

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
AND
4299 LOWER HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY, KAHANA, MAUI**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 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.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board convened in Open Session at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Emily Mendoza, 5th grade (fall) STEM Academy student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 RCTA Presentation by Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

A.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Marilyn Orens, President

A.3 Scheduled Communications

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

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

B.1 Board Finance Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Finance Subcommittee during Item E.2.

B.2 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Operations 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.9 – Investment Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2011, which was pulled from the agenda. 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 Evaluating District’s Need to Consider Changing Method of Voting to Address the California Voting Rights Act

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and stated that the Board of Education was being asked to commence a discussion about undertaking a study to determine whether or not the need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for Governing Board elections pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Sections 5019 et seq.

The Board members agreed that a Workshop (Study Session) will be scheduled for the September 6 Board meeting from approximately 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Voting Rights Act topic. Later in the meeting, there will be an Action Item on the agenda with a Resolution to initiate the process.

D.2 Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee 2010 Annual Report

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Ms. Gladys Walker, Chairperson of the Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), who presented the Board of Education with the Measure B COC 2010 Annual Report.

SECTION E – ACTION

E.1 Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District and the Riverside County Transportation Commission Regarding the Perris Valley Line Project

Mr. Fine explained that the Board was being asked to ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Riverside County Transportation Commission regarding mitigation of safety concerns related to the Perris Valley Line project.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and passed by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Vanderzyl dissenting.

E.2 Policy #3470 – Debt Management Policy – First Reading

Mr. Fine indicated that New Board Policy #3470 – Debt Management – was recommended and was being presented to the Board of Education for first reading. He provided the Board members with a revised copy of the Policy which is now a combination of the Policy and Rules and Regulations into the Policy. This item will be brought back for second reading at the September 6, Board meeting. Mrs. Allavie requested that the Policy be changed to the new format.

SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak to the Board members.

SECTION G – CONCLUSION

G.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Vanderzyl mentioned an article in Sunday's paper describing how the city might be able to help open a high school in a neighboring district with redevelopment funds.

Mrs. Cloud discussed the Core Knowledge program at Bryant Elementary School and the STEM Academy at Central Middle School and the progress that is being made in the District. She also talked about the different projects at Poly and North High Schools, and that work seems to be progressing.

Dr. Beaty talked about the demise of the Project RAD (Riverside Against Drugs) program after 25 years of the Fritts Ford family's support. He requested that a thank you letter from the entire Board be sent.

Mr. Hunt reported that he attended the California School Employees Association (CSEA) National Convention in Las Vegas.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller had no comments.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: September 6, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 8:18 p.m. in memory of Ms. Debbie Dauphine, educator for 38 years, including teacher, principal, and retiring in 2009 as the Assistant Principal at EOC; Mrs. Audrey Lofstrom, former principal's secretary at Chemawa Middle School; Mrs. Louise Emerson, graduate of Poly High School and former physical education teacher in RUSD; and Ms. Rose Hocker, former principal at various RUSD schools.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education