

**Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division
Operations/Board Subcommittee Meeting
August 7, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Conference Room 3
3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501**

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Tom Hunt, Brent Lee, and Kirk Lewis

Also present were Kevin Hauser, Marta Nelson, Jeremy Standerfer, and Marlene Yrungaray (Recorder).

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hunt moved and Mr. Lee seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015, meeting as presented.

2. Riverside STEM Academy Traffic Plan

Staff reported to the subcommittee that they are working with the City Traffic Engineer staff, RPD Traffic, Councilmember Melendrez and STEM staff to develop a comprehensive traffic plan. District Staff provided the subcommittee with maps, diagrams, and pictures and reviewed the options under consideration.

One of additional issues brought up was that students are not crossing the street safely. Mr. Hunt suggested that a crossing guard would be able to help train the students to use the crosswalk and the parents to drop their students off at a specific location instead of at the front of the school. Marta Nelson explained that the City only allows RUSD a certain number of crossing guards and there are other sites that have a greater need than STEM. Mr. Hunt still thought that one there, even if for a very limited time, would be beneficial.

Of the options discussed, it was felt that staggered beginning/dismissal times would be one of the best solutions. It will present some scheduling challenges, but staff is working on finding options to make it work. This, combined with other alternatives, will hopefully create a satisfactory solution.

Staff will meet with the Core Resident Group on Monday, August 10th, will present the Draft Traffic Plan, and will ask for their input. Staff will then meet with the City group for the 4th time. All of the input will be considered and a modified plan will be presented to a larger resident group. Mr. Hunt expressed an interest in attending the larger residence meeting and asked Dr. Lewis to see if Patricia Lock-Dawson will be attending and to brief her on the subcommittee discussion.

There will be a carefully crafted message from Principal Dale Moore eliciting cooperation from the parents and students once a plan is finalized.

Subcommittee members thanked staff for the clear and thorough presentation.

3. Signage for Newly Acquired Property

Subcommittee and staff discussed how the public should be informed about the acquisition of the two new pieces of property adjacent to King High School and the corner of Central and Victoria avenues.

Subcommittee members recommended that Justin Grayson put out a press release regarding the purchase of the properties including names of Board members and the Superintendent. They would like to see signs on both properties that will include the names of current Board members and Superintendent, wording such as “future home of RUSD growth” or “future home of an innovative site to support RUSD students”, and recognition for the sellers. They also suggested to include a “thank you” to Steven Walker Communities for the Central/Victoria avenues property and to the Gless family for the Wood Road property, and possibly add something about the history of the property. Subcommittee members asked Dr. Lewis to draft a sample and bring to the next Subcommittee Meeting.

4. Use of Utility Rebate Funds

Mr. Hunt requested that Dr. Lewis explore creating a Board Policy that would earmark utility rebate funds for energy related projects or possibly a portion of them be used for enhancing the professional image of all of the classified staff. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Lee like the shirts that Maintenance and Operations are wearing and would like to see it carried further (polo shirts, jackets, badges for the number of years worked, etc.).

It was requested that Dr. Lewis meet with Mays Kakish and bring some possible policy language to the next subcommittee.

Public Relations

4. Unscheduled Communications

There were no comments from the public

5. Subcommittee Members Comments

There were no comments from subcommittee members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.