

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 5:00 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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:37 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Charlotte Petty, 6th grade student from Monroe Elementary School.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognition of John F. Kennedy Elementary School Principal Lisa Betts and Assistant Principal Gayle Baker With the RUSD Honor Roll Award

Dr. Hansen presented Principal Lisa Betts and Assistant Principal Gayle Baker with the RUSD Honor Roll Award for saving the life of a man who suffered an allergic reaction after he was stung by a bee.

SECTION B – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hansen reported that on Wednesday of last week, our Sierra Middle School student Giovanni Valle was tragically struck by a car and killed on his way to school. He mentioned that staff and community members that would like to assist the family can send donations to the Giovanni Valle Memorial Account, c/o Altura Credit Union, he said the information is also available on our District website, or you can drop donations off at any Altura branch. He noted that a car wash was held at Sierra Middle School this weekend and \$ 8,521 was raised – and donations are still coming in.

Dr. Hansen reported that the Re-Dedication of the Art Littleworth Theater and Timeline Mural was a great success this weekend! He noted that Mr. Littleworth was extremely happy with the event and the beautiful timeline mural, and representatives from Inlandia appreciated all of the hard work that went into the event as well. He personally thanked Board Members Kathy Allavie and Gayle Cloud for the time they invested and our District staff that went above and beyond for the worthy event.

Dr. Hansen indicated that he and Antonio Garcia attended the Woodcrest Town Hall Meeting (with approximately 75 attendees) that was hosted by the Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council on Thursday evening the 13th. He noted that It was a great event where several community leaders spoke (with him) which included: Riverside County Board of Supervisors Kevin Jefferies, the Fire Chief, and the Riverside County Sheriff. He said that RUSD hosted a booth and that several parents and community members stopped by to ask questions and receive information.

He discussed that on Thursday evening, RUSD students and staff were recognized as recipients of the 2014 Riverside Heroes Awards presented by the City of Riverside Human Relations Commission: Kate Weggeland, Riverside Polytechnic High School, was honored for her work to create her own non-profit, Uniquely Special, which supports special needs students; and Joseph Aleman, Matthew Gage Middle School, Campus Supervisor, was recognized for his many hours of volunteering with the boxing program at Villegas Park. In addition, Dr. Hansen said that three John W. North High School students were named 2014 Diversity Scholarship winners: Sylvia Bi, Kaylee Paul, and Tatiana Su.

In closing, Dr. Hansen reported since our last Board meeting, he has continued his walkthrough of classrooms at John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, the Educational Options Center, Riverside Adult School, and today at Victoria Elementary School.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, reported that the Board accepted a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Riverside at their November 3, 2014 meeting. She noted that this Dictionary Project has been a project of the Kiwanis Club for 9 years, and thanked Mr. Booker Huling, former RUSD Principal and Coordinator of the Dictionary Project for the donation.

Mrs. Carmen Day discussed that at the last Board Instructional Subcommittee meeting that the Transitional Kindergarten program was discussed and will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting. She mentioned the Elementary Report Card Guide and said a copy was provided to Board members. She referenced that a Study Session to discuss the Riverside STEM Academy is scheduled for December 1. Mrs. Carmen Day stated that information was provided in the Board Mailout regarding the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA)/RUSD survey, and that more information would be

provided to Board members as it becomes available. She reported that one of our teachers from Matthew Gage Middle School, Robert Alvarez, has been chosen as an Outstanding Social Science Middle School Teacher of the Year.

SECTION C – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individual addressed the Board members: Mr. Paul Chavez mentioned his prior discussion about the Home Gardens Academy in Corona.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

E.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 F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie 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.

Mr. Hunt referenced the two individuals that are retiring on Page 137 (one with 26 and the other with 35 years of service to RUSD). He requested that District staff look at potential ways of recognizing individuals that have contributed to the service of our students for so many years.

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Fall 2014 Enrollment Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent Operations, introduced Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, who reviewed a PowerPoint with the actual K-12 fall 2014 enrollment contrasted with projected enrollment and prior year's enrollment.

G.2 State Testing Update

Mrs. Carmen Day introduced Mr. Daniel Patterson, Director of Research Assessment and Evaluation, who shared a PowerPoint on State Assessments including name change from STAR to CAASPP, Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC), California Standards Tests (CST), Early Assessment Program (EAP), and Academic Performance Index (API).

G.3 Disclosure of a Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Government Relations, stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

The Board members took a break from 6:57 to 7:13 p.m.

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARING

H.1 Public Hearing – Charter School Petition Review

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, introduced Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning, who discussed that the Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605(b), to consider the level of support for a charter school petition filed for the establishment of the Encore High School for the Arts-Riverside.

Ms. Denise Griffin, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); Mr. Stephen Dekany, Executive Officer of Enrollment/Recruitment; Mrs. Pamela Zabala Executive Director of Academics; Mr. Phillip Wallace, Executive Officer of Student Affairs; Ms. Nada Nasserdeen, Executive Director of Arts; and Mr. John Griffin, Chief Operations Officer, Encore Education Corporation; shared information about their program in Hesperia and discussed their vision to expand their program into the city of Riverside during 2015 with 400 students.

The following individuals addressed the Board members and spoke in favor of Encore High School for the Arts-Riverside: Mr. James Bengtson, Ms. Summer Reign Cummings, Ms. Fatima Cristerna-Adame; Mr. Lance Rush-Mills, Mr. Robert Gabler, Ms. Ashlin Lannerd, Mr. Don Miskulin, Ms. Janona Ciancio, Ms. Alissa Roseborough, and Mr. Craig Yarasiaki.

The following individuals addressed the Board members and spoke in favor of RUSDs programs: Mr. Brian Holm, Ms. Ann Grell, and Ms. Rhonda Barnes.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to close the Public Hearing:

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

Mr. Garcia said this item will be brought back on December 8 as an Action Item.

The Board took a break at 8:34 to 8:44 p.m.

SECTION I – ACTION

I.1 Board Policy #6161.12 – Selection, Adoption, and Reconsideration of Learning and Library Resources – Second Reading

Mr. Garcia reviewed a short PowerPoint discussing the changes to revised Board Policy #6161.12 – Selection, Adoption, and Reconsideration of Learning and Library Resources that has been prepared for the Board of Education’s consideration for Second Reading and approval.

The following individual addressed the Board members in support of the changes to Policy #6161.12, Ms. Adrienna Wong, ACLU, Staff Attorney. Mrs. Lock-Dawson asked for a written copy of Ms. Wong’s comments.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Board Policy #6161.12 with the additional changes to strike the wording deemed appropriate, and to include a high school student in the Reconsideration Committee, if there is a challenge Dr. Hansen will notify the Board in his Weekly Update:

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

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve extending the meeting by 60-minutes:

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

I.2 Approval of Substitute Teachers’ Employee Salaries Amended

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel-Leadership and Development, discussed that staff is requesting approval for increasing the substitute teacher rates.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve the Substitute Teacher Salaries effective November 11, 2014:

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

I.3 Arlington High School Varsity Baseball Backstop Extension – Approval for Design Funding

Dr. Lewis reviewed that the Board of Education was being asked to approve the funding for the design of the Arlington High School Varsity Baseball Backstop Extension.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the funding for the design of the Arlington High School Varsity Baseball Backstop Extension:

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

I.4 Ramona High School Theater Remodel Design and Budget Approval

Dr. Lewis, Ms. Calhoun, and Mr. David Eaves, LPA, reviewed a PowerPoint with the design and budget for the Ramona High School Theater Remodel project that was being presented for the Board of Education's approval.

The following individual addressed the Board members regarding this item: Ms. Ann Grell requested before all the money is spent that the Board members finish the work that has not been completed at Martin Luther King High School.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve the item as submitted and include the seats.

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

I.5 Resolution No. 2014/15-16 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority Establishing Regular Meetings

Mr. Fine noted that this resolution establishes the regular meeting days and times for the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-16:

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

I.6 Resolution No. 2014/15-17 –Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District in Support of the March Air Reserve Base and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved unanimously by the following roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2014/15-17:

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

SECTION J – CONCLUSION

J.1 Board Members’ Comments

Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Huling was a former Principal at Magnolia Elementary School.

Mrs. Allavie read a thank you note that she had received, on behalf of the Board members, regarding the Littleworth event.

In regards to Charter schools coming to RUSD, Mr. Hunt discussed the need for RUSD to refocus on being a School of the Arts and to rethink extracurricular. He said that there should be a Cabinet position that concentrates on Plus 2, which will allow our District to focus on these items so that we can be more competitive.

Mrs. Cloud mentioned the busy schedule and attending the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) Closed Session Best Practices Brown Act meeting recently, and that we need to be very careful about our discussions. She said that she has Art Littleworth’s book from Inlandia. She mentioned attending a Common Core meeting on Saturday where the topics covered concerned parents and teachers. She said there was an article in *The Press-Enterprise* on Saturday, November 14 that shared information about the meeting and she was going to have Cheryl Anderson share the article with the other Board members.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

J.2 Next Board Meeting: December 8, 2014 – Annual Organizational Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 10:20 p.m. in memory of Giovanni Valle, our Sierra Middle School student who was tragically killed last week.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education