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**Riverside Unified School District  
Communications and Public Relations**

**Communications Board Subcommittee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Allavie called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

PRESENT: Mrs. Kathy Allavie (Chair), Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Dr. Rick Miller,  
Mr. John Schreck, Mr. Tim Martin, Mrs. Jacquie Paul

**1. Approval of Minutes from the 3-8-12 Communications Board Subcommittee**

The committee approved the minutes of the 3-8-12 Communications Board Subcommittee meeting.

**INFORMATION**

**1. Edits to Board of Education Policies 9323 and 9323.1**

- The committee continued discussion of Board of Education Policies 9323 and 9323.1 following the first reading of the policies by the Board of Education.
- Mr. Martin, President of the Riverside City Teachers Association, stated that he understood the Board needed to address the length of meetings, but didn't feel that 3 minutes in the original policy draft would be an adequate amount of time to fully discuss issues.
- In response to a question from Mrs. Allavie regarding how to facilitate communication while controlling the length of Board meetings, Mr. Martin said he would prefer rotating his turn to speak at the meetings while keeping his time limit at 5 minutes.
- Mrs. Lock-Dawson and Mrs. Allavie stated that while they preferred the three minute speaker time limit, it would be acceptable to allow the 5 minutes if employee groups rotated meetings at which they would be speaking.

- The committee noted that members of the public also can comment on agenda items as they come up, in addition to the time allotted for items not on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.
- Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Lock-Dawson both indicated that it was important to give all speakers equal time.
- Dr. Miller stated it also would be important for staff to keep presentations to 15 minutes.
- Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that she hoped that with public comments moved to the start of meetings, more parents would be able to express their views to the Board.
- The committee directed staff to make the recommended edits to the policies and return the item to Board for a second reading and request for approval.

## **2. Renaming of the Ramona High School Theater**

- Mrs. Allavie stated that since it appeared that a new elementary school to be named for former longtime Board of Education member, Mrs. Maxine Frost, would not be built for some time; there was sentiment in the community that another building be named in her honor. An idea had been circulated to name the Ramona High School Theater for her.
- Mrs. Allavie noted concerns that this may not carry the same level of honor as naming a school for Mrs. Frost, as the Board originally intended.
- The committee decided that they would discuss the issue further with the Frost family as well as the Ramona community.
- Dr. Miller added that the Board of Education also would need to give their unanimous support on any naming decision.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **1. Unscheduled Communications**

- Following up on a topic from a previous subcommittee meeting, Dr. Miller stated that the proposed Honor Walks for Poly and Arlington High Schools be placed on the agenda for the May 7 Board of Education meeting.
- The committee directed staff to place these items on the Board of Education agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Mrs. Allavie adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM