

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Allavie, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, 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 4:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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
2. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Mr. Brent Lee, Board Clerk, arrived at 4:25 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:33 p.m. Mrs. Allavie announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

Mrs. Allavie congratulated Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Lock-Dawson on their recent re-elections to the Board of Education.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Board President Mrs. Allavie.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Gayle Cloud was recognized for her 16 years of dedicated service to the students, parents, and community of Riverside.

RECESS

The Board recessed the meeting for a reception at 4:50 p.m.

Mrs. Cloud and Mr. Lee left the meeting because they were not feeling well.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:25 p.m.

SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Mr. Scott Langher thanked the Board members and staff for supporting the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Special Needs Resource Fair that was held at Riverside Polytechnic High School on November 7. Ms. Mary Simms spoke about Riverside STEM traffic concerns, Mr. William Woodring shared concerns about public safety, and Ms. Sarah Simpson thanked staff for heading up the STEM Strategic Plan and discussed her concerns.

SECTION B – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved by members present, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Hunt, Lock-Dawson
NOES: None
ABSENT: Cloud, Lee
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 – STUDY SESSION

C.1 RUSD STEM Strategic Plan

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Mr. Bradley Shearer, Director, Elementary Education; and Mr. Darel Hansen, Director, Secondary Education, who reviewed a PowerPoint providing information on STEM strategy, its development, current actions aligned with the strategy, and impacts on student learning in the future.

The Board took a break from 7:22 to 7:34 p.m.

SECTION D – ACTION

D.1 Facilities Expansion Plan for Riverside STEM Academy for the 2016-2017 School Year

Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, discussed that approval for the expansion of facilities for the Riverside STEM Academy to include 12th grade for the 2016-2017 school year was being recommended.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the budget needed for the expansion of facilities for 2016-2017 as presented:

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

D.2 Future Configuration of the Riverside STEM Academy

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, shared information recommending the Riverside STEM Academy as a 5th – 8th grade program at its current location and to move the 9th – 12th grade program to an alternate location as presented.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to table the item until the December 7 Board Meeting:

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

SECTION E – CONCLUSION

E.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson shared a book with the Instructional Staff regarding mathematics. She provided an article titled, "At the classroom door: poverty" that she requested staff include in this week Mailout to the entire Board.

Mr. Hunt stated for the record that Mrs. Allavie has been a wonderful Board President, and that he wanted to clarify publicly that once the Board has made a decision that he wants to move forward. He suggested that Dr. Ron Loveridge be placed on a future agenda to bring the presentation that he shared at the Raincross Group recently regarding how important K-12 is, which included a profile of the City of Riverside.

Adjournment

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8.25 p.m.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education