

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 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 4:01 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 Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel – Leadership and Development, Mrs. Susan Mills, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

STUDY SESSION

Discussion of Search for District Superintendent

Mrs. Mills introduced Dr. Kent Bechler, Dr. Gwen Gross, and Mr. Rich Thome, Partners of Leadership Associates who discussed the search process, timeline, qualities and characteristics of a District Superintendent, and identification of groups and individuals for community/staff input.

The Study Session was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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.

Interim District Superintendent, Mr. Michael H. Fine arrived at the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Public Employment
Title: District Superintendent

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 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 Samantha Hernandez, 6th grade Castle View Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognition of the Riverside Polytechnic High School Girls' Water Polo Team, CIF Southern Section, Division 5 Champions

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Educational Options Center/Riverside Virtual, John W. North, and Ramona High Schools' Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Mr. Harlan Kistler discussed the wrestling practice/area at Martin Luther King High School; and Ms. Aurora Sanchez and Ms. Ashley Lopez spoke about the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) requesting that this item be agendized for a future meeting.

SECTION D – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fine mentioned the Riverside County History Day event and said that RUSD dominated the competition. He noted that the teachers, students, and families did an amazing job.

Mrs. Allavie provided an update regarding the Board Communications Subcommittee.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson provided an update regarding the Board Finance Subcommittee.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

E.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President

E.2 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by members present with the exception of Item F.12 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.12 Certificated Personnel Assignment Order CE 2013/14-15

The item 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

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Interim Chief Business Official, stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of Tentative Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding amending the 2010-13 Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

G.2 Local Control and Accountability Plan Status Report

Mr. Fine provided a status report on the process to develop the District’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARINGS

H.1 Public Hearing – Notice of Public Hearing of the Riverside Unified School District Approving an Increase in Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

A Public Hearing was required prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 2013/14-31, adopting the findings of the Fee Justification Study for New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development.

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

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

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

H.2 Public Hearing – Notice of Public Hearing of the Riverside Unified School District Relating to Consideration of Approval of a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Consideration of Adoption of Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance With Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

A Public Hearing was required to review and consider adoption of a report entitled “School Facilities Needs Analysis,” dated February 13, 2014, was required to consider and respond to all public comments received by the District.

The following individual addressed the Board members: Mr. Nathan Miller, Director of Governmental Affairs, Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southern California, regarding this item.

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

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

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

SECTION I – ACTION

I.1 Resolution No. 2013/14-31 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving an Increase in Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995

Ms. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, said the Board is being asked to approve Resolution No. 2013/14-31, Adopting a Fee Justification Study and Increasing Statutory School Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development.

Ms. Barbara Hale-Carter, Principal, Special District Financing & Administration (SDFA) explained the fees to Board members and answered questions.

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. 2013/14-31:

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

I.2 Resolution No. 2013/14-30 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance With Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7, Adopting Responses to Public Comments Received and Making Related Findings and Determinations

Ms. Calhoun discussed that adoption of Resolution No. 2013/14-30 approves the School Facilities Needs Analysis and adoption of alternative residential mitigation fees.

The item was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was approved by a 4 to 1 vote rejecting the new Level II residential fee of \$4.00 per square foot and keeping the current Level II fee of \$3.77 per square foot with the following roll call vote:

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

The Board members took a break from 7:48 to 7:57 p.m.

I.3 2013-14 Second Period Interim Financial Report

Ms. Meekins reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and explained that California Education Code Section 42130 and 42131, which incorporates provisions of AB 1200, requires each district in the State of California to file interim reports twice each fiscal year. She noted that the second report covers the financial and budgetary status of the district for the period ending January 31, 2014.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote approving the 2013-2014 Second Period Interim Report and adopting a positive certification pursuant to Education Code 42131:

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

SECTION J – CONCLUSION

J.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie said that she would like the wrestling practice/area that was mentioned earlier at Martin Luther King High School to be discussed at a future Board Operations Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Lee mentioned that the Windermere Foundation named Riverside School of the Arts (RSA) as a finalist for a \$25,000 grant. He noted that there is a Facebook challenge and he encouraged everyone to vote for the next two weeks, and that you can vote every day so that we can bring this money to our community. Mr. Lee said the information is also available on his Facebook page.

Mrs. Cloud discussed that the Riverside Life Services Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 22. She reminded the Board members and Cabinet about the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) Annual General meeting that is being held at Central Middle School that is open for all to attend. Mrs. Cloud discussed an afterschool program at Bryant Elementary School where new rosebushes were planted, and she said this was highlighted on the Channel 7 News.

Mr. Hunt discussed wrestling space at the high schools with Mr. Fine, and Mr. Fine confirmed that none of our high schools have designated space for wrestling because this is a matter of priority of space. Mr. Hunt talked about the small number of wrestling and baseball scholarships that are available compared to other sports. He mentioned

that he is not in favor of the District's routine calendar. He talked about the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. In closing, he discussed the PTA Reflections event, and he suggested the performance that evening would be nice for a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that the Board Student Activities Subcommittee Chairman would be Mr. Lee. She thanked Hayley Calhoun for her work, and for staff helping the Board to make good decisions. She thanked Mrs. Allavie for putting together the STEM Vision Committee and for the staff that has worked with her to piece everything together.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: April 14, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 8:26 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Joy Hunt, Trustee Hunt's mother who passed away on March 15; and Mr. Robert Garcia, retired RUSD truck driver who passed away on February 21.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education