

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:02 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.

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.

Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President, arrived at 4:10 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: Riverside City Teachers Association
California School Employees Association
3. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Principal and Assistant Principal
4. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District Negotiator: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent
Unrepresented Employees: Assistant Superintendents
5. Public Employment Appointment
Title: District Superintendent
6. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator: Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Board President
Unrepresented Employee: District Superintendent

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:34 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 Bryan Mendoza, 6th grade Thomas Jefferson Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Recognition of John W. North High School’s International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Candidates

A.2 Recognition of Borrego Health With the RUSD Honor Roll Award

A.3 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School Boys’ Golf and Boys’ Tennis Teams, Recipients of the RCOE Academic/Athletic Team Award

A.4 Recognition of the John W. North High School Boys’ Swim Team, CIF Division 3 Champions; John W. North Student Justin Nilaad, CIF Champion in the 500 freestyle; and Riverside Polytechnic Student Garret Shimko, CIF Champion, 100 and 200 Freestyle

A.5 2014 California Distinguished School Award – George Washington Elementary School

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests received to speak to the Board members.

SECTION C – INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fine discussed that this is the time of year when we celebrate end of the year programs. He highlighted a foster student who has been attending Martin Luther King High School for a year and a half. He said that staff recognized special accommodations that were needed for this amazing student who was recently celebrated as one of Riverside’s 25 Most Remarkable Teens – Dwayne Wallace.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

There were no District employee reports provided.

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 – PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 Public Hearing – 2014-15 Proposed All Funds Budget

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Interim Chief Business Official, stated that the initial 2014-15 Proposed All Funds Budget for the Riverside Unified School District has been prepared. She said that state law requires the Board of Education to hold a public hearing prior to considering adoption of the budget.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

F.2 Public Hearing – 2014-15 Local Control and Accountability Plan

Mrs. Lock-Dawson opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Fine noted that the 2014-15 proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan for the Riverside Unified School District has been prepared. He noted that state law requires the Board of Education to hold a public hearing prior to considering adoption of the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

The following individuals addressed the Board members regarding the LCAP: Ms. Maria Rojas discussed parent and community engagement; Ms. Maria Carvajal a representative of Inland Congregation United for Change (ICUC), spoke about parent and community engagement related to the Santa Ana model; Mr. Morris Mendoza discussed his concerns related to the plan; Ms. Ashley Lopez talked about Special Education related to Common Core; and Ms. Aurora Sanchez mentioned her concerns about the Pathways Program for special needs students.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

SECTION G – ACTION

G.1 Recommendations From the Elementary Report Card Committee

Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education, and Mr. Steven Dunlap, Instructional Services Specialist, reviewed a PowerPoint with information regarding the request for approval of the revised Elementary Report Cards.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote recommending approval of the Elementary Report Cards and that the Board Communications Subcommittee will continue to work with staff on the Information Sheet:

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

G.2 General Obligation Bond Exploration Timeline

Mr. Hunt suggested that this item be tabled.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to table this item until the first meeting in July:

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

G.3 Request to Change Board of Education Meeting Date

Mr. Fine indicated that in accordance with the Education Code, the Board adopted the dates of the regular Board meetings at their Annual Organizational Meeting held on December 9, 2013. He noted that District staff is requesting that Board members consider changing the July 21, 2014 meeting.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to change the date of the July 21, 2014 Board of Education meeting to July 28, 2014:

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

SECTION H – CONCLUSION

H.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hunt thanked Mrs. Joyce Threadgold, Executive Secretary II, and Chef Ryan Douglas for their assistance when he visited Pachappa Elementary School on Friday, May 30 and brought a fruit bowl to Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) student Maria Ayala. He mentioned the same day there Buddy Bench dedication took place in memory of Officer Bonaminio.

Mr. Hunt discussed the Coachella Partnership Plan that was presented to the Board and requested that staff follow up on this item. He thanked Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, for the tour of the Central Registration Center (CRC) and stated the importance for all of the executive staff members to be in one District location. He spoke about his concerns with the Riverside STEM Academy, and that many RUSD students cannot attend the school due to non-RUSD students and provided a handout for Board members. He said that he would like the Board to consider a resolution to stop taking inter-district transfers for the 2015-16 school year.

Mrs. Cloud thanked and congratulated all of the volunteers that were honored at the Volunteer of the Year event that was held at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School on Tuesday, May 27. She briefly mentioned the Board Instruction Subcommittee that was held on Friday, May 23 that was requested by Assemblymember Jose Medina to discuss Eastside school concerns. Mrs. Cloud stated that when she was looking up information on our District website that she found some gaps under our Parent Link in reference to our Programs of Choice.

Mr. Lee congratulated Ms. Deborah Parr, of Ramona High School, for being named a Riverside County Teacher of the Year. He thanked Mr. Dunlap and the Elementary Report Card Committee for their hard work on the report cards. In addition, Mr. Lee

commended everyone that has worked on the LCAP, but specifically the appointed LCAP Committee members for doing a great job.

Mrs. Allavie addressed Mr. Hunt's note regarding STEM and voiced her agreement that it can be distressing when there is not space for our own students; however, she requested that before any decision is made that the Board receive feedback from the principal and staff on the topic. Mrs. Allavie discussed her attendance at Arlington High School's SMACK DOWN for the Media Arts Academy. She strongly encouraged everyone to attend next year, because it was a wonderful event! She mentioned that she will not be able to attend the next Board meeting because she will be taking her husband to the U.S. Open for his birthday. She thanked Mr. Fine for all of his assistance for the last few months with the STEM Visioning Committee, for his incredible stellar leadership with the LCAP process, and for his most efficient way of running the District.

Mrs. Cloud reminded the Board members and the public that our next Board meeting will be on a Tuesday, June 17.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson echoed Mrs. Allavie's comments and thanked Mr. Fine for his leadership while she has been serving as Board President. In closing, she mentioned the Riverside County Schools Boards Association (RCSBA) workshop on October 29 titled, "Building a High Function Board" and suggested that this would be good for all Board members to attend and requested that Mrs. Cheryl Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, work on coordinating this with Board members.

I.2 Next Board Meeting: June 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 7:54 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Stephanie Jensen, wife of Mr. Randy Jensen, teacher at Amelia Earhart Middle School; Mr. Russell Kaufman, former Special Education teacher in RUSD; and Ms. Sheila Mumford, former principal's secretary at Harrison Elementary, Chemawa Middle, John W. North High, and Emerson Elementary Schools.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education