

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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; and Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. Rick L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

Mr. Vanderzyl was not able to attend the meeting.

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
3. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: (1 Potential Case)

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 Ashley Schipske, 6th grade Victoria Elementary School student.

PERFORMANCE

Mt. View Elementary School Advanced Band performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Reports by Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, and Arlington High Schools**
- A.2 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association**
- A.3 Scheduled Communications**

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

SECTION B – 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 C – REPORT/DISCUSSION

C.1 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Mr. Mike Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, Governmental Relations, stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

C.2 Riverside Adult School – Career Technical Education Update

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced Mr. Jim Dawson, Director Riverside Adult School, who provided a brief update and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the current programs being offered at the Riverside Adult School.

C.3 Fall 2011 Enrollment Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Ms. Janet Dixon, Director, Planning and Development, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with actual K-12 Fall 2011 enrollment contrasted with projected enrollment and prior year's enrollment. Ms. Dixon reported that the District has experienced a decrease of 106 students over last year for a grand total of 42,425 students.

The Board took a break from 7:09 to 7:20 p.m.

SECTION D – ACTION

D.1 High School Graduation Requirements

Dr. Ermert introduced Ms. Tamara Kerr, Chair, High School Task Force, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and stated that the High School and Middle School Task Force members were recommending that the mathematics graduation requirement be changed from 2 years to 3 years (30 credits); change the overall number of credits required to graduate from 215 to 220; allow high school courses taken prior to 9th grade to be applied to the high school graduation requirement; and implement the graduation requirements for the incoming 9th graders, fall 2012.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and passed 3 to 1 with Mr. Hunt dissenting.

D.2 2011-2012 Approval of Riverside Adult School Notary Public Study Course

Dr. Ermert stated that California Education Code requires that the Board of Education approve all courses that will be offered through the Riverside Adult School.

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

D.3 Out-of-State Field Trip, Martin Luther King High School

Dr. Ermert introduced Mr. Darel Hansen, Principal, Martin Luther King High School, who reported that Martin Luther King High School's Marching Band will travel by bus to Phoenix, Arizona, to participate in the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championships from December 29, 2011 – January 1, 2012. He noted that the trip will be funded by fundraising activities.

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

D.4 Community Facilities District No. 23 of Riverside Unified School District – Assumption of Joint Community Facilities Agreements (Spring Mountain Ranch)

Dr. Lewis remarked that the purpose of these agreements is to substitute the new owner/developer, SFI SMR LLC, as a party to the joint community facilities agreements.

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

D.5 Ordinance No. 2011/12-01 – Dissolving Community Facilities District No. 30 of Riverside Unified School District, County of Riverside, State of California – First Reading

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board of Education would initiate proceedings for dissolving Community Facilities District No. 30. He indicated that this item was being considered for first reading only, and staff would bring back the item for second reading and action at the November 14 Board meeting.

D.6. Resolution No. 2011/12-29 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Approving and Authorizing Execution of Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County Creating the Riverside Unified School District Financing Authority

Dr. Lewis noted that the District would consider forming a Marks-Roos Joint Powers Authority with the Western Municipal Water District in order to do a pooled refunding of outstanding CFD bonds.

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

SECTION E – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak to the Board members.

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

Dr. Beaty discussed the second "Conversation With the Superintendent" meeting that was held on October 25 at Amelia Earhart Middle School. He indicated that the meeting was very successful and that the questions and answers were informative. Dr. Beaty requested that a letter be sent on behalf of the entire Board to Mr. and Mrs. Paulden Evans thanking them for their continued support of the Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) and their hospitality in hosting the REEF Earthwatch

Reception. He talked about the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Legislative Summit with keynote speaker Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom that several Board and Cabinet members attended. Dr. Beaty mentioned attending the Band Extravaganza on October 19 at Ramona High School Stadium, and "Lunch With a Loved One" at Kennedy Elementary School with several hundred kindergarten through second graders which included a book fair with Scholastic.

Mrs. Cloud echoed Dr. Beaty's comments in regards to the Band Extravaganza, REEF Earthwatch Reception, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Legislative Summit, and the Conversation With the Superintendent meeting. She talked about her recent visit to Bryant Elementary School and the outstanding work that is going on in the classrooms and the important parent involvement. In closing, Mrs. Cloud discussed some of the progress, changes, and partnerships that she has seen in the school District over the years that she has served on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Allavie reported that she spent the weekend with 200 high school theater students who were engaged with the Riverside Ghost Walk event. She also provided information to Dr. Ermert indicating that students involved in extracurricular activities tend to have better grades, higher self-esteem, and better time-management skills, and they are less likely to do drugs, drink, or drop out of school. She encouraged staff to formalize honor points for students that are involved in extracurricular activities.

Mr. Hunt stated that he serves on the Mayor's Youth Sports Committee which he attended on October 25, and he mentioned the topics of the meeting included: not limiting sports to just sports, joint use of facilities, and advertising. He talked about the REEF Earthwatch Reception and that he was impressed how each teacher shared an instructional angle with their experience. He thanked the *Press-Enterprise* for their "Special Edition on Education". In closing, Mr. Hunt said that he wanted to clarify his dissenting vote on the High School Graduation Requirements. He said that he supports the program and the projection, but he does not support the process that the District went through; he feels that it was for political expediency and that this item should have been brought forward as a workshop, and noted his concern that Mr. Vanderzyl was not in attendance.

F.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller thanked Mr. Fine and the Board members for conducting the October 17 Board meeting in his absence. He stated that the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Legislative Summit with Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, provided a call to arms and the message was very timely. He mentioned attending the following events REEF Earthwatch Reception, STEP Conference, and SmartRiverside's Open House.

Dr. Miller welcomed back Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, and thanked Ms. Renee Hill, Director, Elementary Education, for all of her extra efforts in the interim.

F.3 Next Board Meeting: November 14, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 8:52 p.m.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education