

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; Mr. Tom Hunt, Member; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, 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

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. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District Representative: Mr. Michael H. Fine, Interim District Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association
California School Employees Association

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:29 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Nick Darling, 6th grade Magnolia Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Cenergistic® Environmental Excellence Award

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Ed Graff, Cenergistic® Regional President, who presented RUSD with the Environmental Excellence Award.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individual addressed the Board of Education: Ms. Theresa Filakowsky discussed an inter-district transfer request that was denied for her children.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

D.1 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

D.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Presentation to honor Dr. Charles Beaty.

The Board took a break from 6:18 to 6:35 p.m.

SECTION E – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

E.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie regarding the Board Communications Subcommittee.

E.2 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Lock-Dawson regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee.

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Riverside STEM Academy High School Facility Options

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, provided a PowerPoint and reviewed an update on the current Riverside STEM Academy High School and a report on facility options beyond 2013-14.

The following individuals spoke to the Board members regarding this item: Miss Hannah Herrick, Ms. Sarah Simpson, Mr. Bahram Mobasher, Dr. Azin Mobasher (read a letter on behalf of a student), Alex Herrera, Aimeen Mobasher, and Mr. Scott Herrick.

Mr. Fine stated that based on Board member input that staff will schedule a Board Study Session for a January 2014 timeframe.

G.2 Heritage Plan Overview

Ms. Renee Hill, Director of Elementary Education, introduced Ms. Cheryl Simmons, Director of Secondary Education; and Ms. Callie Neal, Teacher, Riverside Polytechnic High School, who reviewed the PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the Heritage Plan.

G.3 Fall 2013 Enrollment Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis introduced Mrs. Hayley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, who reviewed a PowerPoint with the actual K-12 Fall 2013 enrollment and presented contrasted with projected enrollment and prior year's enrollment.

G.4 Disclosure of a Tentative Agreement Between the Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Ms. Sandie Meekins, Director of Business Services, noted that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

G.5 Disclosure of a Tentative Agreement Between the Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Ms. Meekins stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

SECTION H – ACTION**H.1 New High School Course Proposals: AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2**

Dr. Ermert introduced Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, Science, PE, and Health; and Mr. Mark Colwell, Teacher, Riverside Polytechnic High School; who shared a PowerPoint regarding the New High School Course Proposal: AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2 being submitted for approval.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve courses AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2 as submitted.

H.2 Local Control Accountability Plan Process

Mr. Fine reviewed information from the Board of Education's Communications Subcommittee and provided additional information from the last Board meeting regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan process.

Ms. Gina Airey, Consultant, was introduced to the Board members and provided information about her background.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the recommendation of the Board Communications Subcommittee to approved Phase 1 of the process.

H.3 Revision of Board of Education Policy #9250: Board of Education Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits, First Reading

Mr. Fine noted that the Board is being asked to review the first reading of the revision of Board of Education Policy #9250 related to Board of Education Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to approve Board Policy #9250 and waive the second reading.

H.4 Revision of Board of Education Policy #9323: Meeting Protocol and Conduct of the Board of Trustees, First Reading

Mr. Fine said that that Board was being asked to review the first reading of the revision of Board of Education Policy #9323 related to Board meeting protocol and conduct of the Board of Trustees.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to waive the second reading and approve Board Policy #9323, approving 3 timed minutes for each speaker and eliminating the 20-minute time limit. The Board members agreed to review this item again in sixth months.

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

Mr. Hunt mentioned his attendance at Friday night's University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) game. He discussed all that Dr. and Mrs. Beaty have been involved in throughout the years, and he thanked him for his dedicated service.

Mrs. Allavie spoke about an Op-Ed article in the Los Angeles Times titled, "Better ways to grade public schools" that she wanted to share with the other Board members. In closing, she thanked Dr. Beaty for his mentorship during the campaign, and for his calm demeanor, wisdom, and perspective while she has served as a Board member.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she was reminded by the Riverside STEM Academy parents of the importance of providing choices for parents. She said that she is hopeful that Common Core will allow the District some of the flexibility that we are looking for in regards to choice programs. Mrs. Lock-Dawson also thanked Dr. Beaty for his steady hand and guidance while she has served on the Board of Education.

Dr. Beaty discussed Space Day and that Lockheed Martin does not plan to continue their normal support, but they are interested in the Riverside STEM Academy. He talked about the recent election, and he thanked the administrators and teachers that he has had the privilege to work with during his tenure with the District.

Mrs. Cloud noted that she appreciated spending time with Senator Roth visiting schools and sharing our programs with him today, and that Assemblyman Medina would like to take the same type of tour. She voiced that it has been a pleasure

working with Dr. Beaty, and that he has served the community with dignity. She stated that he is very well connected in Riverside and has used those connections throughout the years to benefit the District, and he will be dearly missed.

I.2 Interim District Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Fine talked about his school visits with Senator Roth and Mrs. Cloud today. He mentioned that Arlington High School is in the midst of their Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation with the past, current, and future principals engaging in the process. He discussed the District's work on the Gates Foundation grant. In closing, he spoke about Dr. Beaty's leadership, being a mentor, and a special friend over the years.

I.3 Next Board Meeting: December 9, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:16 p.m., in memory of Mr. Felix Lopez, former Assistant Director of Maintenance and Operations; Mrs. Margaret Paulin, former guidance counselors' office secretary at Riverside Polytechnic High School; Mr. William Mitsch, former teacher, coach, and administrator; and Mr. Ken Lynch former teacher at Ramona High School.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education