

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUSINESS SERVICES AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS DIVISION**

**Governmental Advocacy Board Committee
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER – 3:02 p.m. by Dr. Angelo Farooq

PRESENT: Dr. Angelo Farooq and Brent Lee, Board Members; Pam Lauzon, Interim Chief Business Officer/Governmental Relations; Dr. David Hansen, Superintendent; Renee Hill, Chief Academic Officer;

Also present were Kevin Gordon, President/Partner Capitol Advisors; Laura Boling, RCTA President; Richard Prince, Community Relations Manager; Brandy Wiegand, Coordinator, Community Outreach; Steven Dunlap, Director, Innovation and Learner Engagement/ Technology Services; and Susanne Anderson (Recorder)

1. Public Comment

There were no requests to speak with Committee members.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brent Lee moved, and Dr. Angelo Farooq seconded to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented.

3. Appointment of Chair

Mr. Brent Lee moved, and Dr. Angelo Farooq seconded to appoint Dr. Angelo Farooq as Chair of this Committee.

4. Legislative and Fiscal Update

Consultant Kevin Gordon provided a legislative and fiscal update to the Committee. Highlights of the update included the Governor's announcement regarding discontinuing the current tier for counties with a full reopening of California by June 15. Cal/OSHA, California Department of Health, and local Health Department rules will still apply. Fiscally, school districts should know what they will receive from the \$6.6 billion California Schools Assembly Bill COVID-19 relief package. Assembly Member and Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, Patrick O'Donnell, is making a big emphasis on Career Technical Education (CTE). The Governor's May 15 budget revision looks good; however, since the tax date was moved from April 15 to May 17, the revenue resources may have to be revised. A new issue that has surfaced is unemployment costs which will be a \$2 million expense for our district. District officials may need to target communication with our legislators to address this increase.

5. Legislative Platform

Consultant Kevin Gordon presented a draft of the 2021-23 Legislative Platform for Riverside Unified School District. The current draft includes a COVID-19 update and updates on other sections of the Board-approved Legislative Platform from 2019-20. The Committee discussed adding a Federal Platform based on this unique year with Federal Government involvement and \$50 billion dedicated to Facilities for schools. The Committee recommended moving the 2021-23 Legislative Platform, with a caveat to developing a Federal Platform, for approval by the Board of Education at a future meeting.

6. Education Action Summit

The Committee discussed and planned the RUSD Education Action Summit scheduled on April 30, 2021. Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Senator Connie Leyva, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, have been confirmed as featured speakers. Tentative additional speakers are Assembly

Member Jose Medina, Chair, Assembly Standing Committee Higher Education, and Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell, Chair, Assembly Education Committee.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Brent Lee thanked Kevin Gordon and the staff. He is looking forward to the Education Summit.

Dr. Angelo Farooq echoed Mr. Lee's thank you for the collective work being done.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.