

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 21, 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 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.

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
3. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
 District Negotiator: Bradley E. Neufeld, Attorney at Law
 Unrepresented Employee: District Superintendent

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:28 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 Ashleigh Felix, 6th grade Pachappa Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Ramona High School Dance Company performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A- PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Recognition of Assistance League of Riverside

A.2 Recognition of Riverside Unified School District's Remarkable Teens

The Board of Education recognized 17 RUSD students selected to represent the City of Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens.

A.3 Recognition of the 2012 American Association of University Women Tech Trek Nominees

A.4 Recognition of AVID Graduates Class of 2012

A.5 Recognition of the Arlington High School Envirothon Team

A.6 Recognition of American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Western Division High School Honor Choir Participants

A.7 Reports by Arlington, Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, John W. North, Riverside Polytechnic, and Ramona High Schools

SECTION B– PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Dennis Lopez spoke favorably about the First Annual Parent Summit held at Arlington High School on Saturday, May 19.

SECTION C – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

C.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

C.2 Board Finance Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Finance Subcommittee during Item F.2.

C.3 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION D – CONSENT

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

SECTION E – PUBLIC HEARING

E.1 Public Hearing – Trustee Area Map Scenarios in Compliance With the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Fine stated that the public hearing was being held to receive input on potential trustee area map scenarios for Governing Board elections pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 5019 et seq. and the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts.

Mr. Larry Ferchaw, Senior Director, Dolinka Group, discussed the concept of cracking and stacking with the Board members.

Mr. Gilberto Esquivel spoke about his concerns related to the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

The Board took a recess from 8:34 p.m. to 8:46 p.m.

SECTION F – ACTION**F.1 Program Improvement Restructuring Plan for Bryant Elementary School**

Ms. Janie Rhoades, Director, Program Quality/Academic English Learners, introduced Ms. Lari Nelson, Principal, Highland Elementary School, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed that the updated restructuring plan for Bryant Elementary School has been development for implementation in the 2012-2013 school year.

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

F.2 2011-2012 Third Period Interim Financial Report

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation noting that California Education Code Section 42127.6 specifies that the county superintendent may take certain intervening actions to ensure that a district meets its financial obligations. He noted that the Riverside County Office of Education has directed the District to prepare and submit a Third Period Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Hunt noted his pleasure with the work that staff has completed with the California Voters Rights Act, and stated that he would like to see the area in between the eastside straightened up. Mr. Hunt stated that it was a wonderful evening with the AVID recognitions. In terms of adding programs to schools, he stated that he would like staff to look at the other side of the District, like we did with Frank Augustus Miller Middle School, and consider some of those schools as well.

Dr. Beaty said that he attended the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) Celebrating Educator's Luncheon, and he stated it was great to hear our County Teacher of the Year speak – Mrs. Michelle Hampton. He talked about Dr. Miller's Good Morning Riverside presentation on May 10, and that Chancellor White plans to share the presentation with his staff and faculty. Dr. Beaty also attended Mr. Dick Folger's memorial service, the Middle School Track Meet on May 12, the Athena Awards honoring Ms. Maria Fritts on May 16, and Alcott's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed her attendance at the Middle School Track Meet where her daughter was awarded two gold medals. She asked that P.E. requirements be placed on a future agenda, because some sports qualify and others do not and she would like to receive an explanation for parents. Mrs. Lock-Dawson also recently attended Highland Elementary Schools Science night, and the Perfect Attendance Program held at Singh Chevrolet.

Mrs. Allavie stated that she has been out of town for her daughter's graduation. She congratulated Mrs. Lock-Dawson, for her daughter Clara being chosen as one of Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens.

Mrs. Cloud said that she has been out talking in the community and she feels that if we build the choice programs that the community will come. In regards to P.E. regulations, Mrs. Cloud stated that some of the regulations come from the State Board.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller mentioned his attendance at the Middle School Perfect Attendance Parent Appreciation Night held at Singh Chevrolet on May 9, and he discussed the great community support involved with this program. He attended the First Annual Parent Summit for Spanish-speaking parents at Arlington High School on May 19, Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens on May 8 (where Clara Dawson was recognized), the Riverside Masterwork Concert on May 9, the Mission Inn Foundation's 2012 Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award Honoring Judge Charlie Fields on May 10, and the RCOE Celebrating Educators Luncheon on May 8. In closing, he said that we have been celebrating our teachers and classified staff members over the last couple of weeks who make all of these wonderful things happen.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: June 4, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:52 p.m.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education