

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012
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; and Mr. Tom Hunt, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. Rick 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

Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member, arrived at the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 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 Kamryn Grotness, 5th grade Thomas Jefferson Elementary School student.

SECTION A – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION B– PUBLIC INPUT

The following individual spoke to the Board of Education: Ms. Liselle DeGrave, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), discussed the 2013 Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Educators and provided a handout for Board members.

SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

C.1 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

C.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President

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 Mr. Hunt and seconded Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item E.8 which was pulled for discussion. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

E.8 Approval of Employment Agreement With the Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present, with the confirmation in wording to approve the employment agreement to end on the sooner of 1) 30 days following the unconditional return of Dr. Ermert to his assignment, or 2) June 30, 2013.

SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION

F.1 Pension Reform Impacts on RUSD

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the impact on RUSD of the recently approved pension reform legislation – Assembly Bill 340 – the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.

SECTION G – PUBLIC HEARINGS

G.1 Public Hearing – Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance Resolution for Fiscal Year 2012/13

Ms. Renee Hill, Director, Elementary Education, indicated 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. A notice was posted at least ten days in advance and in at least three public places within the District.

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m., and closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

G.2 Public Hearing – 2012-2013 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, With California School Employees Association

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, noted that the Riverside Unified School District has submitted an initial proposal for the collective

bargaining agreement between the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District and Chapter 506 of the California School Employees Association.

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m., and closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

SECTION H – ACTION

H.1 Resolution 2012/2013-16 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Material Compliance for Fiscal Year 2012/13

Ms. Hill stated 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 Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and approved unanimously by members present.

H.2 Resolution No. 2012/13-19– Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for District of Choice – Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program Space Availability

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, discussed that the Riverside Unified School District participates in the state's alternative interdistrict attendance program. He said that this program allows students residing outside of the District's boundaries to be admitted to District schools and remain enrolled in District schools from year to year, subject to certain limitations.

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

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

In response to Mr. Hunt, Mr. Fine confirmed that the District has signed an amended contract with the City of Riverside for our School Resource Officer Program providing funding for RUSD. Mr. Hunt mentioned that the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce members voted on Proposition 30 – 25 to 8 in opposition. He requested that staff provide an update soon on Mayor Loveridge's Lighted Schoolhouse Initiative. He also asked that Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, look into the Orange County High School of the Arts and provide the information to the Board Instruction Subcommittee. With Dr. Lewis' assistance, Mr. Hunt said that he would be attending the Casa Blanca Community Action Group (CAG) to discuss their concerns related to their children (living in this quadrant) attending six to seven different elementary schools.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that she has attended, with other Board members, several of the Principals' Summits and that they have been very impressive and educational. She stated that she appreciates the time that the principals have taken to make these professional presentations.

Dr. Beaty agreed with Mrs. Allavie and said the principals are doing a great job with the Principals' Summits. He mentioned his attendance at the Riverside Police Foundation's Golden Badge Awards on September 29 and the Citizens University Committee's Annual Fall Kickoff Reception on September 27, and he discussed the honorees at the events. Dr. Beaty talked about the celebration of Riverside County youth calendar that was distributed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson reminded Board members that the 8th Riverside College and Career Fair is scheduled for October 3, and the Long Night of Arts and Innovation for October 4. Following up on Mr. Hunt's comment regarding the performing arts, she stated that not just in high school but that she would also like to see a magnet school that specializes in performing arts for students.

Mrs. Cloud said that she visited REACH Charter School and that they are doing a wonderful job. She discussed the Principals' Summits and agrees that they have been eye-opening, and that some of the principals have changed the culture of their school and have taken ownership. She mentioned her attendance at the Conversation With the Superintendent at Sierra Middle School on September 26 and the Riverside County School Boards Association Delegate meeting recently. Mrs. Cloud said that there will be an agenda item on the Race to the Top (RTT) provided for the Board. She reminded Board members and staff that the Riverside Citrus Classic Bike Ride is scheduled for this Sunday, October 7.

I.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller shared a PowerPoint presentation about his educational trip to China in September.

The Board members thanked Dr. Miller for his presentation.

I.3 Next Board Meeting: October 15, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 7:46 p.m., in memory of Robert Steele Douglas, former teacher of metal and wood shop, drafting, history, and auto mechanics at Arlington High School.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education