

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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. 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.

STUDY SESSION

Local Control and Accountability Plan

Mr. Fine discussed the process District staff has undergone during the continued drafting of the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and he explained that May is a critical month which will allow the community to provide input on the most recent draft of the LCAP at a series of meetings and community forums.

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:37 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

**ARLINGTON, MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAMONA, AND RIVERSIDE POLYTECHNIC
HIGH SCHOOLS JOINT JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Skylene Fries, 6th grade Harrison Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Recognition of RUSD’s National History Day-California Team and Alternates

A.2 School Designs Team (Personalized Learning) – Design Team Schools Hawthorne and Liberty Elementary Schools, and Central, Matthew Gage, and Sierra Middle Schools were introduced.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by John W. North High School and Ramona 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 reminded everyone that LCAP Community Forums are scheduled to review the LCAP on Monday, May 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at John W. North High School’s Theater and Thursday, May 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Sierra Middle School’s Multipurpose Room. He said that flyers for the forums have been distributed in English and Spanish, and that comments will be collected next week online as well. Mr. Fine said that RUSD is the featured group at Good Morning Riverside this Thursday, May 8 and RUSD is scheduled to discuss a number of items. He said that RUSD will be represented at the Thursday, May 8 State Board of Education meeting to discuss our LCAP process. In closing, Mr. Fine acknowledged three of our students that were included in the 2014 Riverside County All-County Academic Team – Austin Borja and Liang Zhou, John, W. North High School; and Amy Zu, Martin Luther King High School.

SECTION E – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

E.1 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. 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 – PUBLIC HEARINGS

G.1 Public Hearing – 2014-2015 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, With the California School Employees Association

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, noted that the California School Employees Association Chapter 506 has submitted an initial proposal for the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District and Chapter 506 of the California School Employees Association.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m., and with no Public Comments, closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

G.2 Public Hearing – 2014-2015 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, Submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education With the California School Employees Association

Mrs. Mills said that a public hearing was being held on the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Chapter 506 for the 2014-2015 school year. She noted that there was an amendment to this Public Hearing, that Salary Classification should be listed as Article XIII.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m., and with no Public Comments, closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Recommendations From the Elementary Report Card Committee

Mr. Steven Dunlap, Instructional Services Specialist, K-6 Mathematics, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation sharing that Instructional staff was requesting approval of the recommendations from the Elementary Report Card Committee.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was approved by the following roll call vote recommending to table this item for one month to be brought back to the Board members at the time:

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

H.2 Revision to Board Policy #7310.11 – Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, stated that Board Policy #7310.11 – Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act has been revised and was being presented for first reading.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote accepting for first reading the proposed revisions to Board Policy #7310.11 and waiving the second reading:

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

ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

H.3 Resolution No. 2013/14-43 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Establishing Measurement Periods Pursuant to the Affordable Care Act

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Interim Chief Business Official, introduced Ms. Kathy Everhart, Director, Risk Management, who noted that it is mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that large employers establish a measurement period to determine full-time employees that are eligible for health benefits as defined by the new regulations.

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. 2013/14-43:

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hunt stated that he was glad to be back from vacation. He said that wherever he goes he is a Board member and talks to people about education. He requested that Interim Superintendent Fine investigate what academic benefits the District receives from hosting international student visits, and he voiced his concern that a policy supports the action. Mr. Hunt spoke about his concerns related to sponsorships related to scoreboards that the Board has not approved. He mentioned at the last Board meeting that School Security Measures were approved which included a project manager. He noted his understanding that the District already has someone on staff that does this type of work, and he would like Mr. Fine to look into this.

Mrs. Cloud reminded the Board members that we do have a process for bringing up topics through the Mailout process that will allow the Interim Superintendent and his staff to be prepared to address these topics. She mentioned a handout from the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) with upcoming workshops that she felt would be of interest to Board members (a copy will be provided). Mrs. Cloud mentioned attending an RCSBA Workshop on April 30 on Social Media Do's/Don'ts. She said that she spoke to Mrs. Allavie about creating a Social Media Policy, and she has requested that CSBA provide their policy for RUSDs usage. Mrs. Cloud discussed a presentation from Ms. Suzanne Meraz, Senior Director of Communications/PIO, CSBA, titled "Working Effectively With the Media & Social Media 101" that she is going to share with Board members. She is also providing information about the 10th Annual Summer Institute – Leadership for Educational Justice, on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Orton Center, University of Redlands. She reported attending the Riverside Elks Lodge 8th Annual Youth Awards celebration on April 24 with Mrs. Allavie, and the Annual Employee Recognition Event on April 23 which was a huge success.

Mr. Lee discussed the Instructional Board Subcommittee and the Report Card Committee, and that he feels there are communication gaps and that the structure of the subcommittees should be revisited. He voiced his concern with Board items that need to be approved sooner rather than later.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she would set up a Committee to work on the structure of the Board Subcommittees.

Mrs. Allavie voiced that she agrees with Mr. Hunt regarding the issue with sponsorships and feels that she wasted her time developing the Naming Policy. She requested that a letter be sent to the Riverside Elks Lodge thanking them for their recognition event. In closing, Mrs. Allavie discussed an article from *District Administration* titled, "Win your next bond issue" which she said describes how to get your next general obligation bond passed by using District communication efforts. She said that she will be sharing this article with the rest of the Board.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed a good example of how Common Core is working in the classroom in reference to her daughter Martha Rose. She mentioned the sequence and structure of a project that her daughter was asked to participate in, and how it worked for her daughter.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: May 19, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 8:03 p.m.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education