

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE (UCR)  
900 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHASS INTERDISCIPLINARY BUILDING SOUTH,  
1128 SCREENING ROOM, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 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.

**CEREMONIAL SIGNING AND ACTION**

**1. STEM Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and The Regents of the University of California on Behalf of the University of California, Riverside (UCR)**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, shared that the STEM Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to be signed by Dr. David Hansen, District Superintendent (RUSD) and Kim Wilcox, Chancellor (UCR), would create a partnership to promote, foster, and enrich the pre-college math and science environment, and stimulate greater student interests in math, science, and engineering at the Riverside STEM Academy.

**2. Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and Riverside Community College District (RCCD) on Behalf of Riverside City College (RCC)**

Mrs. Carmen Day noted that the Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding, to be signed by Dr. David Hansen, District Superintendent and Dr. Isaac Wolde-Ab, President of Riverside City College, would allow students to earn both a high school diploma and up to two (2) years of college credits towards an Associate degree. President Wolde-Ab and Dr. Hansen shared comments supporting the MOU.

Provost Paul D'Anieri, Chancellor Wilcox, RCC President Dr. Wolde-Ab, Dr. Hansen, Board President Mrs. Allavie and the Board of Education shared comments supporting the Partnership MOU between RUSD and UCR and the MOU between RUSD and RCC.

The following individuals spoke in support of the MOUs: RCC Board of Trustees President Virginia Blumenthal; Mrs. Sue Johnson, former UC Regent; Ms. Clarissa Cervantes, Assistant to Councilmember Melendrez; and Mr. Gordon Bourns.

Items 1. and 2. were moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and were approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the STEM Partnership MOU Between RUSD and The Regents of UC on Behalf of UCR and the Early College High School MOU Between RUSD and RCCD on Behalf of RCC as presented:

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

**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: Elementary School Assistant Principal and High School Assistant Principal

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 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 Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to appoint Mr. Kyle Gerhard, Assistant Principal, Jackson Elementary School; and Mr. David Waldram, Assistant Principal, Martin Luther King High School:

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

**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Lt. Colonel McPeters.

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

Dr. Hansen shared that we had a great start for the 2015/16 school year welcoming approximately 42,000 students in our 48 schools, with 40 languages in the 15<sup>th</sup> largest district in California. He thanked our amazing teachers, principals, Maintenance and Operations staff, classified support staff, and Managers and Confidentials that pulled together to make our beginning days the best start ever – filled with hope, engagement, and well-being for each and every student and staff member. He shared that much of this was accomplished through the Professional Development Day that occurred when all District staff members were brought together on August 19.

Dr. Hansen introduced three principals who shared how the beginning of school went at their sites: Mr. Russ Bouton, Principal, Emerson Elementary School; Mr. Sean Curtin, Principal, Amelia Earhart Middle School; and Dr. Michael Roe, Principal, Riverside Polytechnic High School.

**SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individual addressed the Board members: Mr. John Corona, teacher at Martin Luther King High School, discussed that the CIF Southern Section has announced that the 2015 CIF-SS Boys/Girls Cross Country Preliminary site for next season will be held in Riverside.

**SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS****C.1 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

C.1 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 Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by members present with the exception of Item D,1 which was pulled for discussion, by 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****D.1 Minutes of Board Meeting for August 17, 2015**

Item D.1 was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and approved by the following roll call vote to approve the minutes as corrected:

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

## **SECTION E– REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

### **E.1 Science Renaissance Project – California Math and Science Partnership Grant**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist and Dr. Shannon Dadlez, Project Director, who reviewed the progress of the Science Renaissance Project which is a California Math and Science Partnership Program providing three years of professional development to 73 elementary teachers.

### **E.2 Overview of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Test**

Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, introduced Mr. Daniel Patterson, Director, Research Assessment and Evaluation, who provided a PowerPoint overview of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test.

### **E.3 Overview of RUSD Teacher Induction Credentialing Program**

Mr. Garcia introduced Ms. Barbara Libolt, Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint sharing a brief overview of RUSD’s Teacher Induction Program.

## **SECTION F– ACTION**

### **F.1 Resolution No. 2015/16-15 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Urging the Use of People-First Language for Students With Disabilities**

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, noted with the passage of this resolution, the Riverside Unified School District would join in the statewide movement to use “People-First” language when talking about students with disabilities. He introduced the members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that were in attendance.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2015/16-15 as presented:

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

**F.2 Resolution No. 2015/16-09 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving the Certification of the 2014-2015 Unaudited Financial Reports for All Operating Funds of the District, Establishing Appropriations Due to the Reconciliation of the 2014-2015 Estimated Ending Fund Balances to the 2014-2015 Unaudited Actual Ending Fund Balances, Classifying Components of the Ending Fund Balance**

Mrs. Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer/Governmental Relations, reviewed a PowerPoint discussing that adoption of Resolution 2015/16-09 would certify the 2014-2015 unaudited financial reports as required by Education Code 42100, establishing appropriations for differences between the estimated year-end balances and the unaudited year-end balances as required by Education Code 42600, and classifying components of the ending fund balance as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54.

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. 2015/16-09 as presented:

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

**F.3 Resolution No. 2015/16-10 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Establishing Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, Revising the 2014-2015 Appropriations Limit and Adopting the 2015-2016 Appropriations Limit (Gann Limit)**

Mrs. Kakish reviewed that Proposition 4 of 1979, otherwise known as the Gann Limit, establishes a constitutional limit on the allowable growth in state and local government spending. She said that the Board of Education was being asked to adopt a resolution revising the 2014-15 appropriations limit and establishing the initial 2015-16 appropriations limit.

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. 2015/16-10 as presented:

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

**F.4 Election of Members to the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization for the 2nd, 3rd, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts**

Dr. Hansen noted that pursuant to Education Code Section 4005, the annual election of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (SDO) was being called and there are vacancies in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to nominate Mr. Memo Mendez for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District and for Mrs. Lock Dawson to nominate Mr. Mendez from the floor at the SDO annual election on October 26, and any other nominees that Mrs. Lock-Dawson deems appropriate:

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

## **SECTION G – CONCLUSION**

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

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked Dr. Hansen, Mrs. Allavie, and District staff for bringing this Board meeting to UCR. She commented about the Professional Development Day stating that it was a very positive event, and she noted there is terrific on-site talent at the District Office. Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed the notebook that Dr. Roe provided and mentioned the brochure regarding their Advanced Placement (AP) Academy at Riverside Polytechnic High School.

Mr. Hunt complimented Dr. Hansen and all of the staff members that collaboratively worked to bring these events together. He discussed that today's recognition was four (4) years in the making when Mrs. Lock-Dawson first joined the Board, and he discussed that we owe UCR, Mrs. Allavie, and Mrs. Lock-Dawson for their abilities and education contacts over these years. He noted this is a fantastic day for Mrs. Cloud to see in her last term on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Cloud also commended the many people that were involved with the partnerships. She thanked Mr. Daniel Patterson for all of his work. She discussed an article from the *Sacramento Bee* by Dan Walters titled, "How do we grade our schools?" and stated that she would provide a copy to be shared with the entire Board.

Mr. Lee mentioned that everyone is on the same page and providing the same message from the leadership down during the meeting tonight – putting kids first. He commended all staff members who are helping Dr. Hansen and Mrs. Carmen Day for implementing the vision. He stated that we need to be a "No Excuses District" in this journey, and he believes this is how all of the work is happening. He noted his appreciation for all of the work that has been done in the past, but he noted his great appreciation for the implementation of making these partnerships come to fruition.

Mrs. Allavie provided an article from *The Press-Enterprise*, titled "Tax Payers Should Be Weary of Strings Attached to School Bonds" that she provided to Dr. Hansen for the upcoming Board Study Session. She mentioned visiting Riverside Polytechnic High School the other day and that she listened to a group of 15 students who discussed their angst about being a student. She said the girls spoke about the pressures of

being in high school. Mrs. Allavie requested that a report be provided in the future on Counseling. She thanked District staff for their work on the MOU event.

**G.2 Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2015 – Regular Board Study Session**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:35 p.m. in memory of Mr. Stu Berhart, former principal and teacher in RUSD, who passed away on August 20; Ms. Shirley Bradshaw, former teacher in RUSD for many years, who passed away on August 23; Ms. Bessie Moreno, former Hearts and Kindergarten teacher at John Adams Elementary School, who recently passed away, and Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Selena Stewart, former Arlington High School Air Force JROTC, who recently passed away.

Brent Lee  
Clerk  
Board of Education