

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 4:00 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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: District Superintendent
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 6:06 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that no formal action was taken during Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Jason McKee, 5th grade Castle View Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Chemawa Middle School Troubadours – Chamber Singers performed for the Board members.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION**A.1 Tribute to Black History Month**

Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, President, Riverside Chapter, NAACP reviewed a PowerPoint paying tribute to Black History Month with information about African-American History in Riverside Unified School District.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen greeted everyone and provided information about RUSD’s Voting Cycle. He stated that the current date for election of governing board members of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2017) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302 (a)); and statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2016) (Elections Code Section 1001).

He shared that the District has been informed that there would be a cost savings for the District resulting from aligning the District’s elections with the statewide general elections; and, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections, including school board member elections. He stated as a result of these facts, the Board can change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save District monies and to provide greater voter input into school board elections.

He indicated to make this change, the Board will need to adopt a resolution and seek approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. He said if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020. He noted this action needs to be done 240 days before the cycle of election affected, in our case, it’s the 2017 election. With that in mind, he indicated that the recommendation is to bring a resolution to the Board in July (or sooner if that’s the desire of the Board) to start the process.”

Dr. Hansen provided information about “*The Fellas #MenMob*”, a large group of positive business men and entrepreneurs who come together to motivate and encourage our youth. He shared that on Monday, January 11, *The Fellas* arrived at

the entrance gates at Riverside Polytechnic High School. He noted this was a great event and ***The Fellas*** are anxious to visit another RUSD school very soon. Dr. Hansen shared a short video clip with the Board members and the audience.

At this time, Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update from Educational Services. She shared that the Grand Opening Celebration for the CVS Mock Store and Training Room was held on Thursday, January 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. She noted at the last Principals' Meeting they discussed attendance at Board of Education meetings and that this information will be shared in this week's Board Mailout. In addition, she said a future Study Session is also being considered for table talks with principals in our school clusters. Mrs. Carmen Day discussed follow-up pertaining to the opportunity for a non-voting Student Board Representative and stated that this information would be provided in the Mailout this week. She noted that the 5th Annual Parent Education Summit will be held this Saturday, February 6 at Riverside Polytechnic High School. She concluded by recognizing our School Counselors for the hard work they do every day!

In closing, Dr. Hansen congratulated the following District administrators who were selected as ACSA Region XIX Administrators of the Year: Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, Ferd Keisel Memorial Distinguished Service Award; Mrs. Joyce Threadgold, Executive Secretary, Business Services, Confidential Employee of the Year; and Mrs. Kyley Ybarra, Director, Certificated Personnel, Personnel/Human Resources Administrator of the Year. He stated that they would be recognized at an awards ceremony in Palm Springs on June 3.

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

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

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

E.2 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

Mr. Daniel Rudd reported on the activities and accomplishments of the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Farooq 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 G– REPORTS/DISCUSSION**G.1 Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Expansion in RUSD**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Ms. Michelle Mitchell, Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding RUSD's Dual Language Immersion Program that is in its sixth year and in place at four of our elementary school sites. She discussed that the first cohort of DLI students would be moving to middle school in 2017-18, and shared the recommendations for vertical and horizontal expansion of the program with the Board members.

G.2 District Coding and Programming Initiatives Update

Mr. Steven Dunlap, Director, Innovation and Learner Engagement, shared a PowerPoint providing an update on the coding and programming initiatives occurring throughout the District.

The Board took a break from 8:00 to 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Hunt left the meeting at 8:14 p.m., and Mr. Lee chaired the remainder of the meeting.

SECTION H– ACTION**H.1 Long Range Facilities Master Plan – Second Reading and Action**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, who shared that the second draft of the RUSD Long Range Facilities Master Plan was being presented for second reading and action.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the Long Range Facilities Master Plan for second reading as presented:

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

H.2 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report and Audit

Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer, introduced Mr. Kevin Brejnak, Partner, Nigro & Nigro, PC, who highlighted areas from the auditors' report. It was mentioned that state law requires that each year the financial records of the District must be audited by an independent third party audit firm and that the Governing Board review the annual financial report and audit at a public meeting.

The item was moved by Dr. Farooq and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to accept the 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report and Audit for the year ending June 30, 2015 as presented:

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

H.3 Approval of Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan 2015-2018

Mr. Garcia introduced Ms. Anu Menon, Director, Academic English Learners and Student Support, who reviewed a PowerPoint stating that the LEA Plan was last updated in 2013. She noted that a full revision was required for the 2015-2018 school years and highlighted the changes.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the updated RUSD District LEA Plan as presented:

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

H.4 Board Policy #5131.62 – Tobacco and Nicotine Products – First Reading

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA reviewed the recommended revisions to Board Policy #5131.62 – Tobacco and Nicotine Products which was presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Dr. Farooq and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the recommended revisions and waive the second reading for Board Policy #5131.62 – Tobacco and Nicotine Products as presented:

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

H.5 New Board Policy #6173 – Education for Homeless Children – First Reading

Mr. Walker reviewed the recommended New Board Policy #6173 – Education for Homeless Children which was presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve New Board Policy #6173 – Education for Homeless Children and waive the second reading as presented and the language will be adjusted as requested and presented to the Board in a future Board Mailout:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie commended the Nutrition Services staff for a great job on the “Dinner in the Kitchen” event held on January 30. She referenced the Harmony Project that she discussed at the last Board meeting, and that another meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday that Mr. Garcia plans to attend with her. She voiced that she feels that the District needs to partner in this project.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that a couple of teachers have asked that the Board look at the month of December because classes are scheduled for the day before Christmas Eve. She said teachers are concerned that students will miss class due to the schedule. She requested that a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Update be provided at a future Board meeting. Mrs. Lock-Dawson shared that she was scheduled to attend a panel discussion, and she discussed concerns with college admission requirements. She mentioned in the past five to six years there has been a big focus on a-g, and that we may want to look at more sophisticated ways to get students into college (i.e., Heritage Program, DLI, Conservatory in High Schools, AP Academies). She voiced concern that some campuses are giving the opposite result than what the Board is looking for; that students should be celebrated at all levels, not just those that have the highest achievements.

Dr. Farooq asked staff to revisit the fiber optic options for RUSD, and he questioned if any information is available to provide to the Board members regarding the dark fiber. He would like to see the University of California, Riverside (UCR) resources explored. He mentioned his interest from the December Organizational Meeting that he would like to have a Joint meeting with the City Council on a quarterly basis to share information between our organizations.

Mr. Lee discussed the Ramona Student Board Representative that could not take the Advance Placement (AP) physics class at his home school. He thanked staff for the DLI presentation, and asked how the District is reaching out to the non-RUSD parents who may want to transfer into RUSD to get into this type of program. He stated that there are so many good things going on in our District that we (as a District) need to get the word out about all of our outstanding programs. He discussed a conversation recently that he had with Councilman Melendrez regarding the John W. North High School Track/Stadium and that the City donated money for the joint use of this facility. It was agreed that staff would follow-up regarding this request.

I.2 Next Regular Board Meeting: February 16, 2016 – Regular Board Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee adjourned the Public Session at 8:56 p.m. in memory of Black History Month and the leaders who passed away.

Patricia Lock-Dawson
Clerk
Board of Education