

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 MONDAY, MAY 4, 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: Public Information Officer, School Assistance Program (SAP) Coordinator, and Elementary School Principal

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:33 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 and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to accept the resignation of Employee #052034:

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

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to appoint the following employees: Mr. Justin Grayson, Public Information Officer; Mrs. Katarina Roy Schantz, Coordinator, School Assistance Program; and Mrs. Annette Raspudic, Elementary School Principal:

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 Heather Wolsleger, 6th grade Taft Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The John W. North High School's Ballet Folkloric performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 City of Riverside Ballot Measure “A”

Mr. Phil Pitchford, City of Riverside, Intergovernmental and Communications Officer, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation sharing information that if pending Ballot Measure “A” is approved, would change the Riverside Municipal Code to allow storefront and mobile marijuana dispensaries to operate in the City. He stated that the Measure was placed on the Ballot by a group that was seeking to legalize medical marijuana.

A.2 John W. North High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team and Student Leaders – Trip to Jiangmen, China

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Dr. Lynne Sheffield, Principal, John W. North High School, who introduced student leaders, staff, and parents who participated in the trip. Coach Michael Barteo thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Becky Porter, Activities Director, introduced a few students who reviewed a PowerPoint sharing information about their trip to Jiangmen, China.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen introduced Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent Operations, and Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support.

Dr. Lewis shared an update on the Prop 39 projects, and he noted that these projects are not automatic but have to be applied for and discussed his staff members that have been helping with this effort.

Ms. Renee Hill provided a brief update on the Smarter Balance Testing.

Dr. Hansen shared that this week marks the last of his school site visits. He was pleased to report that he has been able to visit every one of our schools, and he has also been able to hold brief voluntary staff meetings and toured all classrooms at each of our school sites. He mentioned also being able to meet with Dr. Wiseby at La Sierra University.

Today, Dr. Hansen reported that he was able to participate in a very fun event. He noted that Stewie the Duck, the main character of the book, "*Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim*" joined him, Riverside Fire Chief Michael Moore, Captain Dave Hernandez, Senior Olympic swimmer Vivian Stancil, and a member of the Stew Leonard Foundation, which is dedicated to preventing drownings at a special kick-off event at Fremont Elementary School today. He indicated that the firefighters will continue to share Stewie's story and the message of water safety to first-graders at all RUSD schools throughout the month of May.

Dr. Hansen stated that yesterday, Mrs. Lock-Dawson attended the Show&Go Car Show 2015 for Charity and the Riverside East Rotary Foundation presented her with a giant check for RUSD schools in the amount of \$1,740.00. He said that 1,000.00 is to be used for King High Remembers, \$500.00 for the Special Needs Prom, and the remainder has been used in the past to help with Bryant's Holiday field trip (which would not have been possible without generous community partners like Riverside East Rotary).

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals spoke to the Board members: Ms. Debbie Davis, Ms. Martha Mann, Ms. Tammy Dickey-McBirnie (she provided a handout about the A.L.I.C.E. Training Institute), spoke about the benefits of attending the Paraeducator Conference in San Jose.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

E.1 RASM Presentation by Mr. Bernie Marez, Riverside Association of School Managers

Mr. Bernie Marez introduced Mr. Victor Cisneros, President-Elect, who reported on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Association of School Managers (RASM).

E.2 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 F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Items F.5 and F.14, 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.

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

F.5 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the District

Item F.5 was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

F. 14 Out-of-Country Field Trip – Riverside STEM Academy/Martin Luther King High School

Item F.14 was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

SECTION G – REPORTS/DISCUSSION

G.1 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Revisions, Development, Monitoring, and Annual Update

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day provided a PowerPoint which included a status report on the revisions, development, monitoring, and annual update of the 2015-18 LCAP.

The Board members took a break from 8:00 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

G.2 Disclosure of Tentative Agreements and 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, shared that these items represent 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.

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARINGS

H.1 Public Hearing – Public Hearing Prior to Adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-43 - A Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City for a Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, explained that the Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-43 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m.

H.2 Public Hearing – Public Hearing Prior to Adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-45 – Finding the Acquisition of Real Property Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Fine shared that a Public Hearing is required prior to Adoption of Resolution No. 2014/15-45 – Finding the Acquisition of Real Property Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption regarding real property located at 18945 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

H.3 Public Hearing – Public Hearing Prior to Adoption of Resolution 2014/15-36 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Exchange of Real Property is Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Fine stated the need for a Public Hearing Prior to Adoption of Resolution 2014/15-36 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Exchange of Real Property is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption located at 9174 Indiana Avenue, Riverside.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m.

H.4 Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, Submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education With Riverside City Teachers Association

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 8:23 p.m.

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, stated that a Public Hearing was required for the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education with the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 8:24 p.m.

H.5 Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, Submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association With the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education

Mrs. Allavie opened the Public Hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Mrs. Mills shared that a Public Hearing was needed for the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA) with the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Allavie closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

SECTION I– ACTION

I.1 Resolution No. 2014/15-43 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City Riverside for a Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue

Mr. Fine stated that it was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-43 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City Riverside for a Temporary Construction Easement at 6401 Lincoln Avenue.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-43:

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

I.2 Resolution 2014/15-45 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Acquisition of Real Property Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption

Mr. Fine requested that the Board approve Resolution 2014/15-45 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Acquisition of Real Property Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption regarding real property located at 18945 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-45:

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

I.3 Resolution 2014/15-36 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Exchange of Real Property is Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption

Mr. Fine shared the need to receive approval of Resolution 2014/15-36 – Resolution of the Riverside Unified School District Finding the Exchange of Real Property is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recording of a Notice of Exemption regarding real property located at 9174 Indiana Avenue, Riverside.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-36:

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

I.4 Resolution No. 2014/15-44 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, in a Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$54,000,000, and Approving Certain Other Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Fine stated that consideration of Resolution No. 2014/15-44 authorizes the issuance of the Riverside Unified School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 for the purposes of refunding the Series B General Obligation Bonds, which are outstanding in the amount of \$50,840,000.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-44:

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

I.5 Approval of Recommended Instructional Materials for Secondary English Language Arts

Mr. Garcia introduced Ms. Lisa Kells, 7-12 English Language Arts and Foreign Language Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed that the instructional materials have been on public display for 30 days. She shared that these novels are new additions to our RUSD Approved Novel Lists in grade 7, grade 9, grade 10, and grade 11.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the recommended Instructional Materials for Secondary English Language Arts with the exception of the title, “*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*”.

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

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the title, “*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*”.

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

I.6 Approval Classes Offered at Riverside Adult School During 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Antonio Garcia introduced Mr. Jim Dawson, Director, Riverside Adult School (RAS), who stated that approval was being requested for the 2014-15 courses offered by RAS. He indicated that this approval is a requirement for receiving the federal Adult Education Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) funding.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the courses offered at Riverside Adult School.

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

ABSTAIN: None

SECTION J – CONCLUSION

J.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson mentioned recently meeting with Dr. Thomas Smith, the new Dean in the Graduate School of Education at UCR. She suggested inviting Dr. Smith to an RUSD fall Board meeting to provide a presentation and the other Board members concurred.

Mr. Hunt mentioned that tomorrow, May 5 is the Riverside County Celebrating Educators Luncheon. He requested that Dr. Husing's presentation from the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) meeting on April 27 be provided to all of the Board members, because he was very impressed with the meeting and his presentation. Mr. Hunt shared as we move forward with the LCAP Plan, he would like medical career pathway opportunities to be explored.

Mrs. Cloud thanked everyone that attended the RCSBA Event and noted that the student performers did a great job. She thanked *The Press-Enterprise* for the article on the Bryant Rose Parade. She discussed her concerns related to the District truancy letters that they are draconian. She understands that the District is guided by the Education Code, but she would like us to work on the wording so that we are not alienating parents with harsh wording.

Mr. Lee suggested that staff look into water conservation programs through the Western Municipal Water District and the advantage of using drought tolerant plants. He suggested that staff look at providing a K-6 STEM opportunity across town, with the possibility of repurposing an existing facility. In closing, Mr. Lee discussed his current visits to DLI classrooms. He spoke about the recruitment of Spanish students, and that the District needs to make it clear that this is one option that is a great opportunity for Spanish speaking students as well.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 9:01 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Joyce Lambie, who passed away on March 14, former physical education teacher (gymnastics, track, and tennis coach), at Ramona High School for many years; Mr. Patrick Fagan, who passed away on March 28, former football coach at Arlington High School for 5 years; and Dr. Rodney Soholt, who passed away on April 16, former volunteer field physician who also performed athletic physicals for many Riverside high schools for several years.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:02 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Allavie announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kathy Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 10:15 p.m.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education