

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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; 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. 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 and APN #266-040-050, Riverside

Mr. Brent Lee, Board Clerk, arrived at 5:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m. Mrs. Allavie announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud to approve the appointment of Mr. Paul DeFoe and Ms. Lana Goffman, as Child Welfare and Attendance, Managers:

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud to release from contract Employee #130711:

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

**RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL MARINE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Matthew Nakafuji, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tomás Riverside Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

The Arlington High School Choir performed for the Board of Education in tribute to Black History Month.

**SECTION A – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

**A.1 Reports presented by Ramona, Educational Options Center/Riverside Virtual, John W. North, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.**

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

Dr. Hansen mentioned that today Riverside County Superintendent Kenn Young and Board President Kathy Allavie joined him for a surprise visit to Mr. Rich Davis at John W. North High School to share the news that he has been chosen as the 2014-15 Riverside County Certificated Administrator of the Year. He discussed Mr. Davis will be recognized with other employees of the year at the Celebrating Educators Luncheon that will be held later in May.

Dr. Hansen reported that Assemblyman Medina has selected 21 Women of Distinction for 2015 to be recipients of the “61<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Women of Distinction Award”. He said that Board President Allavie was chosen as one of these women of distinction who has made a significant contribution to the community and has served as a role model and mentor for young women. He noted that she would be honored on March 23 at a luncheon that Assemblyman Medina is hosting.

Dr. Hansen indicated that this past Saturday, he served as a panelist for Inlandia on the “No Easy Way” Casa Blanca Panel. The topic covered was: Riverside School Desegregation as a Forerunner to Multicultural Education. He noted that this is the second in a total of five panels, and that Mrs. Allavie will be participating in a future panel.

In closing, Dr. Hansen referenced that he knows the Board will mention this under adjournments, but he wanted to note the recent passing of Ms. Ardie Bailor and how we are all saddened by the loss of this pillar in our community and our school district for so many years. He stated that she has left behind a strong legacy and one that will be felt and remembered for many years to come.

**SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests received to speak to the Board members.

**SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT**

**D.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).

**SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud was 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 F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**F.1 Riverside STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Academy School – Update to Board of Education**

Mrs. Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, and Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, K-12, reviewed a PowerPoint and provided updated information on the Riverside STEM Academy School.

**SECTION G – PUBLIC HEARING**

**G.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**

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to Table the Item until the Board Operations Subcommittee has the opportunity to review Items G.1 and H.1:

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

**SECTION H – ACTION**

**H.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**

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to Table the Item until the Board Operations Subcommittee has the Opportunity to Review Items G.1 and H.1:

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

**H.2 Resolution No. 2014/2015-26 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, discussed that Resolution No. 2014/2015-26 – Resolution of the Board of Education to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services, was being submitted for Board approval.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-26:

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

**H.3 Resolution No. 2014/15-27 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Declaring Its Intent to Issue Tax-Exempt Bonds to be Used to Reimburse the School District for Expenditures for the Ramona High School Theater Modernization Prior to the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, referenced that adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-27 provides flexibility to the District to use future tax-exempt bond proceeds to reimburse the District for expenditures incurred to finance the construction and/or modernization of the Ramona High School Theater Modernization that are incurred prior to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-27:

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

**H.4 Resolution No. 2014/15-28 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Declaring its Intent to Issue Tax-Exempt Bonds to be Used to Reimburse the School District for Expenditures for the Riverside STEM Academy Prior to the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds**

Mr. Fine discussed that adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-28 provides flexibility to the District to use future tax-exempt bond proceeds to reimburse the District for expenditures incurred to finance the construction and/or modernization of the Riverside STEM Academy that are incurred prior to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-28:

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

**H.5 Resolution No. 2014/15-29 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Calling Upon the California Legislature and the Governor to Repeal the Language Contained in Senate Bill 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014), Section 27/California Education Code 42127.01**

Mr. Fine stated that adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-29 calls upon the California Legislature and the Governor to repeal the language contained in Senate Bill 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014), Section 27/California Education Code 42127.01.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-29:

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

**H.6 Policy #3470 – Debt Management Policy – First Reading**

Mr. Fine 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 First Reading.

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

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

**H.7 2014-15 Second Period Interim Financial Report**

Mr. Fine stated that California Education Code Sections 42130 and 42131, which incorporates provisions of AB 1200, requires each district in the State of California to file interim reports twice each fiscal year. Mr. Fine shared a PowerPoint providing information on the second report which covers the financial and budgetary status of the District for the period ending January 31, 2015.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the 2014-2015 Second Period Interim Report and adopt a positive certification pursuant to Education Code Section 42131:

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

**H.8 Consideration of 2015 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election**

Dr. Hansen stated that election material for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Subregion 18-A has been received.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to accept all six of the delegates:

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

**SECTION I – CONCLUSION**

**I.1 Board Members’ Comments**

Mr. Lee had no closing comments.

Mr. Hunt shared that for Read Across America Day he read at Lake Mathews Elementary School, and he stated that he is impressed with the work that Principal Williams is doing at the site and that they are eligible for National Blue Ribbon status. He noted that Principal Cortez is doing a good job at Longfellow Elementary School, and he discussed that their PTA has grown to an impressive 20 parents that are getting involved. He spoke about the Special Education Prom coming up on March 13. In regards to handling the communication of measles information to the Amelia Earhart community, Mr. Hunt commended District staff. Related to traffic control, he questioned what measures can be enforced by school site staff members and that Board members be provided the information by Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations. In closing, he mentioned that Mr. Jesus Holguin, President, California School Boards Association (CSBA), has asked him to participate on the Education Legal Alliance’s (ELA) Adequacy Committee and there is a meeting scheduled in Sacramento on March 18.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that she will be Chairing the Student Activities and the Communications Board Subcommittee meetings this year. She encouraged everyone to send agenda items to her attention for these committees. She mentioned reading at Emerson and Longfellow Elementary Schools. She thanked Mr. Fine and his staff for the Board agenda items regarding Riverside STEM and Ramona High School related to the issuance of tax exempt bonds.

Mrs. Allavie discussed a meeting that she attended with Dr. Hansen at Martin Luther King High School where Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) teachers shared concerns regarding the vast amounts of paperwork that is required when applying for field trips. Mrs. Allavie requested that staff look at streamlining this process. She discussed the Race to Nowhere movie and that Mr. Lee would love it. Mrs. Allavie suggested that she would like Mrs. Carmen Day to look at our homework policies and possibly having no homework on weekends. She voiced her concern that we need to think about – do we really want our elementary school students having mounds of homework on weekends?

Mrs. Cloud stated that she was wearing her Dr. Seuss shirt. She reminded the Board members and the public that the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) Workforce Development Summit “Your Future at a Glance” is scheduled for this Saturday, March 7 at La Sierra High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Cloud shared that she has decided that she is not going to run for re-election this year. She shared that she has been proud to have been able to serve the students, parents, and, community, and she will continue to volunteer but that she feels it is time to move on and allow someone else to serve on the Board in her position.

## **I.2 Next Board Meeting: March 16, 2015 – Regular Board Study Session**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:02 p.m. in memory of Ms. Ardice “Archie” Bailor, former RUSD Board of Education member from 1976-1994 who cared deeply about our students and families, who passed away on February 24; Mrs. Grace Reid Fischer Athey former PTA President at Jackson Elementary, Chemawa Middle Schools, who passed away on January 3; and Ms. Susan Hirsch, Arlington High School English Teacher, who passed away on March 1; and Ms. Kushi Jones, wife of longtime Riverside Polytechnic teacher and coach Mr. Eddie Jones, who passed away on February 21.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:45 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 offer on APN#266-040-050, Riverside:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Kathy Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:45 p.m.

Brent Lee  
Clerk  
Board of Education