

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 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 4:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, 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.

Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President arrived at 4:11 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

Local Control and Accountability Plan Background Information

Mr. Fine provided a brief introduction before the following individuals presenting their LCAP Plans to the Board members: Ms. Michelle Mitchell, Instructional Services Specialist K-12, Program Quality AEL, reviewed the Master Plan for Academic English Learners (AEL); Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-12, discussed the Blueprint for Action and College and Career Readiness; Mr. Jorge Perez, Specialist, 7-12 Student and Guidance, talked about the Heritage Plan and Counseling Plan; and Ms. Barbara Libolt, Specialist, 7-12 HSS, BTSA and Assessment, discussed the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Induction (BTSA) Credentialing Plan.

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 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Title: Elementary Principal

2. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:44 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. Wilson Cuellar, Principal, Thomás Rivera Elementary School with the following roll call vote:

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

ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Selah Okonkwo, 6th grade Bryant Elementary School student.

BOARD PERFORMANCE

Ramona High School Arts Magnet member Katelyn Kenzy and Gold Magnet member Alivia Martinez performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests received to speak to the Board of Education.

SECTION C – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fine reported that he and Mr. Lee attended the Completion Counts Recognition event that was held last Friday night. He discussed that the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce is interested in an internship program, and that the District will work to match up schools and to formalize the process. Mr. Fine stated that on the Personnel Assignment Orders there are 30 employees retiring this June that will be honored at the District’s Annual Employee Awards event. Lastly, he mentioned that it was his understanding that he and all of the Board members participated in the Read Across America days held on Friday or Monday, and that it was great to participate with students and the schools.

Mrs. Cloud provided an update regarding the Board Instructional Subcommittee.

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

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

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

SECTION E – 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 F – REPORT/DISCUSSION

F.1 STEM Vision Ad Hoc Committee Report

Mr. Fine and Mrs. Allavie provided a brief report on the status of the formation and the meeting schedule for the STEM Vision Ad Hoc Committee.

SECTION G – ACTION

G.1 Resolution No. 2013/2014-34 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel – Leadership and Development, Resolution No. 2013/2014-34 – Resolution of the Board of Education to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services is being submitted for Board approval.

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. 2013/14-34:

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

SECTION H – CONCLUSION

H.1 Board Members’ Comments

Mr. Hunt discussed some of the challenges ahead of the STEM Vision AD Hoc Committee, and he suggested that they will need a Mission Statement for Riverside STEM Academy. He voiced his appreciation for the collaboration between District staff and unions. He mentioned for Read Across America Day that he participated at Lake Mathews Elementary School and that he is very impressed with what Mrs. Williams is doing with the school, he suggested that the Board Instructional Subcommittee look at making this a Core Knowledge campus.

Mrs. Allavie thanked Mr. Martin for his wise words and stated that she is very encouraged about the interaction between the Board of Education and the unions. She voiced her regret that Ms. Dayna Straehley, *The Press-Enterprise*, was not at tonight’s meeting to hear what Mr. Martin had to say and that press coverage seems to be decreasing at our Board meetings.

Mr. Lee had no comments.

Mrs. Cloud congratulated the Riverside Polytechnic High School Mock Trial who won the County Championships and the John W. North High School Basketball team who

are winning in the playoffs. She clarified that the K-6 students' artwork from Bryant Elementary School of Arts and Innovation is on display at the Riverside Community Arts Association (RCAA). She mentioned for Read Across America Day that she read at Bryant Elementary School which was well supported by the community.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she really hopes that the certificated and classified staff members and the community have noticed the renaissance that has occurred within the District because of the LCAP meetings. She said that people really care about public education. Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that RUSD has a model LCAP program, and she thanked Mr. Fine and the staff members that have worked so hard to make this a success. In closing, she said that she would like to keep up the dialogue that is going on in the community.

H.2 Next Board Meeting: March 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 6:45 p.m.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education