

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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; 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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 p.m. Mrs. Allavie reported that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Ms. Kelli Dower, Director, Arlington High School Choir.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

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

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Recognition of Deborah Parr, Riverside Unified School District's 2014-2015 High School Teacher of the Year, Who was Selected as One of the 2015 California Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, shared that Ms. Parr has received recognition at all three levels (elementary, middle, and high school) for teacher of the year. She noted her current recognition is for 2014-2015 High School Teacher of the Year and 2015 Riverside County Teacher of the Year, as well as being selected as one of the 2015 California Teacher of the Year Semi Finalists.

A.2 Presentation by Mr. Jeff Frost, Frost, Davis and Donnelly

Mr. Jeff Frost, Frost, Davis and Donnelly, legislative advocate for the Riverside Unified School District in Sacramento, provided the Board of Education with information on the State of the Budget with implications for RUSD.

A.3 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Guaranteed Admission Between Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB)

Ms. Carmen Day noted that this guaranteed Admission MOU is to provide a guarantee of admission to CSUSB for all RUSD graduating twelfth grade students who meet certain established requirements. Dr. Tomás D. Morales, President, CSUSB, discussed information about the MOU and introduced Dr. Brian Haynes, Vice President, Student Affairs, and Ms. Christine Degano, Director, Student Recruitment and Visitor Services. Dr. Hansen and Dr. Morales then signed the Guaranteed Admission MOU.

A.4 Presentation by Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, President, Riverside Chapter NAACP – Tribute to Black History Month

Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, President, Riverside Chapter, NAACP, paid tribute to Black History Month by sharing information about African-American history as it relates to RUSD.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**B.1 Reports presented by Arlington and Martin Luther King High Schools' Student Board Representatives.****SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Hansen discussed his attendance at the ACSA Superintendents' Symposium in Monterey last week where he attended the New Superintendents' and One Voice Workshops. He mentioned attending RUSD's 4th Annual Parent Summit with over 500 attendees this weekend, and the RUSD History Day event where our students were recognized for their amazing projects.

Dr. Hansen reported that the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the United States Department of Education has selected two of our students as candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. He noted that annually, up to 141 students are chosen from among outstanding graduating seniors to become U.S. Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high schools students. He said two students that were chosen to apply were from our District and

they are: Andrew Xu (pronounced Shu), John W. North High School and Zubin K. Mishra, Riverside Polytechnic High School.

Dr. Hansen discussed that Matthew Gage Middle School History/Social Science Teacher Robert Alvarez was named California Council for the Social Studies (CCSS) Middle School Teacher of the Year. He noted that Robert has taught in RUSD since 1964.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day reported that another Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Steering Committee Meeting was held where they reviewed the Governor's Budget. She said they looked over the project timeline and calendar. She discussed the community engagement meetings that have been scheduled to begin on February 18. She commended Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Improvement and Extended Learning; Ms. Joyce Threadgold, Executive Secretary to the Deputy Superintendent; and Mrs. Jacquie Paul, Supervisor, Strategic Communications, for their work on this project. In closing, Mrs. Carmen Day discussed the draft of the School Assistance Plan.

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Mr. Craig Goodwin shared information about the Riverside Black History Parade and Expo; Mr. Nathan Miller, Trustee Riverside Community College District (RCCD) discussed his son attending STEM Academy and that he would like to see a collaborative effort between RCCD and RUSD; Mr. Robert Schwarz discussed his concerns about Common Core (and provided a handout to the Board members); Mr. Jason Hunter addressed the Board members questioning the rules regarding Public Input; and Ms. Sandra Lahood voiced her concerns regarding the \$1.95 charge when you purchase your child's lunch through payPAMS; she also mentioned that the STEM Academy School has a great staff.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

E.1 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 Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and 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 – REPORT/DISCUSSION

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

Mrs. Carmen Day and Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, K-12, reviewed a PowerPoint and provided information on the Riverside STEM Academy School. Mr. Garcia said that a report would be brought back to the Board members at the March Board meeting.

The Board members took a break from 7:56 to 8:11 p.m.

G.2 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) 2014 Annual Report

Mr. Timothy R. Walker, Executive Director Pupil Service/SELPA, introduced Mrs. Carrie Antrim, Assistant Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, and Mrs. Aurora Sanchez, CAC Chairperson, who presented the Board of Education with the 2014 Annual Report.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Policy #3511 – Business and Non-Instructional Operations – Energy and Water Conservation, and Associated Revisions to the 2015-2016 District Calendar

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, indicated that the Board of Education was being asked to review the recommended revisions to Policy #3511 – Business and Non-Instructional Operations – Energy and Water Conservation and associated revisions to the District’s 2015-2016 Standard School Calendar.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Board Policy #3511 and the associated revisions to the District’s 2015-2016 Standard School Calendar:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members’ Comments

Mrs. Cloud discussed the RUSD History Day Awards Ceremony that was held on January 31 that she and Mrs. Allavie attended and that there were many amazing projects submitted by our students. She discussed that Common Core has been an issue and that there are legitimate issues in regards to the testing. She mentioned the discussion from a recent City Council meeting regarding the Long Night of Arts and Innovation. She stated that the District has and does provide in kind money, music, and performances in participation of this yearly event.

Mr. Lee said that he would like an update provided on the library books for the DLI Program. In regards to Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes and the Black History Parade, he discussed that Riverside is known for its diversity, he agrees that the District needs an Ad Hoc Committee but he would also like to celebrate our local Riverside history.

Mr. Hunt indicated that this was a good, well organized meeting. He said that he was touched by the comments made by Mr. Schwarz, because the quality of education is

the quality of your community. He suggested that our Chief Academic Officer address some of Mr. Schwarz concerns. Mr. Hunt discussed a meeting that is scheduled with the President of Notre Dame High School that he has also invited Board Member Lock-Dawson to attend. He mentioned having lunch with a staff member of the Sherman Indian High School, and that 80 percent of the students get in to college but only 1/3 actually attend. Mr. Hunt discussed the need for a Public Information Officer to get information out for the District like our participation in the Long Night of Arts and Innovation to the City Council. He thanked Mr. Hunter for attending the meeting and requested that staff look into his concerns.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson referenced the CSUSB signing tonight was a dream come true. She stated that Ms. Rucker-Hughes coming to speak to the Board members was great, and she is looking forward to following up on the Ad Hoc Committee that was requested. In regards to PayPAMS, Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that parents do pay for the service, but that parents do not have to use the service and can pay by check and Mr. Fine confirmed that this was correct. She concluded by thanking the Board and staff for the meeting.

Mrs. Cloud discussed the Riverside County School Boards Association Annual Spring Conference that will be held at Central Middle School in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, April 27, with guest speaker John Husing. She stated that she is hoping that all will attend.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned attending the 4th Annual Parent Summit at Ramona High School and indicated that the speaker, Judge Raquel Marquez, did a great job. She said she would send a letter from the Board members thanking her for speaking. Mrs. Allavie said she would also send a letter to Mr. Robert Alvarez, California Council for the Social Studies Middle School Teacher of the Year. In closing, Mrs. Allavie questioned if information regarding health and reproductive rights can be distributed on RUSD high school campuses.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2015 – Regular Board Study Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:48 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Charlotte Huber, retired RUSD teacher for many years.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education