

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)
4. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Title: Senior Program Evaluator
5. Real Property Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to Discuss the Price and Terms of Purchase and/or Sale of Real Property  
District Negotiator: Michael H. Fine, Deputy Superintendent  
Property: APN #223-092-028, Riverside

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie to appoint Dr. Crystal Howard-Johnson, Senior Program Evaluator:

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 Allysiah Campbell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student from Magnolia Elementary School.

### **GROUP PERFORMANCE**

Members of the Ramona Arts Magnet performed for the Board of Education.

### **SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A.1 Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Presentation**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Ms. Lena Kent, BNSF Director of Public Affairs, who shared a video regarding their recent Rail Safety Twitter Contest.

#### **A.2 Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) Rebate Check**

Mr. Orin Williams, Director, Maintenance and Operations, introduced Energy Managers Ms. Mary Jane Gyll and Mr. Mike Fitzgerald, who received a check from Mr. Ryan Gleason, RPU, in the amount of \$10,292.70.

### **SECTION B – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

District Superintendent Hansen welcomed Dr. Crystal Howard-Johnson. In addition, he introduced Mr. Michael Gull, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12 History-Social Science/K-12 Intervention; and Mr. Matt Cash, Instructional Services Specialist, Mathematics TK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

He reported that the new Elementary Report Card system has been completely rewritten to accommodate the new Common Core standards, and was released to teachers today.

He shared that on Wednesday, Oct. 29, that he and Tim Walker joined California Baptist University (CBU) as they hosted dignitaries from Lebanon. He said the purpose of their visit was to meet with people familiar with the implementation of federal and state special education laws and policies. He noted that they are on a fact finding tour as they are in the process of drafting inaugural special education legislation for Lebanon.

He stated that last Thursday and Friday, he attended the Urban Education Dialog meeting with several superintendents. He said that some of the topics discussed during the meeting included: LCAP-Year 1 Implementation, Common Core State Standards, and College and Career Readiness.

In closing, he shared since the last Board meeting he has continued his walk through of classrooms at Bryant, Sunshine School, Arlington, and today at Chemawa Middle School.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day shared that on October 23 Ms. Janet Downey, Coordinator, After School Programs, was honored with a special presentation in Sacramento with the Visionary Leadership Award at the State Capitol Building from the Department of Education – Afterschool Division. She noted that this award was in recognition for her

leadership, innovation, compassion, creativity, resourcefulness, and dedication in operating stellar afterschool programs. She discussed that Red Ribbon Week was held at the end of October, and as a District we provided materials and wristbands to our school sites.

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

**C.1 Reports presented by Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and Arlington High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.**

**SECTION D – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Ms. Kathi Garrett and Ms. Rose Gerhartz discussed activities supported by the Special Education Booster Club.

**SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT**

**E.1 CSEA Presentation by Mr. David Tovar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

Mr. David Tovar provided a report on the activities and accomplishments of the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

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

Ms. Sandie Page provided a report on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

**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 exception of Item F.3 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.3 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the District**

The Riverside Museum Associates (RMA) were recognized for their generous donation to RUSD.

Item F.3 was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote:

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

**SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**G.1 Policy #9110 – Bylaws of the Board – Regular Members: Terms of Office – First Reading of Two Options**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed revised Board Policy #9110 – Bylaws of the Board – Regular Members: Terms of Office and discussed the two options that were being presented for First Reading.

After much discussion, the Board members agreed to not change Policy #9110.

**G-2 Board Policy #6161.12 – Selection, Adoption, and Reconsideration of Learning and Library Resources – First Reading**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, reviewed a PowerPoint discussing revisions to Board Policy #6161.12, stating that the changes were being presented to the Board of Education for First Reading.

The Board members provided their input on changes that need to be brought forward on the second reading.

**SECTION H – ACTION**

**H.1 Approval of Substitute Teachers' Employee Salaries**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel-Leadership and Development, shared a brief PowerPoint with information regarding current substitute rates for surrounding districts. She stated that staff is recommending a 20 percent increase from the daily and long-term substitute teacher rate.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie 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, Hunt, Lee, Lock-Dawson  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 RECUSE: Cloud

**SECTION I – CONCLUSION**

**I.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Hunt voiced that it would be helpful if Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA to provide a short workshop regarding the Robert's Rules of Order. He stated that he would be in London during the Re-Dedication of the Art Littleworth Theater, and he thanked Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Cloud for taking the lead with the event. He said that he enjoyed the Board Shared Governance Workshop that was held on October 28 and stated that familiarity breeds understanding. Mr. Hunt mentioned that he was talking to the Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff and he questioned if John W. North High School is working with the Sheriff's Department or just the Riverside Police Department (RPD). Mr. Fine said that he would look into the matter. Mr. Hunt reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day.

Mr. Lee had no items to report.

Mrs. Cloud thanked Mrs. Allavie for chairing the Littleworth Committee and thanked staff. She indicated that everyone is going to be happy with the theater and the timeline mural. She recognized Mrs. Paredes who will be retiring soon and thanked her for the many years of service to RUSD. She discussed her opportunity to participate in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Local Control and Accountability (LCAP) meeting that was convened last week. She stated that it was a very interesting meeting with about 25 people in attendance. She discussed that we have been blessed with how our LCAP process has proceeded, and that RUSD is held with a high degree of success for our work with our LCAP. She thanked Mr. Fine and Dr. Hansen for all of their hard work and she thanked our staff that has been involved during the process.

Mrs. Allavie commended those that worked on the Substitute Handbook and stated that current and new employees should be receiving a copy. She discussed the Ramona High School Club Information 2014-15 – Making Connections booklet that was provided by Ramona's Student Board Representative at the last meeting, and she stated that this great information regarding clubs that students can get involved in and suggested that this should be passed along to other schools. She discussed the property on Merrill Avenue next to America's Tire Store and her concerns related to rezoning the property for multi-family apartments. She stated that she would like the District represented when this item is discussed before City Council, and Mrs. Lock-Dawson agreed that the District should be represented to speak about the liability of families living next to the railroad tracks.

Mr. Hunt stated that he would like the Elementary Report Card approval information provided to the Board Members. He thanked Mrs. Allavie for bringing up the rezoning item on Merrill Avenue. He said if there is a consensus, that a strong letter should be written to the City stating that our school is not designed for high density.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she is proud of the productive and responsive why that the Board is working together.

## **I.2 Next Board Meeting: November 17, 2014**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 7:49 p.m. in memory of Hazel Yakub former cafeteria manager.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education