

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships Committee Meeting
July 25, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
J. W. North High School, FRC, Room 353
1550 3rd Street, Riverside, CA 92507**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:01am. by Mrs. Kathy Allavie

PRESENT: Kathy Allavie and Tom Hunt, Board Members, and Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer and Governmental Relations

Also present were Ana Gonzalez, Director; Planning and Development; Jodi Gonzalez, Assistant Principal, North High School; Becky Porter, Student Activities, North High School, and Nora Lopez, (Recorder).

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

Call Meeting to Order

1. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Allavie moved and Tom Hunt seconded to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting, as presented.

2. Renaming of the John W. North High School Track and Field, Honor wall

The subcommittee walked the John W. North High School campus to determine the best location for the honor wall to rename the John W. North Track and Field Facility, to “The Charles Leathers Track and Field Complex”, after Charles Leathers.

After the subcommittee walked the campus and provided input and ideas about signage, it was recommended that staff prepare a cost analysis and design options for Board Approval of the following:

- Renaming of the Track and Field Facility, to “The Charles Leathers Track and Field Complex”, by applying signage on the Visitor Concession Booth Wall area.
- Add one line of new lettering at the top of the Football Field Score Board honoring Charles Leathers
- Place vinyl banners on Pool Retaining wall honoring Charles Leathers
- Refresh all signage throughout the school site campus

- Signage honoring Charles Leathers should include some of his accomplishments and track record highlights.
- Staff will provide an update on the recommended items at a future committee meeting.

The proposed renaming of the Track and Field Facility to “The Charles Leathers Track and Field Complex” will be presented to the Board for approval at the September Board Meeting.

3. Choosing Names of New Schools

The subcommittee discussed ideas about establishing a process for naming of new schools.

After providing input and feedback, the subcommittee recommended the following:

- Staff will reach out to surrounding districts to obtain information on systems they have in place for naming new schools.
- Staff will research the compilation of a community questionnaire.

4. Schedule of Meetings

The subcommittee’s next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Conclusion

Committee Members Comments

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18am



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MEMORIALS, NAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND SPONSORSHIPS APPLICATION

Application for recommending an individual to be honored, or sponsorship request pursuant to
Board Policy #7310 – Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships

Name of person to be recognized (Use for Memorials and Naming of School Facility Request)

Rich Stalder

Applicant contact information:

Name: **Art Alcaraz** Phone Number: **909 709-2217**

Address: **20601 Thundersky Circle, Riverside, CA 92508**

Type of request:

☐ Memorial

☒ Naming of School Facility

☐ Sponsorship

Memorials – Per Board Policy #7310, the following are the types of memorials that might serve the purpose to honor a person. Please select one and name the school site where the facility is located.

☐ Scholarship

☐ Gift to REEF in the Person's Honor

☐ Planting of a Tree

☐ A Day of Service

☐ Relocatable Bench or Table (with or without a 4" x 6" plaque)

☐ Books for the Library (with or without a frontispiece with the name of the honored person)

School Site: _____

*Self-standing plaques or stones are not permissible.

Naming of School Facilities – Per Board Policy #7310, the following are the types of facilities that might serve the purpose of being named after an honored person. Please select one and name the school site where the facility is located.

☐ School Theater

☐ Library

☐ Cafeteria

☐ Multipurpose Room

☐ Offices

☐ Future District Honor Wall

School Site: **Varsity Baseball field at John W. North High School. Propose Rich Stalder Field**

Sponsorships – Per Policy #7310, to name a facility for a given donation to the District may include the following only. Please select one and name the school site where the facility is located.

☐ Sports Facility (including District stadiums)

☐ Field

☐ Pool

☐ Scoreboard

☐ Class Laboratory

☐ Other: Uniforms

Sponsorships (Cont'd)

*See attached policy for Sponsorships Regulations, Prohibited Commercial Activities, and Distribution of Funds.

School Site: _____

Type of sponsorship: _____

***Definition of Sponsorship:** Any payment of money or other economic benefit to a school or to the school district that requires visual, audio, or video placement of a name, slogan or product message on a school district property, publication, or broadcast. Does not include traditional fundraising activities, such as magazine sales, nor does it apply to outright gifts to which no quid pro quo is attached.

Please list activities and history that demonstrate this individual's ties to the Riverside Unified School District:

Coach Stalder was a notable baseball coach at North HS, leading the school to prominence in baseball and coaching many athletes who made their mark in the sport and in life. He taught players the discipline to do things right, to work hard and enjoy the great game of baseball. A product of Riverside Schools (Magnolia, Central and Poly) Rich Stalder coached Riverside Colt league to 3 Championships and played baseball at Chico State before joining JW North in 1968. In 23 season as the baseball coach his teams won 10 Ivy League Championships and he was IVY League coach of the year in 1988. He led JWN to 6 City Tournament Championships and ended his career with 329 victories. He also served as AD at North and during his tenure North won 10 CIF-SS championships and 2 state titles in five different sports. He has a keen love for sports and an even stronger love for all those who played for him. His principles of character, hard work, integrity, punctuality, accountability and teamwork are strong and contributed to carrying his teams to success.

Please list any accolades or awards this individual has received for community service or outstanding service to the Riverside Unified School District:

Coach Stalder has received many accolades as a coach and after coaching continued to serve the local community in sports activities and in many initiatives supporting youth and education. His accomplishments as a coach and Athletic Director at JW North are highlighted above.

Please list accomplishments that serve as an example to the Riverside Unified School District and our community that this individual has made:

10 Ivy League baseball championships, Coach of the year, 6 City baseball tournament championships, 23 years as baseball coach at North, Athletic Director for 12 years with 10 CIF championships with numerous teams making it to CIF Title games. Served as Assistant Football Coach for 23 years, JV Basketball coach for 11 years. His commitment is strong and his results are solid. His student athletes are successes. As a testament to his commitment to our community, Coach Stalder, who now resides in Washington, came to the inaugural Riverside Sandlot Baseball Camp (developed by many of his former students) to share his message and to participate in teaching kids the value of baseball.

In one page or less (attached), please provide a summary statement describing why this individual should be honored by a memorial or naming a school facility.

***Suggestions will be taken into consideration. If recognition is approved, final determination will be made by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education.

For Office Use Only:

Date application was received: _____

Date application was reviewed: _____

Date application was approved by the Board of Education: _____



Rich Stalder Field Naming Committee (Art Alcaraz, Ruben Ayala, Anthony Estrada)

March 13, 2020

Riverside Unified School District
3380 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Board Members, Superintendent Hansen and Facility Naming Committee,

Please accept this request to consider naming the varsity baseball field at John W. North High School the Rich Stalder Field in honor of the contributions that Coach Stalder made in his total of 37 years of dedication and contribution to the school. Our application lists his sports history and accomplishments at the school but it cannot do justice to reflect the hard work that he put in to his passion for sports, particularly the sport of baseball.

Rich Stalder was a hard working coach who taught his players to work hard on the field and strive to bring out the best in each other. He motivated players through his lessons of accountability and teamwork to do what is best for the team. He taught players the importance of preparing to win and striving for positive team outcomes over personal credit. As a teacher, educator and coach, he spent a lot of time with students and taught athletes life lessons when opportunities presented themselves. He took advantage of teachable moments in the classroom and on the field to help players get through the ups and downs of sports and life. He drummed home the points of being accountable for actions through rules and expectations and the value of hard work. Through hard work on the field he reached success for his teams and his students. He was humble in victory and inspired his players to be the best that they could be for team, realizing that they all had something special to contribute. He believed that If everyone worked hard and prepared to win, the results would follow.

Baseball is a lot like life, full of ups and downs, challenges and successes. Coach Stalder taught athletes to make the most of their opportunities in sports as you should in life. His lessons to athletes made lasting impacts beyond the baseball field, beyond the sports venue and beyond life as a student at North High School. It only seems fitting that his legacy be honored on the site where so many of his accomplishments and life lessons were shared.

We proudly ask that the Riverside Unified School District's honorable Board, Its Superintendent and its leadership strongly consider this request in honor of Coach Stalder.

Sincerely,

Art Alcaraz, Ruben Ayala, Anthony Estrada