

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Mike Fine, 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: Mike Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association
California School Employees Association

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Litzy Zaragoza, 6th grade Monroe Elementary School student.

PERFORMANCE

The Chemawa Middle School Band performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Reports by John W. North, Polytechnic, and Ramona High Schools, and Riverside Virtual School Representatives**
- A.2 Recognition of Martin Luther King High School Teacher Michele Hampton, Riverside County Teacher of the Year**
- A.3 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 Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Operations Subcommittee.

B.2 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item C.2 which was pulled for recognition of the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Riverside for the donation of dictionaries for all 3rd grade students. 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.2 Acceptance of Donation From Kiwanis Club of Uptown Riverside

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

C.2 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the District

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

SECTION D – REPORT/DISCUSSION

D.1 Digital Learning Revolution

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Mr. Jay McPhail, Director, Instructional Technology, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on how instructional technology is currently used in RUSD K-12 classrooms and extended learning opportunities for students and opportunities to extend learning for students (24/7 learning).

SECTION E – PUBLIC HEARINGS

E.1 Public Hearing – REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science, and Technology Charter School Petition Review

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing, pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605(b), to consider the level of support for a petition filed for the REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science, and Technology.

Mr. Hunt opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning Opportunities, introduced, Dr. Virgie Rentie, Lead Petitioner, with REACH Leadership Academy School, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation providing information about REACH Leadership Academy School.

The following individuals spoke in support of the REACH Leadership Academy School: Angie Dumire, Beverly Smith-Saffold, Tina Ricketts, Jennifer Boren, Martha Nolasco, Maria Camacho, Diana Aguilar, Steven Holguin, and Kelly Throfanis, EdTech.

Mr. Hunt closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

The Board took a break from 8:28 to 8:40 p.m.

E.2 Public Hearing – Prior to Adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-28 – A Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue

Mr. Fine indicated that the Board of Education is required to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12–28 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue.

Mr. Hunt opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Hunt closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

E.3 Public Hearing – Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Dr. Ermert noted that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 requires that districts hold a public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, and RLA/ELD. Notice must be posted at least ten days in advance and in at least three public places within the District.

Mr. Hunt opened the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Hunt closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

SECTION F – ACTION

F.1 Resolution No. 2011/12-28 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue

Mr. Fine said that staff was recommending that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2011/12–28 Granting an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Temporary Construction Easement at 6200 Riverside Avenue.

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

F.2 Resolution No. 2011/12-19 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Material Compliance for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Dr. Ermert stated that Education Code (E.C.) Section 60119 as amended by Senate Bill X3 4 Section 18, regardless of the statewide revenue limit, in order to be eligible to receive the instructional materials funds, Riverside Unified School District must hold a public hearing and determine through a resolution as to whether every student has sufficient and appropriate textbooks or instructional materials in mathematics, science, history-social science, and RLA/ELD.

The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mr. Vanderzyl and unanimously approved by members present.

F.3 Carl D. Perkins Grant – Career Technical Education

Dr. Ermert introduced Mr. Jay McPhail who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and stated that the California Department of Education requires that the Board of Education approve the District's secondary Carl D. Perkins application each year.

The item was moved by Mr. Vanderzyl and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by members present.

F.4 Selection of Architect for Liberty Elementary School Classroom Wing Addition

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, discussed the process and selection of the architect and construction manager for the Liberty Elementary School Classroom Wing Addition.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve the selection of HMC Architects as the architect and Tilden-Coil Constructors as the construction manager.

F.5 Resolution No. 2011/12-27 – Resolution Implementing Prequalification of Contractors for Rubberized Track and Artificial Turf Field Installation Bid Packages for Arlington Athletic Facilities Master Plan, Polytechnic Athletic Facilities Master Plan, and John W. North Athletic Facilities Master Plan, and Pool Construction Bid Packages for Ramona Athletic Facilities Master Plan Completion, Polytechnic Athletics Facilities Master Plan, and John W. North Athletic Facilities Master Plan Projects

Dr. Lewis reported that the District will soon be seeking bids for the installation of rubberized track and artificial turf field at Arlington, Polytechnic, and John W. North High Schools and for the construction of swimming pools at Ramona, Polytechnic, and John W. North High Schools. The District would like to prequalify bidders to ensure that bidders are able to perform the work for which they are bidding.

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

SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak to the Board members.

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

Mrs. Cloud discussed Career Technical Education and Dr. Ermert provided additional information for Board members.

Mrs. Allavie reported that she attended a total of 33 Principals' Summits, and she said that we have some very impressive principals. She stated that all of our comprehensive high schools will have performances at this year's Ghost Walk Riverside, and that she has enjoyed working with our theater teachers to coordinate this effort. Mrs. Allavie indicated that she is on the City Council agenda tomorrow night to briefly speak about expanding the Riverside Fox Theater grants from the Carpenter Foundation and Target that provide the opportunity for high school drama classes to

have Cast Chats (100 free tickets with a chance to speak to the actors one-on-one). In closing, she mentioned reading Llama, Llama Red Pajama for "Read for the Record" to two kindergarten classes at Longfellow and Monroe Elementary Schools and said that it was a great experience.

Dr. Beaty congratulated REEF (Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation) for the very successful Riverside Citrus Classic Bike Ride on October 9. He suggested that a letter should be sent to Mrs. Sandy Ramirez and the committee encouraging them to continue this fundraiser.

Mr. Hunt stated that last week he attended the 254th Birthday Celebration of the Navy at Martin Luther King High School. He said that his wife, Geri, attended George Washington Elementary School's "Read for the Record", while he was ill. He stated that she was very impressed with the Dual Immersion Program classes.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Fine, sitting in for Dr. Miller, had no comments.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: November 1, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 9:18 p.m. in memory of Walt Anderson, former swim and water polo assistant coach at John W. North High School; Jean Oxford (Brimmage), graduate of the original Polytechnic High School, and bookkeeper at Arlington High School; and Vera Wisby, former RUSD teacher.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education