

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mr. Brent Lee, Board Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, 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 4:30 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: Assistant Director, Pupil Services

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Allavie announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Cloud to approve the appointment of Dr. Gary Mc Guire, as the Assistant Director, Pupil Services:

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

ABSTAIN: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Rachael Shah, 6th grade Mark Twain Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Riverside Polytechnic High School Poly Strings Ensemble "Muse Club" performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Certificate of Appreciation to Jaime Ochoa, RUSD Employee

Chief Sergio Diaz and Officer Ryan Railsback, Riverside Police Department presented Mr. Jaime Ochoa, RUSD Drop-Out and Retention Specialist, with a plaque for his invaluable service as part of the Opportunity with Education (OWE) program.

A.2 Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)

Ms. Marisa Yeager, Chair, Youth Leadership, Development Committee, and Ms. Darlene Trujillo Elliot, Latino Network Youth Leadership, provided the opportunity for a group of RUSD young ladies to present a PowerPoint regarding the Annual Latina History Day Conference.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and Arlington High Schools' Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, shared the results of the RIMS Science and Engineering Fair which resulted in our elementary schools receiving 2 gold, juniors 5, and 6 for our seniors. She noted of these projects that 10 will move forward to the California State Science Fair, to be held on May 18-19 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles. She discussed that the Pupil Services/SELPA Department has created a Facebook page to provide the community, parents, students, and school staff more information about the department and other relevant topics. She stated the Local Education Agency (LEA) Committee approved 73 grants in an amount up to \$2,500 for the total grant expenditure of \$110,000. In closing, Mrs. Carmen Day stated that the Instructional Services Division has made the CUM card electronic.

Dr. Hansen shared that Kevin Torres-Dominguez was recognized at the Thursday, April 9 Good Morning Riverside meeting. He said that Kevin is ranked #3 in his senior class at Ramona High School and is a Salutatorian with a GPA of 4.4. He shared what stands out most about Kevin is that he is a symbol of hope and inspiration for all undocumented students who are known as the "Dreamers". He noted that Kevin is also a member of the Riverside Youth Grantmakers Committee where he practices acts of philanthropy that makes his community a better place for teens. Dr. Hansen said that he spent his summers working in a manual day laborer type job and helping mentally challenged children develop social and fine motor skills through his

volunteerism at an equestrian center. He said that Kevin also serves as a member of Ramona's Key Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Hansen stated that Kevin has a shared commitment with UCR and plans to study health services and enter the allied health services field. In addition, he said that Kevin was offered a summer internship at the Riverside Medical Clinic by the President/COO, Judy Carpenter, where he will shadow doctors and nurses.

Dr. Hansen discussed that the keynote speaker at Good Morning Riverside was Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California and former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. He said after speaking at the Good Morning Riverside event, she met privately with about a dozen local business, civic, and education leaders for a roundtable discussion meeting on education issues in California. He stated during this meeting that he had the opportunity to speak with President Napolitano about her support of dual enrollment for our high school students as we explore creating a partnership to establish a Middle College High School.

Recently, Dr. Hansen shared that approximately 60 students between grades 8-12 were nominated to be one of Riverside's Most Remarkable Teens! He noted that the Riverside Youth Council went through all of the applications and selected 25 hardworking teens who give back to their community. He said that we are proud to report that 14 of these 25 Most Remarkable Teens are from schools in RUSD. On May 12 at 4:00 p.m., he reported that these remarkable teens will be acknowledged at a special City Council meeting located in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Dr. Hansen congratulated King High School and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Tony Masi and Ramona High School and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director John Tibbels. He reported that both had been recognized as recipients of the 2015 Citrus Belt Athletic Directors Association's Sportsmanship Award. He said this award honors member schools that emphasize sportsmanship and conducting their athletic programs with honor.

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals spoke to the Board members: Ms. Azin Mobasher discussed her concerns related to the relationship between Riverside Community College (RCC) and the Riverside STEM Academy, and Mr. Kevin Burke talked about Riverside Polytechnic High School football concerns.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

E.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President

Ms. Sandie Page reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

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 Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by members present, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allavie, Cloud, 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 Disclosure of Three Tentative Agreements and One Memorandum of Understanding Between the Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, shared that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Tentative Agreements and Memorandum of Understanding for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

G.2 Disclosure of Tentative Agreements Between the Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Mrs. Mills noted that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Tentative Agreements for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

G.3 Disclosure of Tentative Agreements Between the Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Mrs. Mills indicated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Tentative Agreements for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARING

H.1 Public Hearing – Notice of Public Hearing of the Riverside Unified School District Relating to Consideration of Approval of a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Consideration of Adoption of Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance With Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, explained the background to this item and that it is required to review and consider adoption of a report entitled "School Facilities Needs Analysis," dated January 30, 2015, and to consider and respond to all public comments received by the District.

Mr. Nate Miller, Building Industry Association (BIA), addressed the Board members sharing his concerns and his opposition to raising the fees.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

SECTION I- ACTION

I.1 Resolution No. 2014/15-25 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance With Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7, Adopting Responses to Public Comments Received and Making Related Findings and Determinations

Dr. Lewis introduced Mrs. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning of Development, who introduced Mr. Doug Floyd and Ms. Lyn Gruber, Koppel & Gruber Public Finance, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the School Facilities Needs Analysis.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to maintain the Level II fees at \$3.77:

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

Mrs. Cloud left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

I.2 Proposed High School Course – Show Choir

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Ms. Kellori Dower, Teacher, who reviewed a PowerPoint providing information about a new Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) course being submitted for approval to the Board of Education. She noted the course proposal was submitted to the Riverside Unified School District Instructional Services Board Subcommittee on February 11, 2015.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the high school course proposal for Show Choir:

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

I.3 Approval of Transitional Kindergarten Course of Study Purchasing Comprehensive Curriculum Materials for Transitional Kindergarten

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education and Ms. Carolina Michel, Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation requesting approval of a Transitional Kindergarten Course of Study including specific Transitional Kindergarten standards. They discussed that approval is also requested for the adoption and purchase of instructional materials for use in Transitional Kindergarten classrooms.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the purchase of Transitional Kindergarten comprehensive instructional materials:

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

I.4 Policy #3470 – Debt Management Policy – Second Reading and Adoption

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, indicated that revised Board Policy #3470 – Debt Management Policy – has been revised to reflect current best practice for the Board of Education’s consideration for Second Reading and Adoption.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the revised Board Policy #3470:

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

I.5 Resolution No. 2014/15-34 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Declaring Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for a Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue and Declaring a Public Hearing

Mr. Fine noted that it is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-34 to Declare Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for a Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue and Declaring a Public Hearing.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-34:

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

I.6 Resolution No. 2014/15-32 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Recognizing Classified School Employees Week – May 17-23, 2015

Mrs. Mills noted that the Board of Education is being asked to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-32 which recognizes May 17-23, 2015 as Classified School Employees Week.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-32:

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

I.7 Resolution No. 2014/15-33 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Recognizing California Day of the Teacher – May 13, 2015

Mrs. Mills indicated that the Board of Education is being asked to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-33 which recognizes May 13, 2015 as the California Day of the Teacher.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-33:

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

SECTION J – CONCLUSION

J.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Lee discussed that he had the opportunity to visit Pachappa Elementary School with Dr. Hansen and Mrs. Allavie and visited a Personalized Learning classroom. He also had the pleasure of touring Dual Language Immersion (DLI) classrooms at Washington Elementary School. He thanked Dr. Hansen and his staff for organizing the visits.

Mr. Hunt discussed that the District needs to have plans in place regarding water conservation, and he is interested in a future report on this item from Dr. Lewis. He congratulated Mr. Fine on his recognition by the PTA. He mentioned a recent meeting with Trustee Ben Johnson, Alvord Unified School District, and the recommendation that was made to Mr. Johnson for a joint school Board meeting regarding ways to work together regarding Career Technical Education (CTE) and a School of the Arts. Mrs. Allavie stated a tentative meeting with herself, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Hunt is scheduled for May 11 to share ideas and best practices.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked Mrs. Calhoun for her fee presentation and stated that she did a real nice job with the consultants and that she struggled with her decision. She also thanked the Board members for the thoughtful discussion. She stated that she loved that Arlington had a "Kindness Week". She discussed that the pressure students feel in high school is a lot and she hopes that we are aware of it. She stated in the bay area, students have committed suicide over inflated GPAs and that staff needs to be aware of the problem and provide the needed support. She said that she is pleased to hear that we are increasing our counseling support.

Mrs. Allavie requested that staff keep informed about whether our students are getting adequate information about health advice for sexually transmitted diseases, and she would like to confirm when this information is provided to our students and would like to compare the information with other districts. She would also like to see a workshop on bullying, because school districts are being held more liable and she wants to be sure that our policies are up to date. In closing, Mrs. Allavie read a quote from *The Washington Post*.

J.2 Next Board Meeting: May 4, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:08 p.m. in memory of Mr. Jacob De Jonckherre, who passed away on March 22, former woodshop, metal shop and drafting teacher at Chemawa Middle School and math teacher at Central Middle School for many years; Mr. Michael Ortega, who passed away on March 22, RUSD M&O Special Maintenance Worker I for nearly 22 years; and Arlington High School Junior, Roberto Garcia, who was tragically killed in an accident on March 23.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education