

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, JULY 28, 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, Board Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. David C. Hansen, 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: David C. Hansen, Ed.D., District Superintendent  
Employee Organization: Riverside City Teachers Association  
California School Employees Association
3. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
District Representative: David C. Hansen, Ed.D., District Superintendent  
Unrepresented Employees: Deputy and Assistant Superintendents
4. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Title: Elementary School Principal, High School Assistant Principal, Lincoln Continuation School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12
5. 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 the following actions were taken by the Board during Closed Session as introduced by Dr. Hansen:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud to appoint Ms. Patricia Tran, Principal, Louisa May Alcott Elementary School; Ms. Pamela Mshana, Principal, Abraham Lincoln Continuation School; Ms. Diana Ochoa, Assistant Principal, John W. North High School; and Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, K-12:

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, K-12.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATION**

**A.1 Southern California Gas Company Rebate Check**

The Southern California Gas Company presented the District with a rebate check in the amount of \$60,251.16.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Hansen stated that he was excited and a little nervous with this being his first Board meeting. He reported that he has started his 90 meetings in 90 days plus visiting various sites throughout the District. Dr. Hansen reminded the Board of the upcoming governance workshops, two before the end of the year and two during the first part of next year. He thanked Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development, and her team for their hard work in the hiring of so many outstanding certificated and classified employees. He introduced Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, who gave a brief overview of the two reports that will be given during the Report/Discussion portion of the agenda and the two Action items.

**SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individual addressed the Board members: Ms. Bianca Washington spoke to the Board regarding Common Core.

**SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

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

No report was given by the Riverside Council PTA

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

Mr. Daniel Rudd reported on the activities and accomplishments of the California School Employees Association (CSEA)

**SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and approved by members present, with the exception of Item E-3 which was pulled for discussion, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cloud, Hunt, Lee, Allavie, 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.3 Employment Agreements for the Deputy and Assistant Superintendents**

Item E.3 was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by members present with the following roll call vote:

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

#### **SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

##### **F.1 STEM Vision Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, indicated that the STEM Vision Ad Hoc Committee was providing a report on the mission, directional statements, site visitations and facility needs. She thanked the Committee, led by Mrs. Allavie, and recognized them for all their hard work. Mrs. Carmen Day introduced Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Director, Secondary Education, Mr. Dale Moore, Principal, Riverside STEM Academy, Mr. Eric Mayhew, Riverside STEM Academy Teacher and Mr. Jon Mills, Principal, LPA Architects, Inc. who reviewed the PowerPoint presentation.

The following individuals addressed the Board members regarding this item: Ms. Bette Rowe discussed modular classrooms. She then introduced Mr. Michael Schmid who shared a video, as well as a packet on Gen 7 sustainable modular buildings, for the STEM Academy.

##### **F.2 Central Middle School – School of Arts, Innovation, and Choice**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mrs. Lynn McCown, Principal, Central Middle School. Mrs. McCown reported on the Central Middle School – School of Arts, Innovation, and Choice along with a PowerPoint presentation.

##### **F.3 Disclosure of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Governmental Relations, explained that this Memorandum of Understanding addresses language regarding Article XVI-Leave Section 3.A. It states that for purposes of accrual and use, one day

of sick leave equals 7 ½ hours. He noted that this will be brought back at the next Board meeting for approval.

## **SECTION G – ACTION**

### **G.1 Curricula Adoption for Moderate/Severe Special Education Programs**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mrs. Connie Wahlin, Program Specialist, Special Education, Mrs. Cyndi Hartshorn, Program Specialist, and Mr. Andy Stetkevich, Staff Development Specialist, Special Education, who shared a PowerPoint presentation recommending approval of Common Core English Language Arts and Mathematics Curricula for moderate/severe special education K-adult programs. They noted that materials were on display at the District Office from June 19 – July 18, 2014.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to adopt the Curricula Adoption for Moderate/Severe Special Education Programs as presented:

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

### **G.2 Secondary Mathematics Options for Students With Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)**

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mrs. Theresa Butler, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12 Mathematics, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation requesting approval for students in special education math classes to take Math 1 for four semesters (2 years) with eligibility to earn 10 credits per year.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Lee and was approved by the following roll call vote to adopt the Secondary Mathematics Options for Students With Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) as presented:

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

### **G.3 Resolution No. 2014/15-01 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving the Layoff of Classified Personnel**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development discussed that she was requesting the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-01 approving the layoff of classified personnel. She explained that these positions were being eliminated due to a lack of work or lack of funds; however a letter was sent to these employees that were affected giving them the opportunity to apply for positions that had already closed, and they had two weeks to apply.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014/15-01 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving the Layoff of Classified Personnel as presented:

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

#### **G.4 2014-15 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Personnel Leadership and Development is requesting approval of the 2014-15 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators and explained to the Board that each year, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires all school districts to submit a Board approved Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators prior to employing teachers with emergency permits and limited assignment permits.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was approved by the following roll call vote to approve 2014-15 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as presented:

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

## **SECTION H – CONCLUSION**

### **H.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Brent Lee stated that he is grateful to the STEM Committee for all their hard work. He mentioned that last weekend his family joined the DLI parent activist group that meets regularly to arrange activities for their children. He said they met at Cellar Door Bookstore in the Canyon Crest Shopping Center where a UCR Professor read books to approximately 50 children. He noted after the reading that they all went to a local restaurant where they were spoken to in Spanish. In closing, Mr. Lee thanked Mrs. Allavie and Mr. Dale Moore for taking control of the STEM Academy, and he is looking forward to the Study Session.

Mrs. Allavie said that her husband was picking up their daughter from Malaysia after teaching there for a year. She stated that her daughter is very happy to be returning to the USA. Mrs. Allavie requested that the Board send a thinking of you letter to Cheryl Anderson who is recuperating. Mrs. Allavie is excited to watch STEM develop and for access to be made across the District, not only to STEM but other programs as well.

Mr. Hunt stated that he was very appreciative to those who provided the staff reports because they talked about research. He feels that this is very helpful for those that represent the public, and he thanked Mrs. Allavie as well for her involvement in the STEM process. Mr. Hunt is very excited about the partnerships that Mrs. McCown shared regarding the Central Middle School – School of Arts, Innovation and Choice.

Mrs. Cloud attended the K-2 Institute at Highland and stated how excited it was to see a room full of teachers and their principal learning how to teach reading. She said "hats off" to Andy Stetkevich and Judy Fuhrman whom everyone thought were great presenters. Mrs. Cloud read an excerpt from an article titled, "The Importance of Teaching Content" by Karin Chenoweth, and will provide a copy of the article for each Board member.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson shared with the Board that she will not be in attendance at the August 11 Board meeting. She also said that she would like to thank the entire Board and Dr. Hanson for civility and productive discourse. She really appreciates the Board she sits on. Mrs. Lock-Dawson wishes all a happy rest of the summer.

## **H.2 Next Board Meeting: August 11, 2014**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Ms. Linda L. Thirion, former French teacher at Arlington High School.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education