

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; and Mrs. Kathy Allavie Clerk.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. Rick L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member, arrived at 3:44 p.m., and Mr. Tom Hunt, Member, arrived at 4:52 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

Review and Reauthorization of RUSD Technology Plan

Dr. Miller; Dr. David Haglund, Director, Educational Options; Mr. Sean Curtain, Principal, Chemawa Middle School; Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6; Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; and Mr. John Schreck, Manager, Publications; reviewed a PowerPoint regarding RUSD's Technology Plan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Ariana Carreno, 6th grade George Washington Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The George Washington Elementary School Show Choir performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognizing RUSD Schools for Student Achievement

The Board of Education recognized the following schools for their student achievement: Bryant, Castle View, Harrison, Highgrove, John F. Kennedy, Lake Mathews, Magnolia, Tomás Rivera Elementary Schools; Amelia Earhart and Frank Augustus Miller Middle Schools; Martin Luther King, John W. North, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools.

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by John W. North, Riverside Polytechnic, and Ramona High Schools Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to speak to the Board of Education.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

D.1 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

SECTION E – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

E.1 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mr. Hunt regarding the Board Operations Subcommittee.

E.2 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded 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.

In regards to Item F.4, Mrs. Cloud recognized the Kiwanis Club of Riverside for their generous donation of 3,000 dictionaries for various elementary school third grade classes; and the Riverside Museum Associates for various elementary schools receiving funds to pay for 3rd and 5th grade classes to attend field trips and to provide transportation for eight (8) 3rd grade classes.

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION

G.1 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, provided a handout for Board members and 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 California School Employees Association.

G.2 Fall 2012 Enrollment Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, and Ms. Janet Dixon, Director, Planning/Development, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the actual K-12 fall 2012 enrollment and contrasted the projected enrollment and prior year's enrollment.

G.3 AVID Excel: Excellence for Academic English Learners Program Overview and Update

Ms. Janie Rhoades, Director, Categorical Programs/Academic English Learners, introduced Ms. Marie Coover, Staff Development Specialist, Categorical Programs/Academic English Learners, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and explained that AVID Excel is an academic program designed for long-term Academic English Learners to accelerate students' literacy. She noted that the goal is for students to re-designate to fluent English proficient prior to entering high school.

G.4 K-2 English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) Adoption Recommendation

Ms. Renee Hill, Director, Elementary Education, provided an update as to the status of the recommendation to adopt and implement new instructional materials for K-2 ELA/ELD.

The Board took a break from 7:16 to 7:26 p.m.

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARINGS**H.1 Public Hearing – Prior to Adoption of Resolution No. 2012/13-26 – A Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for a Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive**

Mr. Fine noted that a public hearing needs to be held prior to adoption of Resolution No. 2012/13-26 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive.

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m., and closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

H.2 Public Hearing – SPARK Charter School Petition Review

Mr. Fine introduced Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, who indicated that the Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605(b), to consider the level of support for the petition filed for the SPARK Charter School.

Ms. Melody Amaral, SPARK Charter School Petitioner and Chief Executive Officer of Wylie Center, and Ms. Robin Sinkhorn, Wylie Center Board of Directors, Vice Chair, reviewed a PowerPoint for the SPARK Charter School.

The following individuals spoke on behalf of SPARK Charter School: Ms. Andrea Neptune, SPARK Special Education teacher; Mr. Steven Holguin, financial consultant; Ms. Fátima Cristerna-Adame, California Charter School Association (CCSA); Ms. Patricia Steen, Wylie Center Board Member, read a statement for Wylie Center Board Member Athena Waite; Ms. Kimberly Rogers, parent; Ms. Saralyn Tossetti; and Mr. Deane Wylie.

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m., and closed the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

SECTION I – ACTION

I.1 Resolution No. 2012/13-26 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for a Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive

Mr. Fine explained that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2012/13-26 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for a Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present.

I.2 Measure B Project List Approval

Dr. Lewis presented a number of projects for implementation with Measure B funds being recommended by the Board Operations Subcommittee.

The following individuals spoke about this item: Ms. Suzy Green, Ms. Tamara Wamsley, and Ms. Rebecca Skala, Alcott Elementary School parents.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve Measure B Projects 3, 4, and 5. It was agreed that the Board Operations Subcommittee will prioritize looking at Measure B Projects 8 – 15.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson requested that staff provide safety measures by the next Board meeting to ensure that what happened at Alcott Elementary School does not happen again.

I.3 California Personal Responsibility Education Program Grant (CA PREP) – “Be Proud, Be Responsible”

Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. John Robertson, Instructional Services Specialist, 7-12, who reviewed a PowerPoint, and indicated that the Board members are being asked to consider approval of the “Be Proud, Be Responsible”, an HIV/AIDS, pregnancy prevention curriculum delivered in six sessions to a Family Health class at Ramona High School.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and approved by a 4 to 1 vote with Mrs. Cloud dissenting.

I.4 2012-13 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, stated that the District’s 2012-13 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators is presented to the Board of Education for approval.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present.

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

Dr. Beaty discussed his attendance at the RCOE Operation Recognition event held on November 7, where veterans were honored by receiving their high school diploma. He mentioned the memorial for Mrs. Rosemary Bourns, and the OrangeAID Gala and Mrs. Allavie's contributions.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that Mr. Dave Smith, Schools First Credit Union, donated his orange to RUSD (the artist graduated from Ramona High School). It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Smith thanking him for his donation.

Mrs. Allavie said that Ms. Janice Covell (former RUSD teacher and administrator) contacted her. She stated that Ms. Covell has written a book titled, "For the Record" about Eugenia Fuller and has requested that the Board members name a high school after Eugenia Fuller in honor of her influence on education in Riverside. Mrs. Allavie offered to write Ms. Covell explaining the naming process for buildings and that her name would be considered in our future process.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson mentioned the promotional ad for Completion Counts that appeared on Channel 3 and that it was very good. She suggested that the District should submit some projects for the KRCB Beautification Awards. She discussed the Special Education Prom and stated that she would like to obtain support from the Board of Education to help with the donations for this needy project.

Mr. Hunt discussed the recent elections and stated the importance of Dr. Miller and Mr. Fine being involved in Sacramento. He discussed that we may not have a high school to name after someone, but we have 46 libraries that we can honor naming individuals with (including Ron Loveridge). In closing, he thanked Mrs. Cloud for her leadership this year.

Mrs. Cloud stated that the Completion Counts reception was very interesting. She indicated that the Conversations with the Superintendent meetings at the middle schools point out the need for lighting.

J.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller had no comments.

J.3 Next Board Meeting: December 3, 2012**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:33 p.m.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education