

**Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division
Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships Committee Meeting
September 21, 2017
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room 1
3380 14th St., Riverside, CA 92501**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:30 p.m. by Angelov Farooq

PRESENT: Angelov Farooq and Patricia Lock-Dawson, Board Members, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations.

Also present were Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer, Ryan Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, K-12, Anazele Gonzalez, Planning and Development Director, Dennis Deetz, Principal, Riverside Virtual School. and Lizette Delgado, (Recorder).

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

Action/Discussion Items

1. Renaming of Riverside Virtual School Application

Per Board Policy #7310 – Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships, the committee reviewed and discussed an application that was received to rename the Riverside Virtual School to “Eliza Tibbets Institute for the Arts, Sciences, and Technologies”.

Dennis Deets provided committee members with background information on the Riverside Virtual School. He stated that over the past ten years the school has evolved to become a blended learning school. Students at Riverside Virtual School are required to spend time on campus, where they take seminars, attend labs, and meet with their teachers and study groups. Most students are on campus three or more days a week. Mr. Deets added that the staff at the school held conversations regarding the renaming of the school and that they considered the name of several famous people in Riverside. Eliza Tibbets was a name they consider it would represent the current mission of the school.

Topics such as educational program pathways, targeted audience, perceptions of a STEM school, program marketing, District’s priorities, and facilities needs were discussed.

Committee members were supportive of the renaming of the school and asked Mr. Deets to find a name that would better fit the school due to the uniqueness of the program. They also advised Mr. Deets to meet with Justin Grayson, Public Information Officer, and with Richard Prince, Community Relations Manager, to develop a strategy to be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

Conclusion

Committee Members Comments

There were no comments from the Committee members.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.