

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the following topic:

Work Experience Program

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced, Mr. Ron Weston, Teacher, Educational Options Center (EOC), who reviewed a PowerPoint that provided information on the Work Experience Program.

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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (2 Cases)
3. Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Case #EDCV10-1002-CAS

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Susana Toner, 5th grade Longfellow Elementary School student.

PERFORMANCE

Daisy Mercado, Arlington High School Chamber Singer and soprano section leader, performed for the Board of Education.

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 CSEA Presentation by Nyna Moore, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**
- A.4 Scheduled Communications**
There were no requests to speak to the Board of Education.

SECTION B – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- B.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report**
The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie on behalf of the Board Communications Subcommittee.
- B.2 Board Finance Subcommittee Report**
The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty on behalf of the Board Finance Subcommittee during Item D.2.

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Items C.4 and C.8 which were pulled for discussion. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C.4 – Resolution No. 2011/12-06 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Certifying 2011/2012 Operations Application for the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program
The item was moved by Mrs. Cloud and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present.

Item C.8 – Resolution No. 2011/12-12 – Resolution to Appropriate 2010-2011 Carryover of Categorical Funds, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. Vanderzyl and unanimously approved by members present.

SECTION D – ACTION

D.1 Policy #3470 Debt Management Policy – Second Reading and Adoption
Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, indicated that New Board Policy #3470 – Debt Management – was being recommended and presented to the Board of Education for second reading and adoption.

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

D.2 Resolution No. 2011/12-14 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$53,000,000

Mr. Fine indicated that the Board of Education was considering the adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-14 authorizing the issuance of the Riverside Unified School

District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding the Series A General Obligation Bonds, which are outstanding in the amount of \$48,425,000 (the "Series A Bonds"). Mr. Adam Baur, Principal, Fieldman/Rolapp & Associates, provided information for the Board members.

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

D.3 Resolution No. 2011/12-15 - Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Setting the Time and Place of the Receipt of Bids for the Purchase of the Riverside Unified School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, and Providing for the Publication and Communication of Notice Thereof

Mr. Fine explained that the Board of Education was considering adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-15 authorizing receipt of bids for the purchase of the Riverside Unified School District General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011.

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

D.4 Resolution No. 2011/12-11 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving the Certification of the 2010-2011 Unaudited Financial Reports for all Operating Funds of the District, Establishing Appropriations Due to the Reconciliation of the 2010-2011 Estimated Ending Fund Balances to the 2010-2011 Unaudited Actual Ending Fund Balances

Mr. Fine reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and provided information regarding the adoption of Resolution 2011/12-11 which certifies the 2010-2011 unaudited financial reports as required by Education Code 42100, and establishes appropriations for differences between the estimated year-end balances and the unaudited year-end balances as required by Education Code 42600.

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

D.5 Resolution No. 2011/12-09 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Establishing Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution, Revising the 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit and Adopting the 2011-2012 Appropriations Limit (Gann Limit)

Mr. Fine stated that Proposition 4 of 1979, otherwise known as the Gann Limit establishes a constitutional limit on the allowable growth in state and local government spending. The Board of Education was asked to adopt a resolution revising the 2010-2011 appropriations limit and establishing the initial 2011-2012 appropriations limit.

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

D.6 2011-12 Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Improvement Act Section 1132 of 2006

Dr. Ermert and Mr. Jim Dawson, Director, Adult Education, discussed the Career Technical Education Application for 2011-2012 Funding.

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

D.7 2011-2012 Approval of Classes Offered at Riverside Adult School

Dr. Ermert indicated that California Education Code requires that the Board of Education approve all courses that will be offered through the Riverside Adult School. Mr. Dawson provided additional information for the Board members.

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

D.8 Resolution No. 2011/12-03– Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Amending the Facilities Improvement Plan With Respect to North High School

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, stated that staff was recommending the adoption of Resolution No. 2011/12-03, amending the Facilities Improvement Plan with respect to North High School.

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

D.9 Approval for Design and Application for Funding for Classroom Wings at Liberty Elementary School and Frank Augustus Miller Middle School

Dr. Kirk Lewis introduced Ms. Janet Dixon, Director, Planning/Development, who stated that in order to take advantage of the competitive pricing for construction projects and due to the availability of Community Facilities District funds, the Board of Education was being asked to approve two classroom wing projects for design and application for state funding.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to move forward with HMC Architects on the Frank Augustus Miller Middle School classroom wing project, and for staff to develop a recommendation for a process to select an architect for the Liberty Elementary School classroom wing project if it would not jeopardize the funding, and bring the recommendation back to the Board Operations Subcommittee.

SECTION E – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak to the Board members.

SECTION F – CONCLUSION

F.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie mentioned that she had two articles that she wanted to share with Board members and PTA President Marilyn Orens. The first article was from *The Press-Enterprise* titled, "Schools make gains, not goal". She voiced her frustration that the article should have highlighted some of the extreme positive gains of our schools, such as Sierra Middle School's 54 point gain. She felt the headline made it seem like the schools missed it by a mile—which is not true.

Mrs. Allavie said the second article was from the *LA Times* titled, "Step up to the plate, parents" by Steve Lopez.

Mrs. Cloud thanked the press for the coverage during the opening days of school. She said some schools were so organized that they were able to have back-to-school nights on the first week of school. Mrs. Cloud mentioned the information that Board members received from Mr. Rodney Taylor, Director, Nutrition Services, regarding the "Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes" fundraiser on October 15, 2011. She suggested that it would be fun for the Board members to form an administrative walking team.

Dr. Beaty discussed the California Voting Rights Act and said that he would like to request that this item not be considered until the new board takes office on December 5, 2011. He indicated that the Board will have a new balance and different locations. Mrs. Allavie concurred with Dr. Beaty's request.

Mr. Hunt stated that he would like the Board Operations Subcommittee to review a Request for Proposal (RFP) that the Land Use Committee of the City of Riverside, City Council is moving forward with for the Tequesquite Landfill. He said that Council Member Rusty Bailey has indicated that the District should offer a competitive proposal. Mr. Hunt asked Dr. Lewis to consider this item quickly.

Mr. Hunt indicated that he is still getting calls from Victoria Grove, and the parents are saying that it takes 30 minutes from their home to get to Frank Augustus Miller Middle School.

Mr. Hunt congratulated Ramona High School on their first win!

Mrs. Cloud said that she would like to see a future report on enrollment and District of Choice.

Dr. Beaty stated that the anniversary of 9/11 is coming up and discussed the various programs that will be held in our schools.

F.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller talked about the beginning of school and the various schools he was able to visit the first day. He said that the air conditioning in our schools is working much better this year thanks to the hard work of the Maintenance and Operations staff and the work that they were doing before classes began. He gave kudos to all of the hard working staff throughout the District. He discussed enrollment numbers, and he said they are looking good. In closing, he discussed the new and improved District website.

F.3 Next Board Meeting: September 19, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 8:37 p.m. in memory of Jaz Battieste, King High School teacher, and Dolores Koeff, former Harrison Elementary School teacher.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education