

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tom Hunt, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Clerk; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Member; and Mr. Lewis Vanderzyl, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Koen Vandermeer, 5th grade Mark Twain Elementary School student.

PERFORMANCE

Select students from Andrew Jones' elementary bands – Emerson, Highgrove, Hyatt, Taft, Mark Twain, and Longfellow Elementary Schools performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Reports by Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln High School Representatives**
- A.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President**
- A.3 CSEA Presentation by Nyna Moore, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**
- A.4 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**

A.5 Energy Star Awards

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Ken Mueller, Director, Maintenance and Operations, who recognized Energy Education staff and members of the Riverside Public Utilities that were in attendance this evening. Mr. Mueller; Mr. Mike Fitzgerald and Ms. Mary Jane Gyll, Energy Education Specialists, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with information reporting that forty of our school sites have been awarded with the Energy Star label due to conservation activities that have significantly reduced energy consumption. The principals will be given a certificate and a brass building plaque for their school.

Mr. Ed Graff, Energy Education, Inc. commended RUSD staff for their efforts in conservation.

Mr. Hunt requested that Item E.2. be heard next in the agenda.

E.2 Resolution No. 2011/12-23 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District in Support of the City of Riverside’s Measure I to Continue and Enhance Library Programs and Services on the November 8, 2011 Ballot

Mr. Mike Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, noted that it is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12-23 in support of the City of Riverside’s Measure I to continue and enhance library programs and services on the November 8, 2011 ballot.

Dr. Susan Rainey discussed the background of Measure I to Continue and Enhance Library Programs and Services.

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

A.6 Scheduled Communications

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

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**B.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report**

Mrs. Allavie reviewed a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board members on the Board Communications Subcommittee projects, and provided a draft of the Rules and Regulations regarding Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships.

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud 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 Report Regarding Kinder-Morgan Pipeline Adjacent to Highland Elementary School**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations introduced Mr. Allan Campbell, Director of Project Permitting with Kinder-Morgan, who reviewed a brief PowerPoint

presentation and responded to questions about the jet fuel pipeline adjacent to Highland Elementary School.

SECTION E – ACTION

E.1 Resolution No. 2011/12-22 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Declaring Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue and Declaring a Public Hearing

Mr. Fine stated that it is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12-22 to declare its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue and Declaring a Public Hearing.

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

SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

The following individual spoke to the Board of Education regarding her concerns related to Taft Elementary School: Valerie Piper.

SECTION G – CONCLUSION

G.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie reported that she has been working with each high school drama/theater department to coordinate the Ghost Walk Riverside fundraiser for the California Riverside Ballet. She said the schools are very enthusiastic. As she has been visiting the schools, Mrs. Allavie indicated most of the high schools look fantastic with the exception of Polytechnic High School. She noted that there are a lot of trees that are dead or dying, there is gum on the walkways, and doors have not been painted in years. In closing, she stated that she continues to attend the Principals' Summits and they are very impressive.

Mrs. Cloud mentioned the RUSD Families in Transition Summit and thanked the following individuals for their efforts in coordinating the event: Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, Manager, Child Welfare and Attendance; Mr. Mike Fine; Publications and Nutrition Services staff. Mrs. Cloud suggested two speakers to Dr. Ermert that would be good in our high schools: Kermit Alexander (former NFL and UCLA football player), and Oscar Muniz (Olympic boxer). She also mentioned a fair that the Publications staff participated in at the Home Depot, where several inquiries were made regarding RVS (Riverside Virtual School). Mrs. Cloud congratulated Mr. Vanderzyl, Dean of the Board, for the recognitions he received at the Raincross Group and the Citizens University Committee. She also mentioned her attendance at a few Principals' Summits.

In regards to Mrs. Allavie's comments, Dr. Beaty stated that is amazing how good our schools look considering the millions of dollars that have been cut from our maintenance budget. He noted that gradually we are going to see the massive deterioration of our schools. Dr. Beaty also congratulated Mr. Vanderzyl for his recent recognitions.

Mr. Hunt said that he heard that our bus company STA (Student Transportation of America) purchases their fuel in San Bernardino, and he questioned if staff has any control where they purchase their fuel. He commented that the Special Joint meeting

with the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) was a very productive meeting. He voiced his agreement with Mrs. Allavie's comments regarding Polytechnic High School's campus, and stated his opinion that the school was built like a shoebox.

Mrs. Cloud stated that she would like to receive an update from staff regarding the parent that spoke during Unscheduled Communications.

Mr. Hunt requested that an update be provided on Adult School classes from Mr. Jim Dawson, Director, Adult Education, in November.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller indicated that this evening the Riverside College and Career Fair was being held at the Riverside Convention Center. He stated that the Principals' Summits will be completed in approximately two weeks. Dr. Miller mentioned the California Distinguished School luncheon recognition for Gage and Earhart Middle Schools including the State Superintendent that was organized by Riverside County Superintendent Kenn Young. He stated that the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Citrus Classic Ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 9 and encouraged everyone to participate.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: October 17, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 8:05 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Patsy Martin McCoy, former elementary teacher, special education teacher, principal, and assistant to the superintendent; Mr. Anderson Johnson, Jr., former track and football coach at John W. North High School; and Mrs. Lorena Ochoa, Central Middle School counselor.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education