

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
AMELIA EARHART MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
20202 APTOS STREET, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 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, 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 4:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Real Property Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to Discuss the Price and Terms of Purchase and/or Sale of Real Property

District Negotiator: Michael H. Fine, Deputy Superintendent
Property: APN #223-092-028, Riverside

Mr. Brent Lee, Board Clerk, arrived at 4:20 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:51 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 Mr. Hunt to extend an offer to the developer for the property on Central and Victoria for investment purposes, and to include our surplus property at Hawthorne:

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 Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Board Member.

SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Mr. Shaun Martinez and Mr. Brian Hood spoke about Gold Star Foods and the Teamsters sharing concerns on behalf of the workers.

SECTION B – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen did not have a report to share with the Board members.

SECTION C – STUDY SESSION

C.1 General Obligation Bond Planning

Mrs. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, reviewed a PowerPoint and provided a brief presentation of the proposed bond planning activities and the potential categories of projects to be included in the bond. The Board members were also given a handout containing talking points.

Mrs. Calhoun introduced Mr. Jared Boigon, TBWB Strategies, who discussed the Bond Election Planning Timeline and talked about the individuals that would be involved in the process.

Mrs. Calhoun, introduced Mr. Adam Bauer, President, Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc., who shared how much we can expect from a bond and how far we can expect our dollars to go.

The Board members agreed that they would like this item placed on the Action Agenda for the March 2 Board meeting.

The Board members took a break from 6:19 to 6:36 p.m.

C.2 District Surplus Properties and Properties of Interest

Mrs. Calhoun discussed the properties for surplus and additional properties of interest.

SECTION D – CONCLUSION

D.1 Board Members’ Comments

Mr. Hunt stated that he enjoyed the RUSD Science and Engineering Fair Awards Night, but he discussed the importance of our public events for our students and once our Public Information Officer is hired that these events need to be bigger celebrations. He mentioned Principal Darel Hansen and how at Martin Luther King High School he displays the university that each teacher has graduated from on their door and he would like this duplicated at other schools.

Mrs. Cloud thanked Mrs. Carmen Day for recently visiting Bryant Elementary School with her. She said that she would like to see a Study Session on Common Core later this year, specifically to include how standards have been implemented and discussing the homework load for students. Mrs. Allavie stated that she would like the same information for our DLI Program.

Mr. Lee spoke about his concern that the Board agenda was hidden, and it is hard for the public to locate on the District’s website. He would like Board meeting information readily available on the “front page”. Mr. Lee voiced his concern about the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classroom, curriculum, expectations, etc. He would like the information very public and noticeable on the website. He mentioned the DLI information for parents, needs to be communicated better and that he plans to attend

future meetings. He discussed that the parents do not feel they are being heard, and that priority is being given to other programs.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson shared information about TK training that is going on.

Mrs. Cloud stated that she appreciated the Study Session, but in the future when we are considering the room set-up she does not want the Board members to have their backs to the public.

Mrs. Allavie requested that staff work on making the graduation dates easy to find on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 7:27 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Laura McNicholl Amick, former teacher for many years at John Adams Elementary School who passed away on January 5; and Ethan Hunt, Emerson Elementary School student who passed away on January 16.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education