

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie Clerk; 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

Completion Data/Prevention Programs

Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Director, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. Daniel Patterson, Program Improvement Coordinator; Dr. David Haglund, Director, Virtual Schools and Continuation Programs; and Ms. Jill Marks, Director, Gateway to College Early College High School, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding RUSDs cohort graduation rate, completion data, and prevention programs.

Academic Performance Index (API)/State and Similar Schools Ranking for 2011

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Ms. Renee Hill, Director, Elementary Education, who provided a presentation about the 2011 Base Academic Performance Index (API) Scores and the corresponding State and Similar School Rankings recently released by the California Department of Education.

Mr. Tom Hunt, Member, arrived at 4:44 p.m.

The Study Session ended at 4:47 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Director, Certificated Personnel, Elementary and Middle School Principals

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to appoint Mrs. Kyley Ybarra, Director, Certificated Personnel; Ms. Elizabeth Gosnell, Principal, Highgrove Elementary School; and Ms. Denise Bogan, Principal, George Washington Elementary School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Board President Gayle Cloud.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Energy Excellence Award and Energy Education Program Update

Mr. Ed Graff, Energy Education Regional President, Marketing, presented the Energy Excellence Award to staff. Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Ms. Mary Jane Gyll and Mr. Mike Fitzgerald, Energy Education Specialists, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update regarding the Energy Education Program.

Board members commended the Energy Education staff for their hard work. Mr. Hunt requested that this report be forwarded to the City.

SECTION B– PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Andrew Sunter spoke to the Board members regarding partnerships/grants that are available for schools to attend Alpine Meadows.

SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

C.1 CSEA Presentation by Ms. Mickey McDonald, 2nd Vice President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

SECTION D – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

D.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION E – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item E.14. 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 AGENDA

E.14 Revised Employment Agreement With the District Superintendent

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and approved by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Hunt abstaining, approving the revised employment agreement and that an addendum can be considered at a future meeting regarding the additional language that Mr. Hunt proposed.

SECTION F – PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 Public Hearing – General Waiver Request – Consider Seeking a Waiver From the State Board of Education of the Requirement That the Establishment of Trustee Areas and Adoption of a “By-Trustee Area” Election Process be

Submitted to the Electors as Set Forth in Education Code Sections 5019 and 5020

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that the public hearing was being held on the proposed General Waiver Request seeking a waiver from the State Board of Education of the requirement that the establishment of Trustee Areas and Adoption of a “By-Trustee Area” election process be submitted to the electors as set forth in portions of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021, 5030, and all of Education Code Section 5020.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

F.2 Public Hearing – Regarding the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Budget Plan

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, stated that the District is required to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Education prior to the adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Budget Plan.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

F.3 Public Hearing – Regarding the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Service Plan

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Tim Walker discussed that the District is required to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Education prior to the adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Service Plan.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

SECTION G – ACTION

G.1 General Waiver Request From the State Board of Education of the Requirement That the Establishment of Trustee Areas and Adoption of a “By-Trustee Area” Election Process be Submitted to the Electors as Set Forth in Portions of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021 and 5030, and All of Education Code Section 5020

Mr. Fine indicated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider approving a General Waiver Request seeking a waiver from the State Board of Education of the requirement that the establishment of Trustee Areas and Adoption of a “By-Trustee Area” election process be submitted to the electors as set forth in portions of Education Code Sections 5019, 5021, 5030 and all of Education Code Section 5020.

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

G.2 Resolution No. 2012/13-03 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recommending That the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization Approve and Establish Trustee Areas From Which District Governing Board Members Will Be Elected in a By-Trustee Area Election Process

Dr. Miller explained that staff was requesting that the Board of Education delay action on this item and allow staff to bring back the item for action at the August 20, 2012, Board of Education meeting.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to table this item until the August 20, 2012, Board of Education meeting.

G.3 Adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Budget Plan

Mr. Walker discussed that the Special Education staff was recommending adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Budget Plan. He indicated that this action was required to comply with California Education Code §56205(b)(1). He noted that the Budget Plan summarizes the State and Federal special education revenues and the current year special education budget.

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

G.4 Adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Service Plan

Mr. Walker said that Special Education staff was recommending adoption of the 2012-2013 Special Education Annual Service Plan. He commented that the Service Plan describes the full continuum of special education services provided by the Riverside Unified Special Education Local Plan (SELPA).

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

G.5 Career Exploration – New Course for Middle Schools

Mr. Sean Curtin Principal, Chemawa Middle School, reviewed a PowerPoint explaining that this course will provide students with an introductory Career Technical Education (CTE) course that will provide for career assessment, exploration of career choices, and an introduction to educational opportunities and pathways to careers in various industry sectors.

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

G.6 Resolution No. 2012/13-01 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of Certain Community Facilities Districts Designated 2012 Special Tax Refunding Bonds for the Purpose of Defeating and Refunding the Outstanding Bonds of Said Districts, Appointing Fiscal Agent and Escrow Agent, Approving Bond Purchase Agreement and Authorizing Negotiation of Terms of the Sale of Said Bonds, Approving Preliminary Official Statement and Authorizing Preparation of Final Official Statement, Approving Continuing Disclosure Agreement, Authorizing Obtaining Ratings of Said Bonds and Purchase of Municipal Bond Insurance

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider adopting Resolution No. 2012/13-01 authorizing the issuance of special tax refunding bonds for Community Facilities Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 27, and approving various related agreements and statements.

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

RECESS PUBLIC SESSION

SECTION H – CONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

H.1 Call to Order – Mr. Fine, Treasurer called the meeting to order.

H.2 Report on Number of Directors Present in Order to Determine the Existence of a Quorum – All members present.

H.3 Certification Regarding Delivery of Notice of July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority

Mr. Fine, Treasurer, certified that a notice of the time and place of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority to be held on July 16, 2012 was delivered.

H.4 Resolution No. 2012/13-02 – Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Purchasing Bonds of Community Facilities Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 27 of Riverside Unified School District, Authorizing and Directing the Execution and Delivery of an Indenture of Trust, a Bond Purchase Contract, a Bond Purchase Agreement, and a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, Approving an Official Statement, and Authorizing Other Actions

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Directors was being asked to consider adopting Resolution No. 2012/13-02 authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of purchasing bonds to be issued by Riverside Unified School District to refund outstanding bonds of Community Facilities Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 27, and approving various related agreements and statements.

Mr. Adam Baur, Principal, Fieldman/Rolapp & Associates, answered questions related to bond ratings.

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

ADJOURN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION OF REGULAR MEETING

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson requested that a future Board presentation be given on partnership academies.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned an article from the *Los Angeles Times* titled, "Valedictorians: Who needs them?" She discussed the highly-competitive nature of the recognition and courses that are used to "bump up" grade-point averages and others that are avoided. Mrs. Allavie said that she would like to share this article with Board members, but also suggested that the dilemma be sent to the High School Task Force members. The other Board members concurred, and it was suggested that former valedictorian course history should be looked at.

Dr. Beaty mentioned his attendance at the opening of the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties on June 27 – he said it was quite an experience. He congratulated Mr. Mike Fine for recently being named one of four recipients of the 2012 Public Administration Awards by the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration. Dr. Beaty indicated that the Starting Blocks program where students from Henry W. Longfellow and Thomas Jefferson Elementary Schools spend two weeks learning to swim is a wonderful program.

Mr. Hunt provided a brochure to Dr. Beaty regarding a company that he would like the Board Finance Subcommittee to consider. Mr. Hunt requested that Dr. Lewis work with Councilman Melendrez to discuss University of California, Riverside (UCR) using Ramona High School's stadium for their farm soccer team.

Mrs. Cloud mentioned that she had lunch with Ms. Lorraine Hernandez Saint, member, Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, who is interested in presenting their mentoring program to our District. Mrs. Cloud stated that the District's alternative programs undergo a lot of scrutiny and praise, and she would like to see any future bond issuances include those groups/facilities.

I.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller reported that there is a lot going on even with our schools being out.

I.3 Next Board Meeting: August 20, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 7:25 p.m., in memory of Mr. Dick Kuester, former principal at Abraham Lincoln High School for many years and then at the Educational Options Center (EOC) until he retired in July of 1999; Ms. Betty Elam Riddle, former teacher at Thomas Jefferson and George Washington Elementary Schools; and Mrs. Maxine Shepherd, former school secretary for over 30 years at Fremont, Victoria, and serving most of those years at Louisa May Alcott Elementary School and a former president of CSEA.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education