

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 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.

**STUDY SESSION**

The Board of Education held a Study Session at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the following topic:

**Students Achieving and Student Achievement**

Ms. Renee Hill, Director of Elementary Education and Educational Accountability, Mr. Daniel Patterson, Program Improvement Coordinator, and Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation containing information regarding RUSD student achievement for the 2010-2011 school year.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:43 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 5:32 p.m.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Ethan Sachs, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Harrison Elementary School student.

## **PERFORMANCE**

A short skit by John W. North High School students (funded by a REEF grant) was performed entitled Funny "Business." A Study of Commedia del Arte.

## **SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS**

- A.1 Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Report to the Board of Education and Check Presentation to REEF From the Carpenter Foundation**
- A.2 Recognition of the John W. North High School Boys' Baseball Team, 2011 CIF-Southern Section, Division I Champions**
- A.3 Recognition of the Arlington High School Boys' Tennis Team, 2011 CIF-Southern Section, Division 5 Champions**
- A.4 Scheduled Communications**  
There were no requests to speak to the Board of Education.

## **SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **B.1 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 Mr. Vanderzyl and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item C.7 which was pulled by Dr. Beaty. 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**

**Item C.7 – Approval of Change Order No. 1 – Purchase Order C6001771 – Bid No. 2010/11-11 – Polytechnic High School Traffic Signal**

**Approval of Change Order No. 3 – Purchase Order C6001818 – Bid No. 2010/11-16 – Highgrove Elementary School MPR Building Improvements**

**Approval of Change Order No. 2 – Purchase Order C6001821 – Bid No. 2010/11-15 – John W. North High School Tennis Courts Reconstruction Project**

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

## **SECTION D – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

### **D.1 Teaching American History/Becoming an Historian Grant**

Dr. Bill Ermert introduced Ms. Barbara Libolt, Instructional Services Specialist, who presented a brief overview of RUSD's Teaching American History/Becoming an Historian Grant.

## **SECTION E – ACTION**

### **E.1 Election of Members to the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization for the 2nd and 5th Supervisorial Districts**

Dr. Miller explained that pursuant to Education Code Section 4005, the annual election of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (SDO) is being called.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to move forward with this item.

### **E.2 LEA Plan First Quarterly Report: September 2011**

Ms. Janie Rhoades, Director, Program Quality/English Learners, stated that the California Department of Education (CDE) requires that RUSD complete quarterly reports based on our progress in implementing the District's Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan.

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

### **E.3 Resolution No. 2011/12-20 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District for District of Choice – Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program Space Availability**

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, indicated that this resolution allows the Riverside Unified School District to participate in the state's alternative interdistrict attendance program. He noted that this program allows students residing outside of the District's boundaries to be admitted into District schools and remain enrolled in District schools from year to year, subject to certain limitations.

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

## **SECTION F – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS**

The following individuals spoke to the Board of Education: Tim Martin talked about the 2010-2011 unaudited ending balance, Allan Osborn discussed the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA), David Watring mentioned class sizes, and Peter Attwood discussed unscheduled communications.

## **SECTION G – CONCLUSION**

### **G.1 Board Members' Comments**

Dr. Beaty talked about the Remembering 9/11 Program that was shared at three of our high schools (Arlington, John W. North, and Ramona High Schools) on Monday, September 12. He mentioned the City of Riverside's Spirit Award recognition of Mrs. Allavie for her great contributions to the community. He said the first Superintendent's Night Out at Sierra Middle School was well received, and thanked Dr. Miller for his work and preparation that he put into the event. He discussed attending three Principals' Summits, and commented that they were even more professional than past years. Dr. Beaty mentioned attending Poly's SRT (Student Responsibility Team) meetings and stated how impressed he is with the work that goes on in the meetings. In closing, Dr. Beaty indicated that a local realtor provide him information about major VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) scholarships that he was going to provide to District staff.

Mrs. Cloud agreed with the information that Dr. Beaty provided regarding the Spirit Award that Mrs. Allavie received and offered her congratulations. She noted that the

Superintendent's Night Out was very successful. She mentioned attending the YWCA's Women of Achievement Luncheon with Mrs. Allavie where several great women of Riverside were honored. Mrs. Cloud talked about a Measure I reception she attended recently. She stated that on October 1, RUSD, headed up by Ms. Woodie Rucker-Hughes, Manager/Child Welfare and Attendance, is hosting a "Families in Transition Summit" at Ramona High School. She said the new school year is very exciting, and agreed with Dr. Beaty that the Principals' Summits are motivating and the principals have a real can-do attitude.

Mr. Vanderzyl congratulated Mrs. Allavie, and said that her recognition was well deserved.

Mrs. Allavie thanked everyone who was able to attend the Spirit Award recognition, and Mr. Hunt for his thoughtful comments. She discussed a follow-up article to her parent responsibilities article from the last Board meeting titled, "Parent Trigger" from today's *LA Times*. She said the article focuses on how we are accounting for the year of growth in a child, which she feels ties into our Principals' Summits. Mrs. Allavie indicated that she has attended 14 Principals' Summits, she feels that they are much better than last year, and thanked Dr. Miller for his cogent comments.

Mr. Hunt said that the event for Mrs. Allavie was a great event to celebrate her volunteerism. He indicated that he would like to attend the Principals' Summits, but his work schedule is a conflict and suggested that at least one could be taped. Mr. Hunt stated that he would like to see a resolution of support to endorse Measure I.

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

Dr. Miller discussed the Remembering 9/11 Program, and stated that the videos are available on our District website. Dr. Miller congratulated Mrs. Allavie and thanked her for all of her contributions. He closed by talking about the Superintendent's Night Out event, and indicated that this is all about a conversation – a way for parents to be able to communication to us.

### **G.3 Next Board Meeting: October 3, 2011**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 7:33 p.m.

Gayle Cloud  
Clerk  
Board of Education