

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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; Mrs. Kathy Allavie Clerk; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member.

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

Mr. Tom Hunt, Member arrived at 3.36 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION**

**2011-12 Student Achievement**

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6; Mr. Chuck Hiroto, Director, Secondary Education; and Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about the 2011-12 Student Achievement titled, "The Road to College and Career Success".

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Cameron Brewer, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Bryant Elementary School student.

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

**A.1 Reports presented by Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and Arlington High Schools Student Board Representatives.**

**SECTION B– PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals spoke to the Board of Education: Ms. Christal Pennington, discussed the Core Knowledge Program at Bryant Elementary School; Ms. Melissa Garrett, spoke about the need for a salad bar at Woodcrest Elementary School, and provided handouts for the Board members; Ms. Nina Moore, talked about CSEA employee benefits; Ms. Laura Egan, mentioned the Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) Process; and Mr. Dennis López, discussed enrollment documents for undocumented immigrants, AB540, and the California Dream Act AB130 and AB131.

**SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**C.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President**

**C.2 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. Allavie regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee.

**SECTION E – 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 E.10 – Mrs. Cloud recognized Mr. Jesse Stayton, Assistant Superintendent, Network and Information Systems, who recently retired from RUSD and will be working for the University of California, Irvine (UCI). She thanked him for his work in the NIS Department and for bringing the department into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**F.1 Update From REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology**

Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, introduced Ms. Virgie Rentie, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of REACH, who presented an update to the Board of Education on the REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology.

**SECTION G – ACTION**

**G.1 Resolution No. 2012/13-24 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Declaring Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for a Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive and Declaring a Public Hearing**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, explained that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2012/13-24 Declaring Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-

Way to the City of Riverside for a Temporary Construction Easement at 700 Highlander Drive and Declaring a Public Hearing.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present.

## **SECTION H – CONCLUSION**

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

Mr. Hunt said that he along with several other Board members attended the Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Recognition on October 25, and he congratulated Mrs. Lock-Dawson for receiving the Lady Bird Johnson Award. He thanked Mr. Fine for addressing the internet speed at EOC.

Mrs. Allavie also congratulated Mrs. Lock-Dawson for her recognition. She mentioned the secondary Principals' Summits that started today and said that they were very educational and provided remarkable insight.

Dr. Beaty said that he attended the Back to School Night at EOC. He mentioned that he and Mrs. Cloud attended the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (RCCSDO) meeting with Mr. Fine as he presented the Board's recommendation to establish trustee areas recommending Plan I. He complimented Mr. Fine on his presentation to the committee. Dr. Beaty noted his attendance at the RUSD Band Extravaganza on October 17 and indicated that it was amazing.

Mr. Hunt stated that Dr. Rainey thanked the Board for nominating her to the RCCSDO Board, but she had to resign because she was elected to the County Board.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked those who were able to attend her recognition. She mentioned a meeting she had with Mr. Rodney Taylor, Director, Nutrition Services, to discuss trying to work with the City's Green Action Plan in an effort to reduce waste and possibility create partnerships with local food banks. She talked about her attendance at a meeting for the Inland Congregations United for Change in San Bernardino and mentioned that they spoke about the Santa Ana Partnership. She stated that the group would like to start a similar partnership in the Inland Empire. She noted two of the programs that she thought were of interest: Padres Promotores (this teaches parents to be promoters of education within their home) and College Readiness Centers at each of the high schools.

Mrs. Cloud stated that Board members were missing the Riverside County Schools Boards Association Fall Joint meeting tonight because of the Board meeting. She mentioned also attending the Principals' Summits and said that it is amazing what is going on in regards to Academic English Learners (AEL) and ownership. She said that Mr. Fine did a stellar job with his presentation at the RCCSDO meeting. Mrs. Cloud thanked Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA); Mr. David Haglund, Director, Educational Options; and Mrs. Gloria Cowder for their work and collaboration on the Race to the Top (RTT) application. She concluded by stating that the RUSD Band Extravaganza was wonderful.

**H.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Dr. Miller indicated that staff has started the secondary Principals' Summits and are essentially finished with the elementary Principals' Summits. He stated that Mr. Jesse Stayton has resigned and retired from RUSD, and he will be working with UCI. Dr. Miller indicated that Mr. Stayton contributed much to RUSD and that there are projects currently underway that will make a big difference for our schools with fiber optics that will not be finished until around February of 2013. He discussed the Interest Based Problem Solving (IBPS) Workshop that 60 to 65 percent of the Managers/Confidentials attended. He discussed his attendance at an Intelligent Community Forum in Ohio last week. In closing, Dr. Miller said the RTT application was signed this morning and thanked RCTA for their collaborative efforts and said that this was a good day for RUSD collectively.

**H.3 Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2012****ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 7:18 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Lupe Martinez Arias retired employee of RUSD; and Mrs. Mildred Perez Johnson, former teacher at Casa Blanca, Harrison and Victoria Elementary Schools.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education