

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

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:45 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 4:45 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

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| District Negotiator:    | Bradley E. Neufeld, Attorney at Law |
| Unrepresented Employee: | District Superintendent             |

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:33 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 Alexis Pintor, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Benjamin Franklin Elementary School student.

**GROUP PERFORMANCE**

Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students from Castle View, John F. Kennedy, and Tomás Rivera Elementary Schools will perform for the Board of Education.

**SECTION A- PRESENTATIONS**

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

**A.2 Recognition of the California State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) School Smarts Parent Engagement Program**

**A.3 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

**A.4 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President**

**A.5 CSEA Presentation by Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

**A.6 Scheduled Communications**

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

**SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B.1 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. 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 Update to Recent College Admission Agreements for Qualified Students**

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Ms. Dara Mosher, Instructional Services Specialist, who provided a PowerPoint presentation that updated the Board of Education on recent college admission agreements for qualified seniors.

**D.2 Developer Fee Report**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, indicated that as a follow-up to inquiries from the Board of Education, a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding school developer fees was provided by Mr. Tyler Dockins, Attorney for Bowie, Arneson, Wiles, and Giannone.

**SECTION E – ACTION**

**E.1 Revision of Board of Education Policy #9323 – Meeting Protocol and Conduct of the Board of Trustees, First Reading**

Mrs. Allavie said that the revised Board of Education Policy #9323 – Meeting Protocol and Conduct of the Board of Trustees – was being presented to the Board of Education for first reading.

The Board members provided comments for the Board Communications Subcommittee to work into the policies.

Ms. Mickey McDonald and Mr. Tim Martin, President, RCTA, discussed their concerns related to the timing of speaker comments.

This item will be brought back for second reading at the May 7, 2012, Board of Education meeting.

The Board took a break from 8:01 to 8:12 p.m.

**E.2 Revision of Board of Education Policy #9323.1 – Board of Education Order of Business, First Reading**

Mrs. Allavie stated that the revised Board of Education Policy #9323.1 – Board of Education Order of Business – was being presented to the Board of Education for first reading.

Mr. Scott Langner discussed his concerns related to the timing of speaker comments.

This item will be brought back for second reading at the May 7, 2012, Board of Education meeting.

**E.3 New Foreign Language Course: Exploring Spanish Speaking Regions and Cultures**

Dr. Ermert introduced Ms. Dara Mosher, Instructional Services, Specialist, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that shared information about new middle and high school foreign language courses being submitted for approval to the Board of Education.

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

**E.4 Establishing Community Meetings and Public Hearing in Compliance With the California and Federal Voting Rights Act**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that the Board of Education was being asked to establish a calendar of community meetings and public hearing to consider the establishment of trustee areas for Governing Board elections pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 5019 et seq.

Mr. Dennis Lopez discussed his concerns related to the California and Federal Voting Rights Act.

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

**SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Mercy Goh and Mr. Peter Attwood spoke to the Board of Education regarding their concerns pertaining to Special Education. Mr. Dennis Lopez spoke to the Board members regarding the California Dream Act.

**SECTION G – CONCLUSION**

**G.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Allavie stated that RUSD's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Middle School Art Show was a big success with over 350 students participating. She discussed her concerns with the John W. North Athletic Facilities project stating that the Board should not redesign the project but allow the Blue Ribbon Task Force to provide their input, which is what she understood was Dr. Miller original intent for the project. Mrs. Cloud indicated that it

was her understanding that an agenda item would be brought forward at a future Board meeting to discuss this item.

Dr. Beaty provided copies of a book to Board members that he obtained from Ms. Jo Turner, American Association of University Women (AAUW) entitled, "Crossing the Line" on the topic of bullying. He congratulated Dr. Miller for being recognized as a Champion for Justice at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Council event on April 12.

Dr. Beaty mentioned that Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, Manager, Child Welfare and Attendance, were recognized at the Soroptimist International luncheon on April 10. He discussed his attendance at the Riverside County Student Academic Awards dinner on April 11, where the All-County Academic Team was chosen – three of the ten students were from RUSD. In closing, Dr. Beaty talked about a scholarship fundraiser walk that was held in Citrus Heritage Park by the family of Reggie Edmonds, a former Arlington High School student that was killed in an automobile accident four years ago.

Mr. Hunt thanked Mrs. Allavie for her comments on John W. North High School's Athletic Facilities project. He told Dr. Beaty that he appreciated the book on bullying. Mr. Hunt stated that he would like staff to report back to the Board about the status of the case with Ms. Mercy Goh. He would like the Board Communications Subcommittee to look at televising the Board meetings on their next agenda.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed her attendance at Mathew Gage Middle School's Science Olympiad State Competition and a Special Education program at Riverside Polytechnic High School on Saturday. She discussed AAUW Tech Trek Competition for Science, Engineering and Math and stated that 180 girls applied and that only 7 are able to attend the week sponsored program at University of California, San Diego. Mrs. Lock-Dawson expressed her concern about the emphasis that is placed on test scores in our schools, and she talked about the pressure that our students feel.

Mrs. Cloud also congratulated Dr. Miller on his Champions for Justice recognition. She mentioned attending Bryant Elementary School's Back to School night, and the Riverside County Student Academic Awards dinner. She also attended the Walk Your Talk Walk, and the YMCA's Good Friday Breakfast. Mrs. Cloud thanked Mrs. Allavie for all of her efforts in organizing the Middle School Arts Show. She suggested that discussion regarding Adult Education and afterschool programs be placed on a future agenda.

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

Dr. Miller mentioned that the John W. North Girls' Basketball Team went to Sacramento for the State Championship Game and represented their school and District well. He said the event for Ms. Ann Camacho's book entitled, "Bookmarked" at the Riverside Art Museum was magnificent. Dr. Miller congratulated Mrs. Allavie for her Soroptimist recognition. He discussed the Riverside County Student Academic Awards dinner and talked about our stellar students.

## **G.3 Next Board Meeting: May 7, 2012**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:41 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Rosemary Allavie, Mrs. Allavie's mother-in-law.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education