

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Memorials, Naming of School Facilities Committee Meeting

May 14, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual - Zoom

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Angelo Farooq, Board Member

PRESENT: Brent Lee and Angelo Farooq, Board Members, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations Division

Also present were Ken Mueller, Director, Maintenance, Operations, Transportation; Ana Gonzalez, Director, Planning and Development; Gaby Adame, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Nadia Zeien, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Rene Castro, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Eric Walker, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Bernie Holt, CSEA President; Laura Boiling, RCTA President; and Nora Lopez, (Recorder).

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the committee members.

Call meeting to order

1. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Angelo Farooq moved and Mr. Brent Lee seconded to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting as presented.

2. Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships - Board Policy #7310 and Rules and Regulations #7310 – Recommendations Update

The committee provided an update on the findings of research conducted in relation to the Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships, Board Policy #7310. Staff reached out to surrounding districts and provided a summary of the findings, including a review of their process.

Staff also provided a brief overview of the District's practice, including the process used in the 2007, naming of Frank Augustus Miller Middle School:

- Design Committee
 - Reviewed and made recommendation to Board of Education
- Design Committee Members

- Board of Education President, RUSD Staff (District office, various school sites, M&O, Planning & Development, Nutrition Services, Technology Services, etc., and Architects

The committee was presented with an audit survey conducted on the current RUSD name of schools. The data was presented and outlined in categories that included names by gender, person, geography, and Race/Ethnicity.

After the committee discussed and provided feedback on the findings of surrounding districts, and the current RUSD naming of schools' audit survey, the following was recommended:

1. Keep the same process for naming of schools:
 - Applications submitted to Superintendent's Office
 - Memorials, Naming of School Facilities Committee reviews
 - Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of Education
 - Board of Education makes final decision
2. Board Policy Language:
 - Display equitable representation
 - include Dr. Perez in discussion
 - Community Representation/Involvement
 - Provide recommendation at an upcoming committee meeting
 - Final recommendation at an upcoming Board meeting

Public Comment

Bernie Holt spoke about the possibility of naming a school after an RUSD former principal, and Mr. San Martin shared that Board Policy #7310 includes information on criteria to name a school facility after a community or retired staff member.

Conclusion

1:46 p.m.

Committee Members Comments

Adjournment