

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Board President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, 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 4:00 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 Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Title: Middle School Principal, and Middle School and High School Assistant Principals

4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: District Superintendent

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that the following actions were taken by the Board during Closed Session as introduced by Dr. Hansen:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee to appoint Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Principal, Frank Augustus Miller Middle School; Mr. Renell Robinson, Assistant Principal, Ramona High School; and Ms. Tacy Duncan, Assistant Principal, Chemawa, Middle School:

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 Denise Ramirez, 5th grade student from Madison Elementary School.

SECTION A – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

District Superintendent Hansen introduced Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Duncan, who were promoted to new positions during Closed Sessions. In addition, he introduced Ms. Gabriela Alonso, who was listed on the Consent calendar for approval for the position of Coordinator, School, Family and Community Partnerships.

Dr. Hansen reported that on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, students from across our District participated in the 15th Annual Science and Technology Education Partnership (STEP) Conference held at the Bourns Technology Center. He stated that this event provided hundreds of students across the Inland area with the opportunity to explore science with hands-on activities and experience a wide variety of STEM careers. He said high school students also had the chance to visit the UC Riverside CE-CERT (College of Engineering Center for Environmental Research and Technology); and, he mentioned that teachers were able to participate in a special conference led by Dr. Pam Clute, Executive Director of the UC Riverside ALPHA Center that he was able to participate in as well.

Superintendent Hansen noted that tomorrow night the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Rail Safety Twitter Contest is being recognized by the City Council at 6:15 p.m. He said that Ms. Lena Kent from BNSF Railway would provide a brief overview of the program before the Mayor awards the prizes, and he indicated that the grand prize to one of our high school’s ASBs is in the amount of \$15,000. He reported that some of the stats from the contest included: 185,000 + tweets; nearly 1,000 Instagram posts, 4 videos, numerous safety booths at lunchtime and during school sporting events, skits at school assemblies, multiple pep rallies, daily announcements, and messages on the marquees.

This Saturday, Oct. 25 from 7:30 to 5 p.m., Dr. Hansen discussed that robots would be taking over Martin Luther King High School as 24 teams of students from throughout Southern California would be participating in the VEX/Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Inland Empire Robotics Challenge, which is being held for the first time at King High School this year. He reported that this is the first time the regional contest has taken place in Riverside.

He noted that last week he continued his walkthrough of classrooms at Riverside Polytechnic High School and Mark Twain Elementary School, and today at Franklin Elementary School.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day mentioned the Parent Center that has been mentioned as part of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) that it will be housed at the Riverside Adult School in a modular. She stated that staff has been looking at solutions for substitute teachers and will bring an item to Board members at a future meeting. Mrs. Carmen Day said the 12th Annual Riverside County Education Summit was held on October 15 and three of our programs were recognized – RUSD’s Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Elementary program; and John W. North High School for their Multicultural and International Baccalaureate (IB) and AVID programs.

Lastly, Dr. Hansen mentioned attending the funeral for former head custodian at Arlington High School David Magana. He mentioned that he spoke at the funeral, and that he is glad that we are adjourning the meeting in his memory and reminded everyone to keep the family in their thoughts in prayers during this very difficult time.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Ms. Natasha Humphrey mentioned concerns related to substitute teachers, Special Education resources, and DLI tutoring; Ms. Bronwyn Leebaw, Castle View Elementary School parent, discussed her concerns regarding the shortage of substitutes in RUSD; and Mr. Paul Chavez discussed the Home Gardens Academy in Corona.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

D.1 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

Mr. Tim Martin provided a report 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 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 F – REPORT/DISCUSSION

F.1 Policy #9110 – Bylaws of the Board – Regular Members: Terms of Office – First Reading

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed the proposed revised Board Policy #9110 – Bylaws of the Board –

Regular Members: Terms of Office and stated that they have been prepared for the Board of Education's consideration for First Reading.

The Board members agreed that this item would be brought back for a 2nd, First Reading as a Report/Discussion Item.

SECTION G – PUBLIC HEARING

G.1 Public Hearing – Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, stated that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 requires that districts hold a public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, foreign language, and RLA/ELD. He indicated that notice must be posted at least ten days in advance and in at least three public places within the district.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Resolution No. 2014/15-09 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Material Compliance for Fiscal Year 2014/15

Mr. Garcia indicated that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 as amended by Senate Bill X3 4 Section 18, regardless of the statewide revenue limit, in order to be eligible to receive the instructional materials funds, Riverside Unified School District must hold a public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, foreign language, and RLA/ELD.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-09:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie said that she agreed with many of the concerns that Mr. Martin mentioned, and she noted if you add combination classes into the equation she cannot even imagine the problems with Common Core. She stated that she has invitations available for the Littleworth Re-dedication event and extras as well. She gave a big shout-out regarding the TEDX event and exclaimed that it was a great day!

Mrs. Cloud reported that TEDX was quite captivating, and that she was able to attend even though she had a mini-family reunion. She participated in the Gooru tour at

Liberty Elementary School which she indicated was pretty fascinating, and she said the Gooru apps are really good. She noted that the Gooru Board is very impressed with our teachers. She discussed that one of our teachers was showing her how to get to the apps and how much instructional time it was taking – she voiced concern that we need to be really careful that we don't get too dependent on technology. Mrs. Cloud said she will be serving on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) panel on October 29 for one-day in Sacramento.

Mr. Hunt thanked Mrs. Cloud for serving on the panel. He also encouraged Mr. Walker to follow up with Ms. Humphrey who spoke this evening, and that Dr. Hansen provided information to Board members regarding Mr. Chavez and the Home Gardens Academy in Corona. He mentioned the TEDX event and how impressed he was with the great job of the facilitators, and he referenced a human trafficking presentation that he would like our middle school students to receive that was part of the event.

Mr. Lee also discussed that TEDX was a pretty remarkable event especially with the speakers being local. He said it was a great reminder that we have great schools – wonderful stories! He indicated that he knows an event like this does not happen without a ton of work from many people, but he said it would be wonderful if RUSD and/or RUSD and Alvord would get together and do a similar TEDYouth event. Mr. Lee thanked Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, and Mr. Steve Dunlap, Director, Innovation and Learner Engagement, for the Gooru Executive Board meeting that they scheduled at Liberty Elementary School to highlight Personalized Learning. He indicated that it was 99 percent more successful than last time, the infrastructure has improved since last year, and he voiced his approval that RUSD is headed in a great direction.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she spoke at the STEM Academy at their invitation because they invite various speakers to their campus. She said she was invited as a decision maker, politician, and that it was very fun to be with the 475 students. She mentioned being interviewed by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Magazine for a future story on the first 400 days of a Board member. In closing, she mentioned a meeting that she attended with Dr. Hansen at the County of Riverside, with Mr. Jay Orr, County Executive Officer where they discussed having an Education Roundtable.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: November 3, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m. in memory of Mr. David Torres Magana, former head custodian at Arlington High for many years.

CLOSED SESSION

4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: District Superintendent

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:37 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that no formal action was taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 9:38 p.m.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education