

**Riverside Unified School District  
Business and Governmental Relations Division**

**Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting**

Superintendent's Office

April 17, 2012

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Beaty called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Charles Beaty (Chair), Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Mr. Mike Fine, Ms. Sandie Meekins, Mrs. Dalia Gadelmawla, and Mrs. Joyce Threadgold (recorder)

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning and Mr. Joseph Nieto, Coordinator, Early Childhood and Family Education

**1. Approval of the Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Cloud moved and Dr. Beaty seconded the minutes of February 28, 2012.

**2. Early Childhood Education Presentation**

At the request of Mrs. Cloud, Ms. Cowder and Mr. Nieto will be presenting an overview of the district's Early Childhood programs which include Head Start and State Preschool, at a Study Session prior to the May 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Nieto explained that the Early Childhood program offers 176 slots for Head Start eligible families and 648 slots for State Preschool eligible families at 19 campuses across the district. Head Start is funded by a federal grant to the Riverside County Office of Education and then delegated to RUSD. Ms. Cowder stated that State Preschool is directly funded from the state. RCOE also delegates funds for one full day State Preschool classroom and the Infant/Toddler program at Abraham Lincoln High School. Early Childhood programs will have to make significant cuts for the 2012-2013 school year, but will continue to concentrate on supporting families in need and school readiness for children of poverty.

Both Mrs. Cloud and Dr. Beaty thanked Ms. Cowder and Mr. Nieto and are looking forward to their presentation.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**1. Unscheduled Communications**

There were no unscheduled communications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 a.m.