

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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. 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 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: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:36 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 April Larsen, 4th grade Highland Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Presentation of AVID Scholarships in Honor of Mrs. Maxine Frost and Mr. Lewis Vanderzyl**
- A.2 Recognition of AVID Graduate Class of 2014**
- A.3 RIMS Science Fair Winners and Science Olympiad Recognition**
- A.4 Recognition of RUSD Middle School Students Selected for the 2014 Tech Trek Math/Science Camp**
- A.5 Recognition of RUSD’s Leadership Academy – Aspiring Administrators**

The Board members took a break from 7:21 to 7:26 p.m.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Arlington, Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Educational Options Center/Riverside Virtual School, John W. North High School, and Ramona High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individual addressed the Board members: Mr. Fritz Heirich, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP), presented RUSD with an award in recognition for the District’s excellence in Risk Management and Safety titled, “Training Pays Award” with a plaque and a check for \$2,500.

SECTION D – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fine had no items to share with the Board members.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

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

SECTION F – CONSENT

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

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Graduates (Including A-G Rates) and Dropout Data for 2012-13

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. Daniel Patterson, Program Improvement Coordinator, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding RUSD’s cohort graduation rate and completion data.

Mr. Jaime Ochoa, Dropout and Prevention Specialist, discussed dropout prevention strategies in RUSD.

G.2 Updated Review of Transfers Within the Riverside Unified School District

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, reviewed a PowerPoint which identified, explained, and provided the most recent data on the different types of transfer options available to parents and students who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Riverside Unified School District, as well as those parents and students from other districts that are interested in attending RUSD schools.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Purchasing Upgraded Math Curriculum Materials for K-6

Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education, reviewed a PowerPoint that provided information to the Board requesting approval to purchase upgraded elementary mathematics instructional materials aligned to the California Common Core State Standards for grades K-6.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote recommending approval of the purchase of upgraded elementary mathematics instructional materials:

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie to extend the Board of Education meeting to 9:45 p.m. and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

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

H.2 Secondary Courses Proposed for Adoption

Dr. Ermert discussed the eight new high school courses and two courses for revision that were being submitted for Board approval.

Ms. Theresa Butler, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12 Mathematics, shared a PowerPoint regarding the 7th Grade Mathematics, 7th Grade Mathematics Accelerated, Mathematics 1+, and Mathematics 1 courses.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving the new courses and content – 7th Grade Mathematics, Accelerated 7th Grade Mathematics, Mathematics 1+, Mathematics 1 and that District staff will work on the titles for the Mathematics 1+ and Mathematics 1 courses:

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

Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, K-12 Science and Health, reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the Physics Using Robots and Engineering course.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving new course – Physics Using Robots and Engineering:

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

Mr. Jorge Perez, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12 Student Support and Guidance, and Ms. Erica Zuvia, Health and Bio Science Academy Teacher, Ramona High School, shared a PowerPoint on the First Responder and Medical Terminology courses.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving new courses – First Responder and Medical Terminology:

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

Mr. Gary Reller, Assistant Principal, Martin Luther King High School, and Dr. James Burnam, Martin Luther King High School, English Department, reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the Introduction to Creative Writing course.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving the new course – Introduction to Creative Writing and commended Dr. Burnam for bringing forward this course for approval:

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

Mr. Reller reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the Pathways to Success and Focus on Success courses.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving new courses – Pathways to Success and Focus on Success:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Lee mentioned that he and his wife attended Liberty Elementary School's Career Day and that it was a very enjoyable experience with approximately 30 community members in attendance. He thanked Ms. Sheri Obr, Liberty Elementary School Teacher, for organizing the event.

Mrs. Allavie had no comments to share with the Board members.

Mr. Hunt congratulated Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, who was honored at the NAACP banquet. He discussed the importance of listing on staff reports, along with the Assistant Superintendent name, any other staff members that will be responsible for presenting the report. Mr. Hunt thanked Dr. Ermert for his report on the Graduation and Dropout Data that was presented this evening.

Mrs. Cloud discussed the importance of encouraging our male students to participate in AVID programs. She apologized for not being able to attend Dr. Ermert's retirement event. Mrs. Cloud mentioned that the Board of Education biography section needs to be reviewed and should be consistent for all Board members.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson expressed her regrets that she was not able to attend Dr. Ermert's retirement event and that she missed RCTA's Day of the Teacher Celebration "Tacos in the Park". She voiced her congratulations to Ms. Renee Hill.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: June 2, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Mr. Edward Shea, former Adams Elementary School Teacher.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education