

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 5:00 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

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:34 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 Juan Rivera, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Liberty Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

The Arlington High School Chamber Singers performed for the Board of Education.

**SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS**

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

**A.2 Scheduled Communications**

1. Ms. Ann Camacho  
Topic: Bookmarked: Teen essays on life and literature. A book released for publication – April 1, 2012, written by students of John W. North High School.
2. Ms. Tina Ricketts  
Topic: Planting Roots – A Family Literacy Community Service Program

## **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 Instruction Subcommittee Report**

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

## **SECTION C – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item C.4 – Resolution No. 2011/12-49 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Appropriate Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance – which was pulled from the agenda, and C.13 which was pulled to commend staff for their work on this item. 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 CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **C.13 – Adoption of the 2012-2013 School Calendar Modification**

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

## **SECTION D – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **D.1 Public Hearing – Public Hearing to Review and Consider a Report Entitled “School Facility Needs Analysis,” Dated February 16, 2012**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, and Ms. Janet Dixon, Director, Planning/Development, stated that the public hearing was being held to review and consider adoption of a report entitled “School Facilities Needs Analysis,” dated February 16, 2012, and to consider and respond to all public comments received by the District.

Mr. Tommy Thompson, Building Industry Association (BIA), spoke regarding his concerns related to the fee increase and provided a handout to the Board members.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

### **D.2 Public Hearing – Public Hearing for Consideration of the Fee Justification Study for New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Dr. Lewis and Ms. Dixon noted that a public hearing was being held prior to the adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12- 51 adopting the findings of the Fee Justification Study for New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

**D.3 Public Hearing – Public Hearing for the Initial Proposal for Negotiations Submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association With the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2012-2013 School Year**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, discussed that a public hearing is being held on the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA) with the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**SECTION E – ACTION**

**E.1 Resolution No. 2011/12-48 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance With Government Code Section 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7, Adopting Responses to Public Comments Received, and Making Related Findings and Determinations**

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board was being asked to consider Resolution No. 2011/12-48, approving the School Facilities Needs Analysis and adoption of alternative residential mitigation fees.

Ms. Barbara Hill-Carter, Principal, Special District Financing & Administration (SDFA), provided information to the Board members as requested.

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

**E.2 Resolution No. 2011/12-51 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving an Increase in Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995**

Dr. Lewis mentioned that the Board was being asked to consider Resolution No. 2011/12-51 adopting a Fee Justification Study and Increasing Statutory School Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development.

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

**E.3 Approval of Attendance Area Adjustments for Emerson, Highland, Longfellow, and Pachappa Elementary Schools**

Dr. Lewis reviewed a PowerPoint and provided information indicating that with the repurposing of Hyatt Elementary School, it is necessary to re-assign the Hyatt Elementary School attendance area to other schools.

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

**E.4 Revised Reclassification Criteria for Academic English Learners**

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Ms. Michelle Mitchell, Instructional Services Specialist, Program Quality/Academic English Learners/Categoricals, who discussed that the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Resolution of Findings calls for a revision to RUSD's current reclassification criteria that will reflect a more objective and consistent process for teacher evaluation and recommendation.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present.

**E.5 Resolution No. 2011/12-52 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District to Process Budget Adjustments, to Appropriate Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance, and to Transfer Between Accounts and Funds for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that the adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-52 will allow the District's Business Office staff to process transfers for budget adjustments, to increase and decrease revenues and expenditures and to balance between accounts and major funds as needed during the 2012-13 fiscal year.

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

**E.6 Resolution No. 2011/12-53 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing California Day of the Teacher, May 9, 2012**

Mrs. Mills indicated that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12-53 which recognizes May 9, 2012 as the California Day of the Teacher.

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

**E.7 Resolution No. 2011/12-54 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Recognizing Classified School Employees Week – May 20-26, 2012**

Mrs. Mills noted that staff is recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12-54 which recognizes May 20-26, 2012 as Classified School Employees Week.

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

**SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**SECTION G – CONCLUSION**

**G.1 Board Members' Comments**

Dr. Beaty discussed his attendance at King High School Remembers, and he noted that this year they set a new record for the number of veterans that attended the event.

He mentioned the tribute that Mr. John Corona shared about his father, and suggested this be provided to Board members that were not able to attend. Dr. Beaty asked that a personal letter be sent to Mr. Corona and the PTSA thanking them for all of their hard work.

Dr. Beaty discussed the memorial service that was held for Lareanz Simmons, and the outpouring of love and support from friends and the community for this amazing young man that was senselessly killed.

Dr. Beaty talked about his attendance at the Emerson Elementary School Ancient Egyptian Wax Museum event on March 8. He mentioned Carlos Cortez, Emeritus Professor at UCR, who wrote a book about his childhood titled, "Rose Hill".

Mrs. Allavie stated that Channel 7 News interviewed Mr. John Corona and some of the veterans at the King High School Remembers event. She stated that last Wednesday, she attended a STEM PTA meeting with Mrs. Cloud where approximately 150 people were in attendance. She talked about a wonderful experience she and Mrs. Cloud had at California Baptist University (CBU) where Mr. Guy Holiday, the music director, invited the Chemawa Middle School Advanced Band to come practice at their new practice room, and provided musical feedback and pointers – then invited everyone to lunch on campus. Mrs. Allavie suggested that she would like a letter to be sent to Mr. Holiday and Dr. Ronald Ellis thanking them on behalf of the Board of Education for offering this opportunity to our students.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that Mr. Tom Evans, told her about a system that the Riverside City Council uses called – E-comment. She said that before a meeting the public can leave a comment for the coming meeting about an agenda item or non-agenda item that they would like to comment on. She stated that this is a wonderful idea because the public can leave comments when they cannot get to a Board meeting. It was agreed that this item can be discussed at the next Board Communications Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Hunt discussed the John W. North Girls' Basketball Team and the importance of Riverside supporting their fundraising efforts. He talked about developer fees and his opinion that the District would not be put in financial harm if the increase in fees would not have been approved. He discussed the California Schools Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly meetings and conferences that he has participated in. He then requested that staff send a letter to CSBA addressing the Board's collective disappointment in CSBA, the busing issue, latest funding concerns, and that CSBA stand outside the Ed Coalition and just stand for school Districts. Mr. Hunt suggested that the letter be signed by all of the Board members.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked Mrs. Allavie for all of her work on the Board Communications Subcommittee, as well as Mr. John Schreck and his staff. She also thanked Dr. Miller and his staff for the issues that he has addressed that she brought to his attention. She mentioned recently meeting with the California School Employees Association (CSEA), and that one item that kept coming up was that the employees are feeling stressed because they are doing so many jobs and they feel that their managers do not understand the pressure that they are experiencing. She suggested to Mrs. Mills that the managers need to be more sensitive to the classified employees.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson mentioned in regards to her meetings with parent groups, she is going to start a quarterly speaker series and is working on lining up the following

individuals: UC Regent, Ms. Charlene Zettel (discuss UC requirements); State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson; and Senator Alan Lowenthal.

Mrs. Cloud stated that King High School Remembers was a wonderful event. She indicated that the Riverside County History Day at Ramona High School was a great opportunity for our students.

### **G.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Dr. Miller stated that the Arlington High School Chambers Singers did an extraordinary job tonight. He noted that the RUSD Riverside County History Day students did extremely well. He talked about the John W. North Girls' Basketball Game and said our girls were fast and fun to watch. He talked about Leadership Riverside, and said that Mr. Fine spoke about the budget and that he spoke about how wonderful our District is.

Dr. Miller mentioned his attendance at King High School Remembers. He stated that the District was recently informed by the state of the availability for designation or seal of high school diplomas for biliteracy.

### **G.3 Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2012**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 8:24 p.m., in memory of Ms. Martha Teresa King, former mathematics teacher at Chemawa Middle School and Arlington High School; and Alan Cerda and Luis Gonzales, Ramona High School seniors who passed away this school year in a car accident.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education