

MINUTES
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 8, 2025
Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center
182 East Walnut Avenue
Rialto, California

Board Members

Present: **Dr. Stephanie E. Lewis, President**
 Joseph W. Martinez, Vice President
 Edgar Montes, Clerk
 Evelyn P. Dominguez, LVN, Member
 Dakira Williams, Member
 Audrey Gonzalez, Student Board Member

Administrators

Present: **Judy D. White, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent**
 Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
 Jon Black, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Education
 Services
 Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human
 Resources
 Diane Romo, Lead Business Services Agent
 Also present was Tina Brown, Executive Assistant to the
 Superintendent, and Jose Reyes, Interpreter/Translator

A. OPENING

A.1 CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m.

 The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

A.2 OPEN SESSION

A.3 CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT / DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEES (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957)**
- **STUDENT EXPULSIONS / REINSTATEMENTS / EXPULSION ENROLLMENTS**
- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency designated representatives: Judy D. White, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent; and Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources.

Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)

- **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d) and/or (d)(3). CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE LITIGATION - Number of Potential Claims: 1**
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT: CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL TO BOARD UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 4030 (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1))**

COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session:

Time: 5:32 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Clerk Montes

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vice President Martinez was absent during this vote. Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session:

Time: 7:26 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.5 OPEN SESSION RECONVENED - 7:00 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Simpson Elementary School first-grader, Samara Limon Velasco, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A.7 PRESENTATION BY SIMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Simpson Elementary school students performed "El Monstruo de la Laguna," celebrating Hispanic culture in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

A.8 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

The Board of Education took action on the investigation findings to reopen the investigation on the complaint by employee #2576715. The Board directed the Superintendent to serve appropriate notices.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

The Board of Education took action to approve the Administrative Appointment of Ramona Rodriguez, Principal, Adult Education.

Vote by Board Members:

(Ayes) President, Dr. Lewis, Vice President Martinez, Clerk Montes, and Member Williams

(Abstain) Member Dominguez

Majority Vote

A.9 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 HIGH SCHOOL - DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DSAC)

The following DSAC students shared information and activities held at their schools:

Rudy Ochoa, Carter High School

Miranda Torres, Eisenhower High School

Audrey Gonzalez, Milor High School

Serenity West, Rialto High School

C. COMMENTS

C.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item not on the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Michael Townsend, representative, State Senator Eloise Reyes, shared that the Senator is impressed by the District's progress.

Sandra Aguilar, parent, is here once again advocating for her son. She shared that the District continues harming her son using tactics by pressuring her without any space. to is claiming that it is not negotiating in good faith. She shared her experience with her son's ADR. She shared that her family has been in an emotional state due to the District. Her son has undergone many processes. particularly Clerk Montes and Mr. Vara. She says that they have suffered stress, anxiety, and insomnia. She shares that for what has been done to her son, she cannot forgive them. She says that she will not rest until her son gets what is deserved.

Ana Gonzalez, Milor parent, has some concerns with Milor High School. She has attempted to follow the proper channels regarding the sewer issue. The restrooms that the students with disabilities cannot use. She shared that her parents have not been contacted. She has not had a great experience with her daughter's IEP. She says that her daughter has started regressing. She says that is unacceptable.

Paula Bailey, a parent of many, is here to share her pride in the high school seniors. She addressed Audrey and told her that she is amazing. She says that she is really proud that her child is at Eisenhower High School. She stated that she appreciated Dr. Judy White.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Ana Gonzalez, Milor parent, is requesting that item E.1.5 regarding the Special Education policy be pulled. She shared that she has a lot of concerns with the wording. She stated that it does not address the IEP development, steps, and the least restrictive environment is not seen in any of the wording. She continued that the Emergency Preparedness Planning for staff or the District overall could be explained. She explained. In paragraph one, it includes children who have been suspended or expelled, or District placement in a non-public school. She included suggested

language for consideration to be added. She shared that she also had questions about paragraphs four and five. She again asked the rationale for the wording. She then moved on to paragraph six and asked why we put individuals instead of students. In paragraph seven, where it talks about data, she is requesting that we be more specific as to what time of year the data will be provided. She is requesting mandatory training and staff development to ensure services are provided to students.

Mirna Ruiz, Special Education Advocate, requested that the Board pull item #E.1.5. She stated that she would like to echo what Ms. Gonzalez just stated. She shared that she has a positive one of the paragraphs in paragraph two. She detailed a passage that is being omitted from the previous version of the policy. She had a question on the seventh paragraph about the data provided to the Board. She is also requesting that the data provided be specific. The last paragraph, which mentions reviewing the local plan at least every three years, is too long, in her opinion. She is suggesting a committee to provide input on this policy.

C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Rialto Education Association (REA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Communications Workers of America (CWA)
- Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA)

Tobin Brinker, REA President, shared that teaching has undergone significant changes over the past decade. He shared that breakfast in the classroom takes away from instructional time. Teachers often question why eating must be in the classroom. He shared that the focus is on positive behavior. He shared the details regarding COLA and raises. He explained.

Christine Acosta, CSEA President, has growing concerns about violence on our campuses. She shared that Classified members are there to support our students. She says aides are covering too many classrooms. He shared that security is spread too thin. She says learning takes a backseat to behaviors. Instructional Aides are the glue that keeps our classrooms together. She asked the Board to make aides a priority in our classrooms. She says that our students deserve it and our teachers deserve it. They support the teachers, and they need to get more than COLA.

Heather, CWA rep, says that they do not want people to get burned out. They support CSEA and REA groups.

C.4 COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

C.5 COMMENTS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

C.6 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. PUBLIC HEARING - None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

All items on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless pulled by Board of Education members or the Superintendent for individual action.

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS

**E.1.1 APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF REVISED BOARD
POLICY 0410; NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

DISCUSSION

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.2 APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF REVISED BOARD
POLICY 3100; BUDGET**

Moved By Clerk Montes

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

After discussion, the Board took action to pull this item until further review.

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.1.3 APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF REVISED BOARD
POLICY 4313.2; DEMOTION/REASSIGNMENT**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.4 APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF REVISED BOARD
POLICY 5123; PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.5 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY
0430; COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.6 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY
1312.3; UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.7 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY
1330; USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dakira Williams

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.8 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY
3540; TRANSPORTATION**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.1.9 APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD
POLICIES 4119.2, 4219.2, 4319.2; DRESS AND GROOMING**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.1.10 APPROVE REVISED BOARD BYLAW 9320; MEETINGS AND NOTICES

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.2 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS - None

E.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

E.3.1 APPROVE THE WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

All funds from September 10, 2025, through September 17, 2025, (Sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available on the District's website.

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.2 DONATIONS

Accept the listed donations from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Thinkwise Credit Union, and Kroger, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.3.3 APPROVE AMENDMENT OF RFP NO. RIANS 2025-2026-005
PIZZA PRODUCTS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve an amendment awarding the contract to Papa John's Pizza effective October 16, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost to be paid from Fund 13 - Cafeteria Fund.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.3.4 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
FROM DI TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC., UTILIZING APPROVED
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approved contract, CMAS 3-24-12-1044 with DI Technology Group, Inc., at a cost to be determined at the time of purchase and to be paid from various funds.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.5 SURPLUS OF EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Declare the specified surplus equipment and miscellaneous items as obsolete and not serviceable for school use and authorize the Superintendent/designee to sell or dispose of these items as specified in the Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.6 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EPIC ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE A FIELD TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR THE MODULAR CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AT CURTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Approved an agreement to provide a survey at Curtis Elementary School, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$12,950.00 and to be paid from the General Fund. (ELOP).

Clerk Montes was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

E.3.7 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EPIC ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE A FIELD TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR THE MODULAR CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AT KELLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve an agreement to provide a survey at Kelley Elementary School, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$8,950.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (ELOP).

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.8 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EPIC ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE A FIELD TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR THE MODULAR CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AT MORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve an agreement to provide a survey at Morris Elementary School, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$8,950.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (ELOP).

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.9 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ONTARIO AIRPORT

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve the catering sales event agreement with DoubleTree by Hilton Ontario Airport to host the District's annual "We Honor Our Own" staff recognition event during May of 2026, at a cost not-to-exceed \$75.62 per person (total cost will be determined by total number of attendees) and to be paid from the General Fund. A portion of this cost will be supplemented by ticket sales.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.10 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH 7 MINDSETS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve to provide a comprehensive Tier 2/3 Social Emotional curriculum for all students K-12 and professional development training for staff, effective October 9, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$26,250.000, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.11 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ACES 2026

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve to complete services in the 2025-2026 school year, effective October 9, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.12 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA STRINGS - FRISBIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

To approve 72 hours of violin instruction, 72 hours of trumpet instruction, 72 hours of armonia instruction, effective October 9, 2025, through May 21, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$28,394.28, and to be paid from the General Fund (Prop 28 AMS).

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.13 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve Rialto Unified to host San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Expanded Learning Leadership networking meeting in the month of January 2026, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$3,800.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (ELOP).

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.14 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TEAM PRIME TIME

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve a pilot program to provide students with learning disabilities at two (2) secondary schools the opportunity to participate in free, on-campus after-school sports leagues, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.15 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DAT YOGA DUDE - CURTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve an agreement to provide an assembly and five (5) mindfulness and emotional regulation sessions at Curtis Elementary School, effective October 9, 2025 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.16 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, San Bernardino for the direct admissions partnership, effective October 9, 2025, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS - None

E.5 HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT ITEMS

**E.5.1 APPROVE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT NO. 1345 FOR
CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.6 MINUTES

**E.6.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.6.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F.1 APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 MILLER ARCHITECTURE FOR UPGRADES CNG STATION AND EV CHARGING STATIONS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Approve the amended agreement with Miller Architecture to increase the original contract amount of \$69,000.00 by \$24,600.00 for added scope to include architectural, electrical, and structural engineering for a new generator and related electrical upgrades at the District Registration Center, for a revised contract amount of \$93,600.00 and to be paid from Fund 40 – Special Reserve for Capital Outlay Projects.

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

F.2 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NAC ARCHITECTURE FOR SERVICES AT THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Approve an agreement to provide architectural and engineering services for new modular classrooms at Curtis, Kelley, and Morris Elementary Schools, effective October 9, 2025, through June 30, 2028, at a cost not to exceed \$401,598.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (ELOP).

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

F.3 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUNDBOX GROUP, LLC

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Approve an agreement to pilot the Deep Dive Experience program at Carter High School and Rialto High School, effective October 8, 2025, through June 30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

F.4 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-26-16 FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Adopt a resolution for the third full week in October which will be designated as National School Bus Safety Week to promote efforts to provide our Nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates.

The Board took action to approve the resolution with recommended language changes by Member Williams.

Vote by Board Members to approve the resolution as amended:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F.5 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Case Number:
25-26-2

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Martinez

Case Number:
25-26-5

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F.6 STIPULATED EXPULSION

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Case Number:
25-26-8

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Case Numbers:
25-26-9

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on October 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Ave, Rialto, California.

Materials distributed or presented to the Board of Education at the Board Meeting are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.

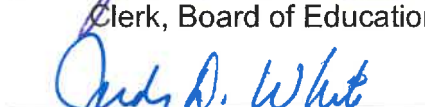
Moved By President Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vote by Board Members to adjourn:

Time: 9:19 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote


Clerk, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education