

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, Member.

Also present were Interim District Superintendent, Mr. Michael H. Fine, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:01 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: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim 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. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)  
(2 Cases)
5. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
District Negotiator: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent  
Unrepresented Employees: Assistant Superintendents; Interim Chief Business Official; Interim Director of Business Services

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced 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 Aidan Hernandez, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Louisa May Alcott Elementary School student.

**BOARD PERFORMANCE**

Riverside Polytechnic High School Cellist Pacal Cornejo-Reynoso performed for the Board of Education.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATION**

**A.1 Recognition of Riverside Polytechnic High School Cellist Pacal Cornejo-Reynoso, Participant in the 2014 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall**

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

**B.1 Reports presented by Ramona, John W. North, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools' Student Board Representatives.**

**SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns related to Martin Luther King High School's basketball program: Mr. Kevin Lough and Mrs. Ann Laudermilk.

**SECTION D – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Fine discussed the next Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Community meeting that will be held on February 19 at 6:00 p.m. before the Mayor's Night Out at Reid Park, and an LCAP High School meeting on February 24 at Riverside Polytechnic High School. He talked about the positive responses that have been received and the 1,600 points of input as of last week. Mr. Fine said the Party at the Plaza event will be held on February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He closed by providing a brief update regarding the Board Instructional Subcommittee.

Mr. Hunt provided an update regarding the Board Operations Subcommittee.

**SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**E.1 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

**E.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President**

**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 Item F.10 which was pulled for discussion 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.10 Certificated Personnel Assignment Order CE 2013/14-13**

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by members present by the following roll call vote to approve amended Item F.10 with the inclusion of the promotion of Mr. Eric Fladland, Assistant Principal, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School:

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

**SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**G.1 Governor’s Budget Proposals for 2014-15**

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Director, Business Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Governor’s Budget Proposals for 2014-15 and the potential impacts on Riverside Unified School District.

**SECTION H – ACTION**

**H.1 Riverside STEM Academy Housing Plan for 2014-2015**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, indicated that staff is requesting that the Board of Education approve the repurposing of two portables as classrooms to accommodate the addition of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class.

The following individuals shared their concerns with the Board regarding this item: Ms. Sandra Lahood-Beyermann, Mr. Bahram Mobasher, and Ms. Linda Jenkins.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving the repurposing of two portables as classrooms to accommodate the addition of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class, and the creation of an Adhoc Workshop Committee by incorporating various groups (with long and short term strategies and plans), including the charter aspect, and to report back to the Board of Education by the summertime:

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

The Board took a break from 7:49 to 8:02 p.m.

**H.2 7-11 Committee Membership**

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board of Education was being asked to approve the appointment of the citizens nominated to the 7-11 Committee.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving the appointment of the recommended citizens to the 7-11 Committee:

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

### **H.3 Riverside Polytechnic High School Arthur Littleworth Theater Modifications**

Dr. Lewis explained that staff is requesting that the Board of Education approve the installation of exterior signage and for the design of modifications to the interior lobby of the Riverside Polytechnic High School Arthur Littleworth Theater.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved by the following roll call vote approving the installation of the exterior signage up to \$10,000 and the design of interior modifications to the lobby of the Riverside Polytechnic High School Arthur Littleworth Theater:

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

### **H.4 Bulkhead for Riverside Polytechnic High School Pool**

Dr. Lewis discussed that the Board of Education is being asked to approve the purchase of a bulkhead for the new swimming pool at Riverside Polytechnic High School.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote approving the purchase of a bulkhead for the new swimming pool at Riverside Polytechnic High School:

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

### **H.5 Consideration of 2014 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election**

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

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to recommend voting for Mr. Jerry Bowman, Menifee Union School District; Mr. Stanley Crippen, Lake Elsinore Unified School District; Mr. Thomas D. Elliott, Perris Elementary School District; Mr. Ben Johnson, II, Alvord Unified School District; Ms. Marla Kirkland, Val Verde Unified School District; and Mr. Wraymond Sawyerr, Val Verde Unified School District.

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

## **SECTION I – CONCLUSION**

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

Mr. Hunt talked about his attendance the other night at the Riverside Polytechnic High School basketball game vs. John W. North High School, and the community support for high school athletics. He mentioned with remaining Tyler Lewellen memorial funding, that the concept of a conference for coaches is being worked on and will be brought forward to the entire Board at a later date. He discussed the Middle School Basketball Tournament. In closing, he stated that Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, will be recognized by the NAACP in May.

Mrs. Allavie complimented the LCAP meetings, and she thanked staff for their efforts in running the meetings. She noted that Martin Luther King High School's Choir, Cabaret performance was the most phenomenal that she has attended, but she stated that it was scheduled for the same night as the Honor Bands event.

Mrs. Cloud said the Riverside Art Museum has the Bryant Art Show now on display. She stated that the Science and Engineering Fair event was spectacular and thanked Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, and his staff for their hard work on this event. She mentioned parking issues at the event and suggested that staff work with the site ahead of time to open the gates for additional parking. She discussed her attendance at the LCAP meeting at John W. North High School. In closing, she discussed the recent Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) meeting that she attended.

Mr. Lee mentioned that he is blown away by the attendance at the LCAP meetings, and he thinks that it is great how the parents are participating. He noted that he is proud of the process.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked everyone for the discussion regarding the Riverside STEM Academy, and she hopes that Mrs. Allavie will Chair the process. She thanked Mrs. Paredes for taking her to some enlightening school site visits recently. In closing, Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that it is very critical how we prioritize our project funding.

### **I.2 Next Board Meeting: March 3, 2014**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 8:54 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Sherri Power, a vibrant supporter of RUSD schools for the past two decades, who passed away on February 9; Mr. Adam Myers, Riverside Polytechnic High School graduate and a Special Education teaching assistant for 18 years at Ramona High School, who passed away on February 4; and Ms. Anne Richards, former substitute teacher for RUSD, who passed away on February 10.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education