

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 District Superintendent, Dr. Richard L. Miller, 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: Rick L. Miller, Ph.D., District Superintendent  
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association  
California School Employees Association

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Cloud 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 Brandon Dordahl, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Monroe Elementary School student.

**SECTION A – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Dr. Freddie McClain, Dr. Kwe Ku Smith, Dr. Arthur Murray, and Mr. Charles Gibson discussed the Special Education intradistrict transfer transportation request for Paris Murray. Mr. Jalani Bakari talked about the John W. North High School principal position. Mr. Dennis López spoke about deferred action for students and provided two handouts for Board members.

## **SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**C.1 Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President**

**C.2 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

## **SECTION D – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **D.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report**

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Lock-Dawson regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee. Mr. Dennis López commended the committee for embracing the Retention Policy and discussed Common Core.

## **SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty 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 F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

### **F.1 Dad's University**

Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning, introduced Mr. Joseph Nieto, Coordinator, Early Childhood and Family Education, who reviewed a PowerPoint providing information on the Dad's University program that began in 2011 as a way to foster a better connection between young children and the male role models in their lives.

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, presented the Parent and Family Engagement Award that the Dad's University program earned from the Riverside County Office of Education and the 23<sup>rd</sup> District PTA.

### **F.2 Disclosure of a Tentative Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association**

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

### **F.3 Physical Education Instruction in Aquatics**

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint and provided information regarding the implementation of aquatics instruction during physical education classes at the secondary level.

The Board took a break from 7:32 to 7:44 p.m.

**F.4 Assembly Bill (AB) 540 and the California Dream Act Report**

Dr. Ermert introduced Mr. Jorge Perez, Instructional Services Specialist 7-12, who reviewed a PowerPoint and provided information regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 540 and the California Dream Act.

Mr. Dennis López thanked District staff for their efforts in regards to AB 540 and the California Dream Act.

**F.5 Current Relationship Between the Riverside Unified School District and the California School for the Deaf (CSDR), Riverside/Sherman Indian School**

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, provided information regarding the existing relationships between the Riverside Unified School District and the Sherman Indian School as well as the California School for the Deaf, Riverside (CSDR).

**F.6 Research on Cohesion of Communities and Effects on Schooling**

Dr. David Haglund, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, introduced Mr. Daniel Patterson, Program Improvement Coordinator, who presented a PowerPoint on the research of cohesion of communities and the effects it has on schooling.

**F.7 Energy Conservation Program Update**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Orin Williams, Director, Maintenance and Operations, who introduced Mr. Mike Fitzgerald and Ms. Mary Jane Gyll RUSD's Energy Education Specialists, who shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Energy Conservation Program update.

**SECTION G – PUBLIC HEARING****G.1 Public Hearing – Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013-14**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 9:16 p.m.

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6, stated that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 requires that districts hold a public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, and RLA/ELD. Notice must be posted at least ten days in advance and in at least three public places within the district.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

**SECTION H – ACTION****H.1 Resolution No. 2013/2014-12 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Material Compliance for Fiscal Year 2013-14**

Mrs. Paredes said that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 as amended by Senate Bill X3 4 Section 18, regardless of the statewide revenue limit, in order to be eligible to receive the instructional materials funds, Riverside Unified School District must hold a

public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, and RLA/ELD.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and approved unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-12, Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

## **H.2 Recommended Instructional Materials for Advanced Placement Foreign Language Courses, Physics and Secondary Academy Courses**

Dr. Ermert introduced Ms. Lisa Kells, Foreign Language Instructional Specialist, Mr. John Robertson, and Mr. Jorge Perez, who reviewed a PowerPoint regarding the new textbooks for foreign language, physics and academy courses that were being submitted for approval to the Board of Education. They noted that the instructional materials have completed thirty days of public display.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and approved unanimously by members present to adopt the recommended textbooks for the recommended courses.

## **H.3 Resolution No. 2013/14-18 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for Students to Participate in Religious Exercises or to Receive Moral or Religious Instruction, Revision of Board of Education Policy #5113: Excused Absences and Truancy, First Reading**

Mr. Walker discussed that the Riverside Unified School District is requesting that the Board members take action on Resolution No. 2013/14-18 pursuant to Education Code §46014, allowing students, with the written consent of their parent, to be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or receive moral and religious instruction. By taking action revised Board Policy #5113 (Excused Absences and Truancy) is being presented for first reading and approval.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and approved unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-18, revised Board Policy #5113, and to waive the second reading.

## **SECTION I – CONCLUSION**

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

Mrs. Lock-Dawson had no comments.

Dr. Beaty stated that he had recently attended Sierra Middle School's Back to School Night, and that he would like District staff to provide future information regarding the changes that have been made to Back to School Night's at Sierra Middle and Ramona High Schools. He requested that thank you letters be sent to Mr. Gordon Bourns for his support of the STEP Luncheon and Program (especially since the Riverside Convention Center was not available during construction); Target and the Heart of America Foundation for the Monroe Elementary School library makeover; and Mrs.

Sandy Ramirez, President, Riverside Education Enrichment Foundation (REEF) and the stellar job Mrs. Ramirez and her staff did with the Riverside Citrus Classic Bike Ride.

Mr. Hunt thanked Board members and District staff for their efforts with the Riverside Polytechnic High School Honor Walk Dedication for Coach Ben Hammerschmidt that was held on October 19. He stated that he plans to resubmit his request to the Board Communications Subcommittee to reconsider the naming for Mr. Art Littleworth that was submitted.

Mrs. Allavie stated that she enjoyed meeting the new Navy JROTC Instructor at Martin Luther King High School for their 238th Birthday event. She agreed that the Honor Walk Dedication was a very moving event. She voiced her concern that these types of recognitions need to be special and cannot be common place, but rare and memorable. She discussed that Best Best & Krieger has agreed to pay for a lifeline mural about Mr. Art Littleworth at the Riverside Polytechnic High School Theater. Mrs. Allavie discussed her attendance at the Urban Renewal Network event where many pastors spoke, as well as Dr. Miller and Mayor Rusty Bailey. She said the group embraced Dr. Miller's call to action that all children need to read by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and were ready to take this message back to their members. In closing, she discussed that there were a lot of requests at the last Board meeting for the Board Communications Subcommittee to look at the various policies related to Board communications. She stated that she has reviewed the policies and that she feels that the appropriate policies are in place, and that Board members need to adhere to these policies.

Mrs. Cloud thanked everyone who participated in the Ben Hammerschmidt Honor Walk Dedication, and she stated that the event was first class. She mentioned visiting Riverside Polytechnic High School today and along came Superintendent Kenn Young, Mr. Fine, and Dr. Miller. She stated that she was very proud to see the great things that are going on at Poly.

## **I.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Dr. Miller voiced his appreciation to the Board members for their appointment of Mr. Michael Fine, as Interim Superintendent, and stated that the District will be well served by Mr. Fine and his service will be beneficial to all.

## **I.3 Next Board Meeting: November 4, 2013**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:42 p.m., in memory of Angel Gonzalez, Arlington High School sophomore who was tragically struck by a train on October 10.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education