, Riverside STEM Academy Students, and Ms. Reiko Sato, Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages, University of California, Riverside (UCR) reviewed information regarding Tohoku University of Sendai, Japan, a sister city of Riverside, who invited two Riverside STEM Academy students to the Future Global Leadership summer program last August. Students shared their experiences with the Board members and discussed the invitation to attend the 2016 event.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen said Happy New Year greetings to all and noted that it is hard to believe that the school year is half over. He mentioned it was just at the last meeting that the swearing in took place for Dr. Farooq, Board President Tom Hunt, and Board Clerk Patricia Lock-Dawson. He noted this week is finals week and signifies the end of the first semester. He wished our students good luck with their finals.

At this time, Dr. Hansen asked Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer to share information about the Governor’s January Budget and what this means to RUSD. Mrs. Kakish briefly reviewed a PowerPoint that was handed out to Board members.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, discussed the Board Workshop that will be held this Thursday at Lake Mathews Elementary School and discussed the information that was left for Board members to review prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, shared that this Friday and Saturday our Inaugural EdSurge Summit Event will be held at Bourns, with the Mayor providing the welcome on Friday and Dr. Hansen on Saturday. She said our 5th Annual Parent Education Summit will be held at Riverside Polytechnic High School on Saturday, February 6 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. with guest speakers Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support; Principal Dr. Michael Roe; and Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz. She mentioned RUSD just received news of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Grant for \$2.8 million over the next 18 months. Mrs. Carmen Day said she has provided Board members with Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) forms that have been provided to them to distribute in the community – she stated these are the main meetings that are being held at the high schools.

In closing, Dr. Hansen shared that Mr. John Tibbels, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, at Ramona High School has been selected as the recipient of the Southern Section Athletic Director of the Year Award for 2015-16 by the California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA). He said he will receive this honor at the CSADA awards banquet in San Diego on April 16.

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

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

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

E.1 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).

E.2 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).

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Lee 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 G– REPORTS/DISCUSSION

G.1 Update From RUSD Family Resource Center

Dr. Keyisha Holmes, Principal on Special Assignment, and Ms. Gabriella Alonso, Family Resource Coordinator, reviewed a PowerPoint with updated information on the Family Resource Center on the progress, status, and future endeavors of the center.

The Board took a break from 8:17 to 8:26 p.m.

G.2 Head Start Governance Annual Report

Mr. Joseph Nieto, Coordinator, Early Childhood and Family Education, provided a PowerPoint with details regarding the Annual Discussion and Report of the Final Rule on Head Start Eligibility released by the Office of Head Start.

SECTION H– ACTION

H.2 Resolution No. 2015/16-31 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance of 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Mrs. Kakish introduced Mr. David Casnocha, Bond Attorney, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C., who stated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2015/16-31 authorizing the issuance of the Riverside Unified School District 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding the Series C General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$52,000,000.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-31 as presented:

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

H.3 Resolution No. 2015/16-29 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Authorizing the Refinancing of the Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series A of 2001 and the Execution and Delivery of Documents Relating to the Sale and Delivery of a Lease/Purchase Agreement, and Authorizing and Directing Certain Actions in Connection Therewith

Mrs. Kakish indicated that the Board of Education was being asked to authorize the refinancing of its outstanding Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series A of 2001 (the “2001 Certificates”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 through the preparation, sale and delivery of a Lease/Purchase Agreement (the “Lease”) between the District and the Riverside Unified School District School Facilities Corporation (the “Corporation”) and authorizing the execution of lease financing documents. Mr. Casnocha provided additional information for Board members.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-29 as presented:

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

RECESS PUBLIC SESSION

CONVENE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL FACILITIES CORPORATION

1. Resolution No. FC 2015/16-01 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Unified School District Facilities Corporation Approving a Lease/Purchase Agreement and Certain Other Documents With the Riverside Unified School District

Mrs. Kakish noted the Board of Directors was being asked to consider approval of a Lease/Purchase Agreement (the “Lease”) between the School Facilities Corporation (the “Corporation”) and the Riverside Unified School District (the “District”) and authorizing the execution of lease/purchase documents.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. FC 2015/16-01 as presented:

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

ADJOURN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL FACILITIES CORPORATION MEETING

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION OF REGULAR MEETING

H.4 Approval of Classified Minimum Wage Employee Salaries and Classified Substitute Rates

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel – Leadership and Development, indicated that approval was needed for increasing the daily rate of minimum wage employees and RUSD classified substitute rates.

The item was moved by Dr. Farooq and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the classified substitute employee salaries effective January 1, 2016 as presented:

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

H.5 Board Policy #1312.3 – Uniform Complaint – Second Reading

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, introduced Dr. Gary McGuire, Assistant Director, Pupil Services, who reviewed the recommended revisions to Board Policy #1312.3 – Uniform Complaint which was presented for second reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy #1312.3 – Uniform Complaint which was presented for second reading with adjustments to the Purpose and Position statements as requested by Mrs. Allavie and the corrections will be shared through the Superintendent’s Weekly Mailout:

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

H.6 New Board Policy #5111.1 – District Residency Investigations – First Reading

Mr. Walker and Dr. McGuire reviewed the recommended New Board Policy #5111.1 – District Residency Investigations which was presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve New Board Policy #5111.1 – District Residency Investigations which was presented for first reading and waive the second reading with adjustments to the Purpose and Position statements as requested by Mrs. Allavie and the corrections will be shared through the Superintendent’s Weekly Mailout:

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

H.7 New Board Policy #5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy – First Reading

Mr. Walker and Dr. McGuire reviewed the recommended New Board Policy #5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy which was presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Farooq and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve New Board Policy #5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy which was presented for first reading and waive the second reading with adjustments to the Purpose and Position statements as requested by Mrs. Allavie and the corrections will be shared through the Superintendent’s Weekly Mailout:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members’ Comments

Mrs. Allavie stated that she attended a meeting at the end of November with Dr. Farooq where the Harmony Project of America was presented. She noted that Dr. Margaret Martin, Founder, UCLA, presented this music program to help disadvantaged children to strengthen their reading and language skills. She said she would like to see someone from Harmony speak to the Board or at one of the Principals’ meetings. Dr. Farooq agreed and suggested that this could fall under our LCAP and that he would like to see the District support this program.

Dr. Farooq mentioned that he has discussed expanding engagement with students with Mr. Hunt by rotating students sitting on the dais with Board members and having students participate in the process.

Mr. Lee commended those attending the meeting until the end. He discussed the Student Board Representatives and recognized that the EOC representative did a good job telling the story about what is going on at their school site. He mentioned that

Board members need to know about the school needs. He discussed school websites and suggested that Mr. Justin Grayson, Public Information Officer, work with the schools so that our schools' websites are more promotional in nature. He would like to see our various programs listed by sites, and suggested that our students could help build the websites or provide promotional videos.

Mr. Hunt stated that he would like to see our schools telling their story better. He noted that he would like the Board members to choose where they would like to attend graduation. Mr. Hunt said that Board members need to know their schools and principals in their Trustee areas. He also said it is important to get to know our constituents better. He mentioned that he would like Mrs. Carmen Day, in regards to the LCAP, to define our success with foster students.

I.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: February 1, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 9:22 p.m. in memory of Master Sergeant Hillary, Jr., who passed away on December 29, RUSD JROTC Arlington High School teacher for 10 years; and Mr. Jack Hurley Smith, who passed away on December 14, a teacher at Riverside Polytechnic for 24 years before his retirement in 1976.

Patricia Lock-Dawson
Clerk
Board of Education