

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 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

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.

RIVERSIDE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Abby Sands, 6th grade Castle View Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Elementary String Orchestra from Alcott, Castle View, Victoria, and George Washington Elementary Schools performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A- PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Reports by Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and Arlington High Schools

A.2 Apple Distinguished Program – Amelia Earhart Middle School

Apple, Inc., recognized the administration of Amelia Earhart Middle School and two teachers, Mr. Jackie Davis, Jr. and Mr. Dan Sbur, for their successful implementation

and continuation of the HMH Fuse Algebra I application pilot. The program resulted in increased math achievement among the students who piloted the program.

A.3 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

A.4 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

A.5 RASM Presentation by Ms. Lynn McCown, President, Riverside Association of School Managers Riverside Unified School District

A.6 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Mrs. Sandy Ramirez, Programs Vice President

A.7 Scheduled Communications

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

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

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

B.2 Board Finance Subcommittee Report

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

B.3 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie 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.1 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

D.2 Materials-Based 40/80 Professional Development

Ms. Renee Hill, Director, Elementary Education, introduced Ms. Christy Ekman, English Language Arts Specialist K-6, and Assistant Principal Longfellow Elementary School, who reviewed the updated PowerPoint highlighting the transition to online and blended learning for teachers. She noted that this opportunity was being offered through the materials-based professional development that is required by the California Department of Education.

SECTION E – ACTION

E.1 Resolution No. 2011/12-42 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Approve the Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Services.

Mr. Fine stated that Resolution No. 2011/12-42 was being submitted for Board approval for the reduction or discontinuance of particular kinds of certificated services for a total full-time equivalent reduction of 79.8 positions. There was a prolonged and thoughtful discussion by Board members and staff.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and approved by a 3 to 2 vote with Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Lock-Dawson dissenting.

E.2 Approval of Nutrition Services Phase Two Facility and Operational Assessment

Mr. Fine indicated that the Board was being asked to approve the professional services agreement with Webb Design for phase two facility and operational assessment within Nutritional Services.

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

E.3 2011-12 Second Period Interim Financial Report

Mr. Fine reviewed a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of financial performance and updated current year projections. He noted that California Education Code Sections 42130 and 42131, which incorporates provisions of AB1200, requires each district in the State of California to file interim reports twice each fiscal year. He said the second report covers the financial and budgetary status of the District for the period ending January 31, 2012.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve the 2011-12 Second Period Interim Report and to adopt a qualified certification.

The Board took a recess at 8:24 to 8:38 p.m.

E.4 Re-Purposing of Hyatt Elementary School

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, and Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the request to approve the re-purposing of Hyatt Elementary School with the STEM Academy.

Professor Mobasher, Ms. Sarah Simpson, Ms. Mary Droser, Mr. David Mendoza, spoke in favor of re-purposing Hyatt Elementary School with the STEM Academy.

Ms. Deborah Terao and Ms. Joana Ghetta spoke against the re-purposing of Hyatt Elementary School with the STEM Academy.

Ms. Melissa Dixon asked that she be given the choice of a similar school for her child.

Ms. Stephanie Hempy requested that her child be given priority to attend the STEM Academy since her child currently attends Hyatt Elementary School.

Ms. Bea Camarillo requested that some of the current students at Hyatt Elementary School be allowed to attend with the STEM Academy students.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve the re-purposing of Hyatt Elementary School with the STEM Academy, and directing staff to give preference to the Hyatt Elementary School parents.

E.5 Resolution No. 2011/12-40 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Making Certain Required Written Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; Adopting the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the John W. North High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Completion Project (Project); Approving the Project; and Delegating Authority to Execute a Notice of Determination

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board was being asked to consider the adoption of a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the John W. North High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Completion project and approval of the Project.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson passed by a 4 to 1 vote with Dr. Beaty dissenting.

E.6 Resolution No. 2011/12-41 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Rendering City and County Zoning Ordinances Inapplicable to the John W. North High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Completion Project Pursuant to Government Code Section 53094

Dr. Lewis said that the Board was being asked to consider invoking its authority to render city and county ordinances inapplicable to the John W. North High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Completion project.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson passed by 4 to 1 vote with Dr. Beaty dissenting.

E.7 Budget Planning for 2012-13 – Reflection, Discussion, and Action for Budget Considerations for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year

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

SECTION G – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Richard Carpenter discussed the position – Lead Credential Technician.

SECTION H – CONCLUSION

H.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hunt suggested to Mr. Tim Martin, RCTA, that he work with Dr. Miller regarding items of concern rather than working through their attorney.

Dr. Beaty said that he attended the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) public forums seeking public comment on proposed options to create trustee districts –

he noted that attendance was low and that staff outnumbered the public by far. He indicated that he may write a letter to the governor stating his displeasure that no money will be given to the University of California, Riverside (UCR) for their medical school.

Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson said that she attended Mathew Gage Middle School's carwash on Wednesday and that it was great fun. She participated in Read Across America at Emerson and Madison Elementary Schools. She noted that the Middle School Track meet is coming up, and she shared an invitation to Emerson Elementary School's 6th Grade Ancient Egyptian Wax Museum on Thursday, March 8 from 9 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Mrs. Allavie encouraged the Board members to review the updated Board Policy that she handed out. She discussed an article from the *LA Times* titled, "Parents pitch in to build a school library", and stated that she would like to see more of these types of donations and volunteer work being allowed in RUSD. In closing, Mrs. Allavie noted that she appreciated the decision that was made regarding the STEM Academy.

Mrs. Cloud discussed her attendance at the Eastside Forum, and indicated that Wade Coe, Principal, Riverside Polytechnic High School, represented the District well. She mentioned her participation in Read Across America at Bryant and Pachappa Elementary Schools. Mrs. Cloud discussed an article from *The Press-Enterprise* that was written by Brian Nestande and Kristin Olsen titled, "Stop practice of deferring state's payments to schools". She stated that she hopes that we are in this together, and that she hopes that we can work to solve the budget problems together.

H.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller spoke about a video conference he attended with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. He spoke about the tragic and horrible loss that impacted many of our RUSD family by the loss of Lareanz Simmons (Riverside Polytechnic High School freshman) – he stated that the funeral is being held tomorrow. Dr. Miller mentioned his participation in Read Across America at Jefferson Elementary School. He said the Conversation with the Superintendent meeting was held on February 28 at Frank Augustus Miller Middle School. He attended the fundraiser for the Emerson PTA Science Camp. In closing, he recognized and thanked Ken Mueller for his service to RUSD.

H.3 Next Board Meeting: March 19, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 10:26 p.m., in memory of Lareanz Simmons, Riverside Polytechnic High School freshman.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education