

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:02 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

High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Project Bids for Arlington, Ramona, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding the High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Project Bids for Arlington, Ramona, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools.

Mr. Brian Jaramillo, Tilden-Coil Constructors, and Mr. Ronald Kuehl, Neff Construction, provided additional information as needed for the Board members.

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 – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (3 Cases)

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:36 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that the Board unanimously approved the settlement agreement of Mrs. Kathleen Sanchez.

RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL MARINE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Jocelyn Mares, 6th grade Madison Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

Mrs. Beth Waddell and students from Sierra Middle School's Art class presented works of art and reviewed a video presentation with the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

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

A.2 RASM Presentation by Lynn McCown, President, Riverside Association of School Managers

A.3 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President

A.4 CSEA Presentation by Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

A.5 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

A.6 Presentation of the California School Public Relations Association's Presidents' Choice Award to the Riverside Unified School District

A.7 Recognition of Riverside Unified School District's History/Social Science Educators of Excellence

A.8 Neff Construction's Donation of an Antique Chair to the Mission Inn Foundation

A.9 Scheduled Communications

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

The Board members agreed to move Item D.1 forward in the agenda.

D.1 Sacramento Update

Mrs. Cloud introduced Mr. Jeff Frost, Frost, Davis & Donnelly, who provided a handout and presented an update on Sacramento legislative and fiscal topics, and answered questions for the Board of Education.

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B.1 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

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

B.2 Board Finance Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION C – 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 D – REPORT/DISCUSSION

D.2 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction Program Update

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Ms. Barbara Libolt, Instructional Services Specialist, who presented a PowerPoint overview of Riverside Unified School District's Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Induction Program.

The Board took a break from 8:00 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

SECTION E – PUBLIC HEARING

E.1 Public Hearing – Charter School Petition Review

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, stated that the Board of Education was required to hold a public hearing pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605(b), to consider the level of support for a petition filed for the REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science, and Technology.

Mrs. Cowder introduced Dr. Virgie Rentie, Lead Petitioner, with REACH Leadership Academy School, who discussed the school and reviewed the changes that have been made to the petition.

Mr. Wade Walters, Mr. David and Gracie Breslin, Mr. Eduardo Aguilar, Ms. Esperanza Montalvo, Ms. Mayte Pérez (translator Ms. Martha Nolasco), Ms. Ashley Peebles, Ms. Kelly Theofanis, and Dr. Richard Hansberger, spoke to the Board members in favor of REACH Leadership Academy.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

SECTION F – ACTION

F.1 2010-2011 Annual Financial Report and Audit

Mr. Fine noted that State law requires that each year the financial records of the District be audited by an independent third party audit firm and that the Governing Board review the annual financial report and audit at a public meeting.

Mr. Fine introduced Mr. Brian Ruff, Partner, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co, LLP, who reviewed the financial report and audit for the Board members.

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

F.2 High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Project Bids for Arlington, Ramona, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools

The bids for the High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Projects for Arlington, Ramona, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools were presented for Board approval.

F.3 Award of Bids for Ramona High School Aquatics and Tennis Facilities Upgrade Project

The Board of Education was being asked to consider awarding bids for multiple categories of construction trades at Ramona High School as part of the Aquatics and Tennis Facilities Upgrade Project.

F.4 Award of Bids for Arlington High School Athletic Field Upgrades Project

The Board of Education was being asked to consider awarding bids for multiple categories of construction trades at Arlington High School as part of the Athletic Field Upgrades Project.

F.5 Award of Bids for Riverside Polytechnic High School Field Upgrades and Pool Project

The Board of Education was being asked to consider awarding bids for multiple categories of construction trades at Riverside Polytechnic High School as part of the Field Upgrades and Pool Project.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to combine Items F.2 through F.5 into one motion.

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve Items F.2 through F.5 as recommended by the Operations Board Subcommittee.

F.6 Approval of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Mr. Fine said that it was being recommended to the Board of Education to approve the Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

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

F.7 Approval of an Early Notice of Separation Incentive Program for Certificated Bargaining Unit Employees

Mr. Fine indicated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider approving an Early Notice of Separation Incentive Program for Certificated Bargaining Unit employees.

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

F.8 Approval of an Early Notice of Separation Incentive Program for Management/Confidential/Supervisory Employees

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider approving an Early Notice of Separation Incentive Program for Management/Confidential/Supervisory employees.

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

F.9 Attendance Area Adjustment Between Liberty and Monroe Elementary Schools

Dr. Lewis introduced Ms. Janet Dixon, Director, Facilities Planning who discussed that the Board of Education was being asked to approve the transfer of a portion of the Liberty Elementary School attendance area to Monroe Elementary School.

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

SECTION G – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

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

SECTION H – CONCLUSION

H.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hunt discussed his concerns about high school athletics, and thanked Mrs. Cloud for agreeing to the recent appointment of the Student Activities Subcommittee. He mentioned an Education Subcommittee meeting that he and Dr. Miller attended on January 11, at the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) that included the City Manager and educators. He said the meeting contained very powerful discussion tying economic growth directly to K-12 education. He noted the importance that City Council needs to dialog with the school Districts.

Dr. Beaty said that he joined in Patricia Beatty Elementary School's Start Your Day R.I.G.H.T. (Breakfast Program) and Pajama Party Celebration. On Monday, January 16, Dr. Beaty participated in the 19th Annual Martin Luther King Walk-A-Thon, along with lots of kids – he said there was a great turn out for the event. He attended the Conversation With the Superintendent held at Central Middle School on January 11, and the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Grant Reception on January 9. He said the reception was one of the best managed receptions ever.

Mrs. Allavie reported that the Middle School Art Show is scheduled for April 14, and that awards will be presented. She voiced her concerns that two schools still do not have art classes, and she is hoping that this will be resolved by next year.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson said at the Riverside Art Museum she recently saw a Lunar Festival exhibit and all of the awards were for Alvord Unified School District students (mostly from one school). She discussed a meeting she attended with Ms. Pam Clute, University of California, Riverside (UCR), and there was some discussion regarding a regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Conference.

Mrs. Cloud agreed that the REEF Grant awards were great. She complimented *The Press-Enterprise* regarding their recent editorials.

H.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller reported that he also participated in the 19th Annual Martin Luther King Walk-A-Thon, and he noted that three of our schools Martin Luther King, Riverside Polytechnic, and John W. North High Schools were well represented with students and teachers. He said the REEF Grant event went very well the other evening, and he noted that staff is finishing up the elementary Principals' Summits.

H.3 Next Board Meeting: February 6, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:47 p.m., in memory of Richard Gabriel, former principal and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel; James Grant, former chemistry teacher and school administrator; Martha King, former Arlington High School Mathematics teacher; and Dorothy Schroeder Serrine, former Mountain View Elementary School teacher.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education