

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hunt, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, was not able to attend the Board meeting.

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 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Elementary School Assistant Principal, Middle School Assistant Principal, and Assistant Director Mechanical and Communications Trades

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that the following actions were taken by the Board during Closed Session as introduced by Dr. Hansen:

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Lee to appoint Ms. Kathleen Doubravsky, Assistant Principal, Pachappa Elementary School; Ms. Jeanette Prescott, Assistant Principal, Lake Matthews Elementary School; Ms. Tasceaie Churchwell, Assistant Principal, Emerson Elementary School; Ms. Kristie Jackson, Assistant Principal, Matthew Gage Middle School; Ms. Tiffany Farris, Assistant Principal, Mark Twain, Elementary School; and Mr. Reggie Royster, Assistant Director, Mechanical and Communications Trade:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Mr. Reggie Royster, Assistant Director, Mechanical and Communications Trade.

SECTION A – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

District Superintendent Hansen reported that staff members are getting ready to start school. He noted that the Leadership Symposium is scheduled for this Friday, August 15 at Central Middle School where we will meet our new colleagues. He stated there will also be an evening meet and greet event at the Riverside Polytechnic High School Aquatics Center. Dr. Hansen shared that the New Employee Welcome is scheduled for August 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Central Middle School in the Multipurpose Room. In closing, he noted that the first day of school is coming up on August 25 with our 45,000 students for the 2014-15 school year.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day discussed that the District’s Professional Development Days will be held August 19 and 20, and that Board members should have received information in their packets last week about those days. She stated that Board members will also be receiving a little tool kit that looks like a credit card, but it is actually a thumb drive. She congratulated Mr. Jim Dawson, Director, Riverside Adult School, and his staff for receiving their six-year accreditation during the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit. She stated that Technology Integration will be taking place at Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools, Matthew Gage, and Frank Augustus Miller Middle Schools, and the Educational Options Center (EOC).

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, provided a brief summary regarding AB2235.

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

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

SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT**C.1 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

Mr. Tim Martin provided a report on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA).

SECTION D – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and approved by members present, with the following roll call vote:

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

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION E – REPORT/DISCUSSION**E.1 Update From REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, introduced Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning, who introduced Dr. Virgie Rentie, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology, who reviewed a PowerPoint which provided an update to the Board of Education.

E.2 Early Childhood Programs and Head Start Governance Training

Mr. Fine introduced Mrs. Gloria Cowder who introduced Mr. Joseph Nieto, Coordinator, Early Childhood and Family Education, who reviewed a PowerPoint and provided an overview of the District's Early Childhood programs and provided the required Head Start Governance Training.

E.3 Summer Work Projects Update

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, shared a PowerPoint with an update on the Operations Division Summer Projects.

SECTION F – CONCLUSION**F.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Cloud mentioned a book that she purchased titled, "Where the Wind Leads", and that Parade Magazine wrote an article about Vinh Chung titled, "Drifting Towards Hope". Mrs. Cloud stated that there is a lot to be proud about our American education system that will accept all students, and the liberty and freedom that is available. She noted that she will be heading out of town and will be missing some of the beginning of the year celebrations.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that the Woodcrest Elementary School Advisory Group is concerned with traffic during pick-up times and they would like the District to consider the lot that is for sale across the street from the school. She provided the Board members and the Superintendent with a gift for their support of the STEM Academy Committee process.

Mr. Lee thanked everyone for their congratulations for their daughter that was recently born – Amelia. He discussed his excitement about the preschool report and said that he would like to see all of the openings filled. He suggested locations where RUSD's preschools could be promoted such as grocery stores, county services, electronic bill boards, laundry mats, neighborhood groups, etc. Mr. Lee requested that Dr. Hansen provide information about the original charter regarding REACH Academy. He would also like to see more measureable, hard data.

Mr. Hunt stated that California Baptist University (CBU) rents a space, and for the next two weeks the "Art of Christian Fellowship" will be on display. He stated that every two weeks this display is changed, and he thought that our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Department might be interested in this. Mr. Hunt shared a video with the Board and the audience titled, "Like a Girl".

F.2 Next Board Meeting: September 2, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 7:22 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Marilyn VanSandt Harvey, former RUSD employee, and Mrs. Manette Tomlinson, former RUSD teacher for over 20 years.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education