

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

STUDY SESSION

Nutrition Services Update – Part 2 – Where To Go and How to Get There

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, and Mr. Rodney Taylor, Director, Nutrition Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the vision for the future and the hurdles that exist in accomplishing the goals to ensure that Riverside's children are nutritionally prepared to learn. Mr. Fine mentioned that the consideration of Phase Two Planning to revamp the Central Kitchen operation would be brought forward to the Board of Education at the March 5 Board meeting.

Potential Re-Purposing of Hyatt Elementary School

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, Mrs. Judi Paredes and Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendents, Instructional Services, and Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, discussed the instructional issues and financial implications concerning the potential re-purposing of Hyatt Elementary School. Staff noted the basic proposal which is to convert Hyatt Elementary School into a STEM academy to allow for expansion of the program. The Board members agreed that staff would bring forward an item at the March 5 Board of Education meeting for an instructional decision to re-purpose Hyatt Elementary School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:00 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
3. Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Case Number: U.S.D.C., Central District of California, Case No. EDCV10-1002-CAS (OPx)

4. Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Case Number: U.S.D.C., Central District of California, Case No. CV11-08287-JHN (SPx)
5. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator:	Bradley E. Neufeld, Attorney at Law
Unrepresented Employees:	District Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:36 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 Amanda Bautista, 5th grade Mountain View Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Ramona High School Choir performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Reports by John W. North, Riverside Polytechnic, and Ramona High Schools

A.2 Scheduled Communications

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to move Item F.6 forward in the agenda.

F.6 Design for the Ramona High School Entry Element and Shade Structure

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board of Education was being asked to approve the design and cost estimate for the Ramona High School entry element and shade structure.

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

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B.1 Board Finance Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Finance Subcommittee.

B.2 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item C.9 – Donation of E-Waste Equipment, which was pulled from the agenda. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION D – REPORT/DISCUSSION**D.1 Early Literacy**

Mrs. Paredes reviewed a PowerPoint providing information on RUSD's commitment to mastery of early literacy skills for all students.

Ms. Pam Bresnahan, 1st grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, spoke about the results that she has been seeing in her classroom.

D.2 Budget Planning for 2012-13 – Reflection and Discussion for Budget Considerations for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year

Dr. Miller and Mr. Fine presented a PowerPoint and the Board of Education was asked to review potential budget implications under the governor's proposed budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year and to provide staff with initial direction as to the approach to be taken in building the 2012-13 budget.

SECTION E – PUBLIC HEARING**E.1 Public Hearing – Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education With the Riverside City Teachers Association for the 2012-13 School Year**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

The Board of Education was required to hold a public hearing on the initial proposal for collective bargaining negotiations submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education with the Riverside City Teachers Association.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

SECTION F – ACTION**F.1 Adoption of Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining Negotiations Submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education With the Riverside City Teachers Association for the 2012-13 School Year**

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider adopting an initial proposal for collective bargaining negotiations submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education with the Riverside City Teachers Association.

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

F.2 Resolution No. 2011/12-44 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Granting the Charter Petition for the Establishment of the REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science, & Technology, and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Fine introduced Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, who stated that REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science & Technology submitted a Charter Petition for consideration by the Board. She noted that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011-12/44 and the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding.

Dr. Virgie Rentie, Lead Petitioner, REACH Leadership Academy School, thanked staff and the Board members for working with REACH to establish this charter school. Ms. Tracy Nelson spoke on behalf of REACH addressing Mr. Hunt's concerns.

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

The Board took a break from 8:27 to 8:40 p.m.

F.3 Award of Bid for Bid No. 2011/12-63 – Independent Audit Services, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14

Mr. Fine and Dr. Beaty discussed the award of contract for independent audit services for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to authorize the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Governmental Relations to execute an audit agreement with Nigro & Nigro.

F.4 High School Graduation Requirements

Dr. Bill Ermert stated that in order to better prepare students for college and career readiness, the High School and Middle School Task Forces have focused and collaborated with appropriate groups on how to increase student achievement for students who receive a Riverside Unified School District high school diploma.

Mr. Edwardo Sandoval spoke on behalf of Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC) in favor of the high school graduation requirements.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the proposed changes to the graduation requirements including – three courses in two subject areas from the following: Visual and Performing Arts, Foreign Language, or Career Technical Education. The Board also requested that staff continue to look into college and career paths.

F.5 Adoption of Elementary and Middle Schools Educational Specifications

Dr. Lewis stated that the Educational Specifications and Requirements for Middle and Elementary Schools have been revised and are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

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

F.7 Landscape Architect Recommendation

Dr. Lewis indicated that the Board of Education was being asked to approve the staff recommendation for the Landscape Architect for the athletic field renovation projects at Chemawa, Amelia Earhart, and Sierra Middle Schools and future projects.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve Ian Davidson, Landscape Architects Inc. as the Landscape Architect for the Chemawa, Amelia Earhart, and Sierra Middle Schools athletic field renovation projects and approve RHA Landscape Architects for potential future work.

F.8 Consideration of 2012 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election

Mrs. Cloud. stated that election material for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Subregion 18A has been received.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to vote for Mr. Jerry Bowman, Menifee Union School District; Ms. Lynne Craig, Riverside County Office of Education; Mr. Ben Johnson II, Alvord Unified School District; and Mr. William James Sanborn, Hemet Unified School District.

F.9 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Riverside Unified School District Appointment

Mrs. Cloud stated that the Board of Education was being asked to either reappoint Mr. Tom Hunt or to appoint a new representative to CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to reappoint Mr. Hunt to the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

F.10 Resolution No. 2011/12-46 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District In Support of the California Proposition Entitled: Online K-12 Education. College Preparatory Courses. To Provide Opportunity For All California Students on the November 6, 2012 Ballot

Dr. Miller noted that it is being recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12-46 – In Support of the California Proposition Entitled: Online K-12 Education. College Preparatory Courses. To Provide Opportunity For All California Students on the November 6, 2012 Ballot.

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

SECTION G – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cheryl Carter spoke to the Board of Education regarding CSEA training.

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

Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Lock-Dawson had no comments.

Dr. Beaty shared an article with Dr. Miller from the February 16, 2012, *USA Today* titled, "Study boosts ranking of U.S. schools." He mentioned a University Women's' Group meeting that he attended where Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, Manager, Child Welfare and Attendance, provided a presentation on the homeless community and he said that many of the women were near tears. He discussed his attendance at the following events: the Party at the Plaza, the 2012 Honor Bands, Bryant Elementary School's 100th Anniversary Celebration, and the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) State of Education Address.

Mr. Hunt stated that Emerson's Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday. He voiced that he is proud to serve on the Board of Education. Recently, Mr. Hunt said it occurred to him that this town is not the town that he grew up in—he stated that this is the reason why he feels that Walmart chose RUSD for the breakfast grant, because we are a needy community.

Mrs. Cloud stated that she wanted to attend the RUSD Science and Engineering Fair on February 9, but could not find parking at UCR. There was discussion about the venue changing for next year.

Mrs. Cloud discussed a recent meeting that she attended with the Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC) and said that it was a lively meeting, and that they want to learn how to participate in civic affairs. Mrs. Cloud mentioned that Ken Mueller will be missed.

H.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller stated that the District is running on the commitment of the staff not the commitment of the state. He noted that the 2012 Honor Bands event was extraordinary, and also mentioned the Party at the Plaza event. In closing, he welcomed Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

H.3 Next Board Meeting: March 5, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:33 p.m., in memory of Albert Avila, former noon supervisor at Fremont Elementary School.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education