

Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division
Board Operations Subcommittee Meeting
Conference Room 3
3380 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501
May 29, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 a.m. by Mr. Hunt

PRESENT: Tom Hunt, Brent Lee, and Kirk Lewis

Also present were David Hansen, Hayley Calhoun, Kevin Hauser, Rodney Taylor, Eric Troxel, Alan Willie, Orin Williams, Chris Mac Arthur, City of Riverside Council Member, Joyce Jong, City of Riverside Office of Economic Development, Stephanie Matsuda-Strand, Jon Mills, and Wendy Rogers, LPA, Dwayne Mears, Placeworks, and Lizette Delgado (Recorder).

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lee moved and Mr. Hunt seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2015, meeting, as presented.

2. Cleveland and Myers – GrowRiverside – Farm Option

Staff and guests Chris Mac Arthur and Joyce Jon, discussed the opportunity to support GrowRiverside by leasing the Cleveland and Myers property for farming produce that would, in the main, provide products for the district's Nutrition Services operation. Information was provided about the tour of the Incredible Edible Farm at the former El Toro Marine Airfield, operated by A.G. Kawamura, former California Secretary of Food and Agriculture. Staff recommendations were to terminate the current tenant's lease of the property by the end of 2016, and to begin conversations with A.G. Kawamura regarding an agreement to farm the property and to provide student field trip opportunities.

Subcommittee members' recommendation to staff was to present the proposal to the Board of Education at a future board meeting, to send the notice of termination of the lease to the current tenant offering incentives to exit the property before the one-year term, and to begin negotiations with A. G. Kawamura.

3. Riverside STEM Academy - Update

• **Feasibility Study/Conceptual Plan**

Staff and LPA Architects detailed the activities that have been accomplished and those that are ongoing. LPA staff gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding STEM's Feasibility Study/Conceptual Plan Update that included a recap of the committee meetings, the original directional statements from the Ad Hoc committee, assessment findings of current campus conditions, 5-12 program characteristics, and campus reconstruction/renovation/new construction alternatives.

Staff recommended to pause the feasibility/conceptual design process since consensus seems to be building to locate the 9-12 program at an alternate location. Staff explained that meetings were being held with UCR executives to explore a collaborative relationship with STEM including the possibility of providing property to establish the high school program on the UCR campus. Needless to say, the outcome of these discussions could change the direction of the committee process. Staff recommended to suspend the committee meetings and to reconvene them at a later date to be determined.

Subcommittee members agreed with staff's recommendation and asked staff to provide the Board of Education with periodic updates.

- Preparations for 2015-2016

Staff presented the most recent project budget based on the issues discovered during the design process and bid results for construction. The revised cost estimate including the bid results for installation escalated from \$1.1 million to \$1.8 million. As an alternative, staff recommended an interim housing solution that would be far less expensive but still meet the intention of the scope of work (installation of two lab portables and expansion of the lower parking lot).

Subcommittee members asked staff to provide information regarding their recommendation to the Board of Education as a Mailout item.

David Hansen left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

4. Water Conservation – Report

Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation with the latest information with respect to California's current drought condition, water reduction mandates, conservation strategies implemented, and conservation measures under consideration. Staff has been in regular contact with Riverside Public Utilities and Western Metropolitan Water District representatives regarding specific water reduction requirements and water conservation strategies.

Subcommittee members discussed the information presented and provided staff with comments and suggestions.

The subcommittee decided to postpone discussion of the following agenda items until the next subcommittee meeting, due to time limitations:

- Ramona High School Theater Remodel Project – Update
- GO Bond Exploration – Update
- Operations Division Project List

Public Relations

5. Unscheduled Communications

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee.

6. Subcommittee Members Comments

There were no comments from the subcommittee members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.