

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mr. Brent Lee, Board Clerk; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member.

Also present were members of the staff and other interested citizens.

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member, was ill and not able to attend the meeting.

**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 3:30 p.m.

Dr. David C. Hansen, District Superintendent, arrived at 5:10 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
3. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Title: Elementary Assistant Principals
4. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:  
(2 cases)
5. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
District Representative: David C. Hansen, Ed.D. District Superintendent  
Unrepresented Employees: Assistant Superintendents, and Chief Business Official/Governmental Relations
6. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: District Superintendent

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to appoint the following Assistant Principals, Ms. Eliu Rodriguez, Mountain View Elementary School; Mrs. Nachele Goar, Longfellow Elementary School; Mrs. Michelle Lenertz, Washington Elementary School; and Ms. Clarissa Brown, Hawthorne Elementary School; and Mr. Bernie Torres will be moving from Longfellow to Liberty Elementary School.

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the Settlement Conference Agreement for Bid Categories 3, 6, and 7 for the Frank Augustus Miller Middle School Contractor:

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**SECTION A – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Hansen’s shared that this Friday would mark one month until the first day of the beginning of school for RUSD. He noted that RUSD staff has been busy preparing to make this next school year the best one yet for our students. He discussed the August 19 Professional Development event for all employees. Dr. Hansen mentioned last week’s Global Summit featuring the EdTech Team and Google for Education held at Riverside Polytechnic High School which was an interactive two-day summit focused on deploying, integrating, and using Google’s technology to promote student learning in K-12 education.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, provided an update on the STEM Academy reviewing on-site parking expansion that would be provided. He shared information about two meetings that were held with parents. He discussed the growth of the program and how it has impacted the neighborhood, and the steps staff is taking to address the concerns of the residents.

Dr. Hansen concluded with sharing information about the RUSD Coaches Clinic which will be held on August 15 at the Riverside Convention Center. He also discussed a recent meeting he had with Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer, and Mr. Ron Bennett, CEO of School Services of California, to address the Board of Education’s

goal to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of our Business Services Division, and to ensure we are utilizing best practices and systems that allow for us to provide maximum resources to our nearly 42,000 students here at RUSD.

**SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals spoke to the Board members: Mr. Daniel Rudd shared information about the CSEA Annual Conference and stated that several members (who were in attendance at the Board meeting) would be attending at the conference; Mr. William Woodring provided a handout and discussed STEM traffic safety; Ms. Mary Simons, Mr. Gurumantra Khalsa, and Mr. Ken Scott also spoke about STEM traffic safety.

**SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**C.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).

**C.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 D – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by members present, with the exception of Items D.21 and D.22, by the following roll call vote:

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

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

**ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**D.21 Out-of-Country Field Trip – Riverside STEM Academy**

**D.22 Out-of-State Field Trips**

Items D.21 and D.22 were moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

## **SECTION E – REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **E.1 Drought Response and Compliance With State and Local Water Agency Reduction Mandates**

Dr. Lewis presented a report with the latest information with respect to California's current drought condition, water reduction mandates, RUSD's conservation strategies, and conservation measures under consideration. Mr. John Rossi, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), provided input for the Board members regarding water reduction and drought concerns.

### **E.2 Potential Use for Cleveland and Myers Property**

Dr. Lewis reviewed a PowerPoint sharing a proposal for the potential use of the Cleveland and Myers property. Ms. Joyce Jong, Agricultural Business Development Coordinator, Office of Economic Development, City of Riverside, provided background information regarding this item, discussed GrowRiverside, and future partnership opportunities.

### **E.3 Disclosure of Six Memorandums of Understanding Between 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, indicated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Six Memorandums of Understanding for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

### **E.4 Personalized Learning Update**

Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, reviewed a PowerPoint discussing the status report on the progress of Personalized Learning within Riverside Unified School District.

## **SECTION F– ACTION**

### **F.1 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District and Encore Education Corporation d/b/a Encore School for the Arts – Riverside**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instructional K-12, introduced Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program and Development and Extended Learning; who stated that the Memorandum of Understanding between Riverside Unified School District and Encore Education Corporation d/b/a Encore School for the Arts Riverside was being presented for the Board of Education's approval.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Riverside Unified School District and Encore Education Corporation d/b/a Encore High School for the Arts – Riverside as presented:

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

ABSENT: Cloud  
ABSTAIN: None

**F.2 Secondary Courses Proposed for Adoption**

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Gary Reller, Assistant Principal, Martin Luther King High School, who reviewed information about the Walking for Lifetime Fitness, Digital Arts, and Commercial Arts courses. Mr. Dennis Deets, Director, Educations/Options Center, reviewed the 26 online elective courses.

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 twenty-nine (29) secondary courses as presented:

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

**F.3 Approval of New Transitional Kindergarten Report Card**

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education, and Ms. Carolina Michael, Instructional Services Specialist, who shared a PowerPoint noting that the Instructional Services staff is requesting approval of a new transitional kindergarten report card that reflects RUSD’s new transitional kindergarten standards.

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 new transitional kindergarten report card as presented:

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

**F.4 Approval of Revisions to Board Policy #5123-Students-Promotion/Acceleration/Retention, and Board Policy #6170.1-Transitional Kindergarten – First Reading**

Mr. Brad Shearer discussed that revised Board Policy #6170.1-Transitional Kindergarten, and revised Board Policy #5123-Students-Promotion/Acceleration/Retention were being submitted for the Board of Education’s consideration for First Reading.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve for First Reading Revisions to Board Policy #5123-Students-Promotion/Acceleration/Retention, and Board Policy #6170.1-Transitional Kindergarten as presented:

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

**F.5 Naming of the Pachappa Elementary School Library in Honor of Ms. Ardie Bailor**

Mrs. Mills noted that the Communications Board Subcommittee was recommending that the Pachappa Elementary School Library be named in honor of longtime Board of Education Member Ms. Ardie Bailor.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve plans to name the Pachappa Elementary School Library after Ms. Ardie Bailor and bring back concrete plans for signage to a future Board of Education Meeting as presented:

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

**F.6 Policy #3585 – Automated External Defibrillators – Second Reading and Adoption**

Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer/Governmental Relations discussed that new Board Policy #3585 – Automated External Defibrillators – has been revised to support the implementation and maintenance of a new Automated External Defibrillators Program in the District for the Board of Education’s consideration for Second Reading and Adoption.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve Policy #3585 – Automated External Defibrillators – Second Reading and Adoption as presented:

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

**F.7 2015-16 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

Mrs. Mills stated that the District’s 2015-16 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators is being presented to the Board of Education for approval.

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 District’s 2015-16 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as presented:

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

## **SECTION G – CONCLUSION**

### **G.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Lock Dawson requested that Dr. Lewis follow-up with the residents that live near Riverside STEM Academy, and she voiced her concern that it appeared to take a long time for the public meeting to happen. She indicated that before the next Board meeting that she would like to see some agreed upon mitigative measures. She stated that she loves the CSEAs t-shirts. She mentioned having lunch with Dean Thomas Smith from the University of California, Riverside (UCR), and he will be speaking at the September Board of Education meeting . She stated that he has asked her to sit on the UCR Community Advisory Committee and their first meeting will be held on September 17. She said this would be another opportunity to strengthen partnerships between RUSD and UCR.

Mr. Hunt requested that Dr. Lewis follow-up with the contractor who starts work at 5:30 a.m., because even the City does not allow this early of a start time. He mentioned his recent attendance at a PTA training where Ms. Gabriela Alonso, RUSD, Coordinator, School, Family and Community Partnerships, and Ms. Tammy Blackmore, PTA, were presenters. He suggested that it would be nice to have them present at a future Board meeting. He requested that signage be placed on Magnolia Avenue for the Parent Resource Center. In closing, he referenced his concerns regarding the John W. North High School field trip to China and requested that this item be agendized for a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Allavie referenced speaking with Councilman Andy Melendrez regarding Riverside STEM Academy. She stated that the District needs to work in collaboration with the City to address the traffic concerns.

### **G.2 Next Board Meeting: August 17, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:09 p.m. in memory of Cynthia Aguirre, Liberty Elementary School student, who recently passed away after her courageous battle with cancer; Mrs. De Lores Miller, former RUSD secretary, who passed away on June 9; and Mrs. Norma Nesbitt, former special needs educator at Sunshine Early Childhood Center for 32 years, who passed away on July 3.

Brent Lee  
Clerk  
Board of Education