

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

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Hunt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 2:30 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 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the following topics:

Item 1 – 2:30 – 3:10 p.m.

Discussion of Board Goals and Objectives for the Coming Year(s)

Dr. Miller provided a PowerPoint slide that was developed at the Saturday, April 30, 2011, Special Board of Education meeting. The Board members reviewed the information and provided Dr. Miller with feedback to modify the Board Goals. Mrs. Allavie agreed to meet with Dr. Miller, as the Chair of the Board Communications Subcommittee, to put the finishing touches on the Board Goals.

Item 2 – 3:30 – 4:23 p.m.

Part 2 – College and Career Readiness – High School Graduation Task Force and Middle School Promotion Task Force

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, introduced, Mr. Dale Kinnear, Principal, North High School and Chair of the High School Graduation Task Force; and Mr. Chuck Hiroto, Principal, Gage Middle School and Chair of the Middle School Promotion Task Force, who provided information and discussion pertaining to the PowerPoint that covered the following topics:

- Progress and Considerations
- Next Steps and Action Needed

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. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Title: Elementary Principal and Secondary Principal

3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54946.9

Number of Potential Cases: 1

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hunt announced that in Closed Session the following action was taken:

It was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Vanderzyl to appoint Mr. Trevor Painton, Principal, John W. North High School; Mr. Darel Hansen, Principal, Martin Luther King High School; Ms. Ellen Parker, Principal, Hawthorne Elementary School; and Ms. Jennie Mikels, Principal, Monroe Elementary School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Hunt asked the Board to observe a Moment of Silence for Sgt. Aaron Blasjo, U.S. Army, and a 2004 Ramona graduate. He was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, May 29, 2011, during his third tour in Afghanistan.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Rose Musarra, 6th grade Washington Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Poly High School Orchestra String Duet performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A– PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Lauri Byers, President, and Incoming President, Marilyn Orens**
- A.2 Recognition of John W. North High School’s International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Candidates**
- A.3 Recognition of Finley J. Bown Memorial Scholarship Recipient**
- A.4 Recognition of Arthur L. Littleworth Scholarship Recipient**
- A.5 Recognition of Edna Bailey Lockhart Scholarship Recipients**
- A.6 Recognition of RUSD’s Employees of the Year**
- A.7 Scheduled Communications**
 1. Rachele Whitton and Brianna Rowlen spoke about the formula for Campus Supervisors.
 2. Nancy Grunewald and William Lopez, Victoria Grove Community, spoke about busing for Victoria Grove students.

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.

SECTION C – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud, with the exception of Item C.3 – Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the

District which was pulled from the agenda for recognition of donations received for the Homeless Program and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) donations, and unanimously approved by members present with a correction to the May 16, 2011, minutes to the last paragraph to read Mr. Francis Carney. 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.3 – Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the District

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

SECTION D – ACTION

D.1 Resolution No. 2010/11-50 – Resolution Ordering Consolidated Governing Board Member Biennial Election, Specifications of the Election Order, and Request for Consolidation

Dr. Miller stated that in order to meet the requirements of Education Code Sections 5304, 5322, and 5340, and Elections Code Section 1302 (b)(3), the Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution which contains the Specifications of the Election Order and Request for Consolidation.

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

D.2 Approval of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers' Association

Staff recommended that the Board of Education approve the Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers' Association.

It was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by members present to table this item until the June 20, 2011, Board meeting, and to schedule a Closed Session meeting to discuss the Tentative Agreement.

D.3 LEA Plan Fourth Quarterly Report: June 2011

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, explained 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. Ms. Janie Rhoades, Director, Program Quality/English Learners discussed how the report is submitted.

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

D.4 Resolution No. 2010/11-51 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Declaring Its Intention to Grant an Easement and Right-of-Way to the City of Riverside for Public Street and Highway Purposes at Poly High School and Declaring a Public Hearing

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, stated that staff is recommending the adoption of Resolution No. 2010/11–51, declaring the District's intention to grant an easement and right-of-way to the City of Riverside for public street and highway purposes at Poly High School and declaring a public hearing.

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

SECTION E – UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals spoke to the Board regarding their concerns: Melanie Maxwell spoke about her concerns with the Bryant Elementary School of Arts and Innovation, and Jessica White spoke about her concerns related to the rights of her child.

SECTION F – CONCLUSION

F.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Vanderzyl talked about his attendance at Poly High School's Graduation ceremony. He requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in memory of Marilyn Klug Sheppard, Barbara Jones Mitsch, and Kermit Otteson.

Mrs. Allavie indicated that the North High School's Graduation was very emotional since Dale Kinnear is retiring, and everyone was very excited about North Baseball Team's CIF game. She stated that RUSD's "End of the Year" event at the Riverside Plaza was a great way to showcase our District and she noted that the performances were wonderful. She mentioned that the Longfellow Elementary School mural is complete, and she read one of the thank you notes to the Board that she received from a student.

Mrs. Cloud mentioned an acceptance letter that was received by a student for the Core Knowledge Program at Bryant, and how excited the student is to be able to attend the program in the fall. She indicated that we need to do our best with these programs, because this is our pattern for the future. Mrs. Cloud noted her attendance at the Arlington High School and Educational Options Center (EOC) Graduations. She also attended the following events: RUSD's "End of the Year" event, the American Diabetes Association Father of the Year event, and the Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony.

Dr. Beaty asked that the Board meeting be adjourned in memory of Eric Chick. He discussed his attendance at Ramona High School's Graduation and Sierra Middle School's Promotion. He mentioned his attendance at the following events: Riverside's 25 Most Remarkable Teens, Riverside Adult School's Multi-Cultural Awareness Day, Woodcrest Elementary School's play Goldie and the Bears (funded by a REEF grant), and Kennedy Elementary School's Promotion for his granddaughters).

Mr. Hunt discussed his attendance at the Twain Elementary and Earhart Middle School Promotions, and Martin Luther King and Lincoln High School Graduations. He said these were all wonderful events.

F.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller talked about the exciting graduations and promotions that he attended last week. He also commented that North Baseball Team's CIF Championship (7-1 victory) was pretty amazing!

F.3 Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunt adjourned the Public Session at 7:51 p.m., in memory of Sgt. Aaron Blasjo, U.S. Army, 2004 Ramona graduate, who was killed in the line of duty during his third tour in Afghanistan. Mrs. Susan Sterling volunteer and PTA president at Woodcrest Elementary School; Mr. Eric Chick, Co-founder and Director of the Wylie Youth Service Center, Mrs. Marilyn Klug Sheppard former Chemawa Middle School teacher; Mrs. Barbara Jones Mitsch former kindergarten teacher at Alcott Elementary School; and Kermit Otteson former music teacher at Sierra Middle School.

Gayle Cloud
Clerk
Board of Education