

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 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

Nutrition Services Update – Part 1 – Where We Have Come

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, and Mr. Rodney Taylor, Director, Nutrition Services, discussed the achievements that have been made from 2002 - 2012, highlighting the Fresh Farm to School Salad Bar Program, menu and product changes, participation growth, and financial and operational statistics.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:33 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. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and High School Principal

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that the following action was taken in Closed Session: It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to appoint Mrs. Susan Mills as Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and Mrs. Jamie Angulo, as Principal, Ramona High School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Hannah Terao, 5th grade Hyatt Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The University Heights Middle School Band performed for the Board of Education.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RECESS PUBLIC SESSION

CONVENE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

1. Call to Order.
2. Report on Number of Directors Present in Order to Determine the Existence of a Quorum.
All Board of Directors present.
3. Reading Notice of the Meeting and Proof of the Delivery or Mailing Thereof.
4. Presentation of Proposed Bylaws.
5. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-1 Approving Bylaws, Determining Dates, Time, and Place of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors, and Appointing Officers and Legal Advisor.

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

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

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION OF REGULAR MEETING

SECTION A- PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Reports by Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln High Schools
- A.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President
- A.3 CSEA Presentation by Mickey McDonald, 3rd Vice President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506
- A.4 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association
- A.5 RASM Presentation by Lynn McCown, President, Riverside Association of School Managers Riverside Unified School District
- A.6 Presentation of the Riverside County Office of Education's Academic/Athletic Team Award to the John W. North High School Girls' Tennis Team
- A.7 Scheduled Communications

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

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**B.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report**

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

B.2 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie on behalf of the Board Communications 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 Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Items C.8 and C.9 which were pulled from the agenda and will be taken to the Board Operations Subcommittee first and then will be brought back at a future Board meeting. 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 Governor's Budget Proposals for 2012-13**

Mr. Fine reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and provided three revised slides (12R, 17R, and 20R) on the Governor's Budget Proposals for 2012-13, and discussed the potential impacts on Riverside Unified School District.

The Board took a recess from 7:52 to 8:04 p.m.

D.2 High School Graduation Requirements

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Mrs. Tamara Kerr, High School Task Force Chairperson, who reviewed a PowerPoint presenting the proposal to change the graduation requirements to include three courses in two subject areas from the following: Visual and Performing Arts, Foreign Language, or Career Technical Education. This would be effective for incoming 9th grade students in the fall of 2012.

SECTION E – ACTION**E.1 Evaluating and Establishing Districting Criteria Related to the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts**

Mr. Fine noted that the Board of Education is being asked to evaluate and establish districting criteria to be used by staff in performing analysis related to whether or not the need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for Governing Board elections pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Sections 5019 et seq.

The Board members provided input to Mr. Fine indicating that they were interested in staff including the Local Preference Criteria in the following order: Items 4 and 7 would be given highest priority and 5 and 8 lowest priority, the other preference criteria would fall in between.

E.2 Establishment of Tie-Breaking and Skipping Criteria

Mr. Fine stated that Board approval was being requested for 1) tie-breaking criteria pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(b), and 2) retention of certificated employees who possess special training or experience (skipping criteria) pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d).

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

E.3 New Career Technical Education (CTE) Course Proposal: “Advanced Digital Video Production”

Mr. Wade Coe, Principal, Riverside Polytechnic High School, introduced Mr. John Enyeart, teacher, Riverside Polytechnic High School, who reviewed the new CTE course entitled “Advanced Digital Video Production” that was being submitted for the Board’s approval.

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

SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals spoke to the Board of Education regarding their concerns related to Special Education: Ms. Eve Belinsky, Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Nancie Johnson, and Mr. James and Mrs. Theresa Filakousky.

Mr. Allen Osborn, Special Education teacher, spoke to the Board members regarding his concerns related to the budget and Special Education.

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

Mrs. Lock-Dawson and Mrs. Allavie had no comments.

Mr. Hunt voiced his concern with the length of time that one of the parents has been working on their concerns with Special Education staff, and he requested that Dr. Miller and Mr. Walker follow up with the parents. Mrs. Cloud said that staff has been directed to follow up with the parents.

Dr. Beaty discussed the Boys’ and Girls’ Middle School Basketball Tournament that was held on January 21 and 28. He mentioned an interview that he participated in with Police Area Commander Chris Manning at the request of three Ramona High School students for their History Day project. The project was regarding an incident that happened in 1975 concerning racial profiling in Casa Blanca. He said the students won a blue ribbon and also the Mission Inn Foundation award for local history.

Mrs. Cloud said that History Day was pretty exciting, and she is looking forward to State History Day being in California this year. Mrs. Cloud thanked Dr. Miller for including the book on “A Practical Guide to Effective School Board Meetings” in the Board packets.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller reported that staff has almost completed the Principals' Summits. He discussed a panel discussion that he participated in at Stanford University at the PACE Conference. In closing, he discussed the Mayor's State of the City Address that was held on January 19.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: February 21, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 10:52 p.m., in memory of Arturo Rios Hernandez, retired head custodian who served 25 years in RUSD; Robert Lee Wilson a former RUSD employee; Vernon Berg who worked for RUSD after his retirement from the U.S. Air Force; and Gwendolyn Silvas, cafeteria supervisor at University Heights Middle School, who worked for the District for 13 years.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education