

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014  
 BOARD ROOM  
 6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 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**

There were no requests received to address the Board members regarding Closed Session items.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:02 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 Organization: California School Employees Association
3. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
 Title: Director V, Instructional Services K-6 and  
 Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6
4. Public Employment  
 Title: District Superintendent

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:46 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. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present to approve the appointment of Mr. Brad Schearer, Director V, Instructional Services K-6, with the following roll call vote:

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 Joseph Nieto, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Emerson Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

The Chemawa Middle School Flute Choir performed for the Board of Education.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS**

**A.1 Recognition of the Riverside Polytechnic High School Mock Trial Team, Riverside County Mock Trial Champions and Third Place in State**

**A.2 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School Boys' Basketball Team, CIF Division 1A Champions**

**A.3 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School Pep Squad, Winners of the Sharp Grand National Championship**

**A.4 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School CIF State Wrestling Finalists Kristian Vazquez and Nolan Kistler**

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

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

**SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests received to address the Board members.

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

Mr. Fine discussed some of our outstanding teachers who were recognized at the 2014 Crystal Apple Awards on Wednesday, March 26 by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Riverside Stake. He noted that the honorees chosen by students were Ms. Kristen Pickering, Riverside Polytechnic High School; Ms. Roberta Pipitone, Martin Luther King High School; Ms. Rocio Quijada, Arlington High School; Ms. Anabelle Porter, Ramona High School; and Rolland Fezzey, John W. North High School.

Mr. Fine reminded the Board members that the Smarter Balanced Assessments started last week and that tomorrow is the biggest testing day. He noted that all indications show that testing is going well. He acknowledged the teachers, principals, and Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support K-12 and her staff for all of their hard work to make this happen.

Mrs. Cloud provided an update regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee, Mr. Hunt provided an update regarding the Board Operations Subcommittee, and Mrs. Allavie provided an update regarding the Board Communications Subcommittee.

**SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by members present with the exception of Item E.2 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**

**E.2 Approval of Head Start Reapplication for 2014-2015**

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

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

**SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**F1 Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)**

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. Michael Rhodes, Assistant Principal, Arlington High School, who introduced Ms. Marisa Yeager and student members of HOPE who provided a report for the Board members.

**F.2 Report on the State of School Maintenance**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Orin Williams, Director, Maintenance and Operations, who reviewed a PowerPoint which provided the status of RUSD’s school maintenance.

**SECTION G – ACTION**

**G.1 Approval to Proceed With the Construction of School Security Measures at the Entrances to Schools**

Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, reviewed a PowerPoint sharing revised cost estimates for the completed design plans for school security measures at the entrances to Phase I and Phase II schools.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote recommending Approval to Proceed With the Construction of School Security Measures at the Entrances to Schools Presentation:

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

**G.2 Resolution No. 2013/14-32 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing California Day of the Teacher, May 14, 2014**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, stated that staff is recommended that the Board of Education adopt

Resolution No. 2013/14-32 which recognizes May 14, 2014 as the California Day of the Teacher.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving Resolution No. 2013/14-32 – California Day of the Teacher, May 14, 2014:

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

**G.3 Resolution No. 2013/14-33 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing Classified School Employees Week – May 18-24, 2014**

Ms. Mills noted that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-33 which recognizes May 18-24, 2014 as Classified School Employees Week.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving Resolution No. 2013/14-33 – Classified School Employees Week, May 18-24, 2014:

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

**G.4 Resolution No. 2013/14-37 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Determine Uses of the Monies Received From the Education Protection Account for the Current Fiscal Year**

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Interim Chief Business Official, discussed that Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution effective November 7, 2012, requires school districts to make spending determinations for monies received from the Education Protection Account (EPA) in an open session of a public meeting.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Lee and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving Resolution No. 2013/14-37:

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

**SECTION H – CONCLUSION**

**H.1 Board Members’ Comments**

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that she has a close friend that is a substitute high school teacher in RUSD and she discussed her concern when a substitute is not being supported by the administration when a student is sent to the front office with a note

regarding their behavior, and they are sent back to the classroom with no consequences. Mrs. Allavie said that she would like Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, to provide a report to the Board of Education on how we are handling these types of disruptions in classrooms now that the laws have changed in Sacramento.

Mr. Lee provided comments on Mrs. Cloud's presentation that she provided at the last Board Instruction Subcommittee meeting in regards to the Career Technical Education (CTE) grants that RUSD is receiving. He commended the District in regards to aviation, and he encouraged staff to look into similar opportunities for specialized career pathways. Mr. Lee discussed the term "high wage", and that he feels we need to better define the term.

Mrs. Cloud indicated that she had the same conversation this afternoon with Mr. Walker regarding substitute teachers at the elementary and high schools levels, and she would also like to see a presentation provide to the entire Board and said that professional development should be provided to substitute teachers. Mrs. Cloud said that she has been reviewing some books and she provided a quote from a book for Board members that she felt was very enlightening.

Mr. Hunt agreed that he has heard some of the same comments from substitute teachers and that professional development is needed. He stated with the changes in Sacramento, that students are being sided with more than the teachers. Mr. Hunt voiced the importance that the District needs to support our teaching staff. He thanked staff for reaching out to our colleagues at Norte Vista High School that were affected by the tragic Northern California accident.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that she was wearing a t-shirt that was presented to her by the Frank Augustus Miller Middle School PTA. She mentioned her recent Coffee With the Principal events that she attended at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School, Riverside Polytechnic and John W. North High Schools and encouraged other Board members to attend these events. She congratulated Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager (Mr. Lee's mother-in-law) for being recognized as a "Woman of Distinction" by California State Assemblyman Jose Medina, and she thanked Mrs. Cloud and Mr. Lee for attending the event on her behalf were she was also recognized as a "Woman of Distinction" by Assemblyman Medina.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson mentioned on Thursday, April 17 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. the RUSD Middle School Art Show would be held at the Riverside Art Museum and commended Mrs. Beth Yeager for her work on the event. She thanked Altura Credit Union for their scholarship program in connection with the Community Foundation for \$50,000.

## **H.2 Next Board Meeting: May 5, 2014**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 8:53 p.m., in memory of the following individuals that recently passed away: Mrs. Florence Quaas Roselle, retired Chemawa Middle School secretary; Mr. Mark Vergeront, Riverside Polytechnic High School art teacher; Mrs. Yvonne Celse, former RUSD teacher for over 20 years and Mr. Tim Martin's mother-in-law; Mrs. Lois Arnold, volunteer for Sierra Middle School tutoring in the math lab and later as a reading tutor at Magnolia Elementary School; and Mr. Neil Hoch, a former math teacher in RUSD; and Norte Vista High School

student Marisa Serrato who was tragically killed in the tour bus accident in Northern California while on her way to visit Humboldt State University.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education