

MINUTES
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 12, 2026
Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center
182 East Walnut Avenue
Rialto, California

Board Members

Present: **Edgar Montes, Vice President**
 Dakira R. Williams, Clerk
 Evelyn P. Dominguez, LVN, Member
 Dr. Stephanie E. Lewis, Member

Board Members

Absent: **Joseph W. Martinez, President**

Administrators

Present: **Alejandro Álvarez, Ed.D., Superintendent**
 Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
 Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human
 Resources
 Jon Black, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Education
 Services
 Diane Romo, Associate Superintendent, Business Services
 Also present was Martha Degortari, Executive Assistant to the
 Board of Education, 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 Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

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: Alejandro Álvarez, Ed.D., Superintendent; and Denise Ellis, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources.

Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Teamsters Local 986, and 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
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Claim No. 26-27-01**
- **REVIEW LIABILITY CLAIM NO. 25-26-24**

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.

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session:

Time: 5:33 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session:

Time: 7:09 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

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

Open session reconvened at 7: 09 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Myers Elementary School STEAM Academy 5th-grade student Monserrath Ramirez Aviles, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A.7 PRESENTATION BY MYERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Myers Elementary School STEAM Academy Dance Team performed their motivational chant for the new school year, under the direction of Coach Matty Bakeer and Coach Mayra Martinez.

A.8 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Montes

The Board of Education took action to deny TORT Claim No. 25-26-24.

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Clerk Williams

Seconded By Member Dominguez

The Board of Education took action to deny TORT Claim No. 26-27-01,

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Vice President Montes

The Board of Education took action to accept the resignation of certificated teacher, employee #20749016 under the terms of a resignation agreement.

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Clerk Williams

The Board of Education accepted the request for an unpaid leave of absence without benefits for classified employee #29547116, from August 17, 2026 through December 17, 2026.

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.9 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Prior to the adoption of the agenda, the following item was corrected as follows:

EDUCATION SERVICES CONSENT ITEM:

CORRECT Item E 3.22 – APPROVE TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PURCHASES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

(The highlighted information should have been included in the printed agenda)

Course Title	Textbook Title	Publisher	Cost	Length of License
TK English Language Arts & Math	World of Wonders	McGraw Hill	\$60,386.10	2 Year
TK-12 Supplemental	World Book Online	World Book	\$11,584.83	1 Year
PSCI 2030	Government in American	Pearson	\$8,640.00	1 Year
PSCI 2030	American Government	Cengage	\$8,712.00	1 Year
PSCI 2030	Democracy in California	Bloomsbury	\$6,500.00	1 Year

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda as amended:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 CHARACTER STRONG

Presentation by Dr. Robin McMillon, Executive Director of Student Services.

Dr. Robin McMillon, Executive Director of Student Services, shared a presentation on Character Strong, the (SEL) Social Emotional Learning Curriculum. (See attached copy)

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.

Vickie Davis, Coordinator of Juneteenth Jam, thanked the Rialto Unified School District for its continued support of Juneteenth Jam, which has grown into a major community event in its fourth year. This year's event drew approximately 10,000 attendees and included the distribution of more than 500 free children's books, eight academic and athletic scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, recognition of more than 50 Rialto Unified students, participation from more than 150 local businesses, nonprofits, and entrepreneurs, and a microbusiness grant for a local entrepreneur. Davis emphasized that the event's greatest impact was bringing families, students, businesses, organizations, athletes, and artists together to celebrate culture, pride, opportunity, and community.

Ms. Davis gave special recognition to the District's warehouse and maintenance teams for their essential work before, during, and after the event. She noted that these employees are often behind the scenes, moving equipment, preparing spaces, addressing problems, and ensuring that the event operates safely and efficiently. She presented awards to the following District staff members: Juventino Beltran, Corey Cleveland, Nick Linares, Michael Connelly, Tim Applegate, Emilio Fernandez, and Esteban Samora. She also thanked Dr. Ayanna Balogun and Mr. Joseph Williams for helping lead the departments responsible for the city and District partnership. Ms. Davis concluded by expressing appreciation for everyone who supported the Juneteenth Jam and helped create an event that provided meaningful opportunities and activities for people of all generations.

James Martinez, Community Member, Rialto Resident and Parent of two District Students, expressed concern about what he described as dysfunction and inappropriate conduct among some school board members. Drawing on his experience as a law enforcement officer and former school resource officer, he emphasized the importance of safe schools, accountability, transparency, and student success. He stated that safety should include respecting students' rights, supporting teachers and employees, and allowing parents to raise concerns without feeling dismissed or intimidated. Mr. Martinez urged the Board to focus on constructive governance rather than personal conflicts and said every Board decision should prioritize students' academic success, special education, safety, career preparation, and educational and constitutional rights. He concluded by calling for change and announcing his candidacy for Rialto USD School Board, District Area 5.

Rachel Ochoa, District Employee and Vice President of California School Employees Association (CSEA), raised concerns about staffing shortages and increasing workloads in the purchasing department. She said the department has fewer permanent staff despite significantly increased responsibilities from new programs and that employees have been warning of a tipping point since April. Ms. Ochoa connected these staffing and purchasing issues to delays in maintenance and safety-related services, citing recent elevator incidents at District schools and the impact on students with disabilities when elevators are unavailable. She also raised concerns about air-conditioning controls and the lack of local overrides for custodians. She urged the Board to address these longstanding concerns and provide additional staffing and resources to support employees and ensure safe, accessible learning environments.

Desiree Ramirez, representing San Bernardino County Supervisor Joe Baca Jr., introduced the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council and encouraged Rialto Unified high school juniors and seniors to apply. She explained that the program provides students with opportunities to learn about county government, tour county facilities, advise the supervisor on youth-related issues, participate in community events and projects, and earn community service hours. Seniors who remain actively involved and complete the program requirements may also be eligible for a scholarship. Ramirez encouraged interested students to apply before the August 21 deadline and contact the supervisor's office or Martha Degortari in the District's Superintendent's office for more information.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be granted three minutes. **(None)**

C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Rialto Education Association (REA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Teamsters Local 986
- Communications Workers of America (CWA)
- Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA)

Tobin Brinker, Rialto Education Association (REA) President, asked again what kind of school district the community wants to become as the new school year and labor negotiations begin. Citing a recent REA survey, he noted that educators identified salary and inflation, class size and workload, and student behavior and discipline as major concerns. He emphasized that these issues affect the District's ability to attract and retain quality teachers and encouraged the District to consider competitive compensation, manageable workloads, supportive working conditions, and adequate resources. Referencing recent negotiations in neighboring Corona-Norco, Mr. Brinker urged both sides to approach bargaining with unity and a shared commitment to student success, employee pride, and a district the community can be proud of.

Christine Acosta, President of California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 203, welcomed the District community to the new school year and highlighted the work of classified employees throughout the summer. She said CSEA has continued addressing concerns involving staffing, working conditions, job responsibilities, transfers, and other employee matters, including sensitive issues that she did not discuss publicly. She asked the Board and Superintendent to maintain open communication with CSEA and work collaboratively to resolve concerns fairly, professionally, and promptly. She emphasized the essential role of classified employees in supporting students, families, classrooms, transportation, food services, facilities, technology, and daily school operations, and called for a relationship based on communication, respect, and mutual problem-solving as the District begins the 2026 school year.

C.4 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

C.5 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. PUBLIC HEARING

D.1 OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Any person wishing to speak on the item on the Public Hearing agenda will be granted three minutes.

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Williams

2026-2027 PROPOSAL TO RIALTO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (REA)

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to open Public Hearing:

Time: 8:25 a.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.1.1 2026-2027 PROPOSAL TO RIALTO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (REA)

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code and Board Policy, the attached reopener proposal for the 2026-2027 school year submitted by the Rialto Unified School District for an agreement between the Rialto Unified School District Board of Education and the Rialto Education Association (REA), is hereby posted in compliance with legislative requirement for public notice.

D.2 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

2026-2027 PROPOSAL TO RIALTO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (REA)

President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to close Public Hearing:

Time: 8:26 a.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

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 Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

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President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to approve Consent Calendar Items as amended (See attached list):

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

E.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

E.1.1 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS LOBBYGUARD SOLUTIONS)

Provide visitor management software for Rialto Unified School District sites during the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$15,750.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2026

E.2 BUSINESS SERVICES

E.2.1 APPROVE THE WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Approve all funds from June 24, 2026 through July 19, 2026.

E.2.2 DONATIONS

Accept the donations and send a letter of appreciation to the donors: Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; and SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union.

E.2.3 RATIFY THE AUTHORIZATION UTILIZING LODI USD RFP NO. SUPER 01-24 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF DIRECT DELIVERY OF USDA FOODS (BROWN BOX) WITH GOLD STAR FOODS

Approve the use of the Lodi Unified School District RFP No. SUPER 01-24 for the Distribution of Direct Delivery of USDA Foods (Brown Box) with Gold Star Foods, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost to be determined at the time of purchase and to be paid from the Cafeteria Fund 13.

E.2.4 RATIFY THE AUTHORIZATION UTILIZING PALM SPRINGS USD RFP NO. NS-26-02 FARM TO SCHOOL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FRESH PRODUCE WITH AZIZ FARMS, FRESHPOINT, OLD GROVE ORANGE, AND THE FRUIT GUYS

Approve the use of the Palm Springs Unified School District RFP No. NS-26-02 Farm to School with Aziz Farms, FreshPoint, Old Grove Orange, and The Fruit Guys, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost to be determined at the time of purchase and to be paid from the Cafeteria Fund 13.

E.2.5 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE, WARRANTY, CONSULTING, DESIGN, INSTALLATION, INTEGRATION, AND TRAINING FOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS, SECURITY AND DETECTION SYSTEMS, AND PHYSICAL ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS FROM ICU TECHNOLOGIES, INC. THROUGH AN AWARDED CMAS CONTRACT.

Approve the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) number 3-18-84-0054D awarded to ICU Technologies, Inc. at a cost to be determined at the time of purchase and to be paid using various funds.

E.2.6 APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MODULAR CLASSROOM BUILDINGS FROM NEXTMOD UTILIZING A PUBLIC CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Authorize the purchase of modular classroom buildings from NextMod for Curtis, Kelley, and Morris Elementary Schools utilizing the competitively awarded Los Angeles Unified School District contract, in the total amount of \$1,818,678.21, to be paid from the Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP).

E.2.7 AMEND THE APPROVAL TO UTILIZE FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RFP NO. 2207-24 CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT LLC FOR PURCHASE OF GOOGLE LICENSES

Amend the approval to use an intergovernmental agreement awarded by Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District under RFP No. 2207-24 to purchase Google Workspace for Education licenses through CDW Government, LLC, for the three-year term extending the approval through August 8, 2029, at a cost not to exceed \$406,315.17, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3 EDUCATION SERVICES

E.3.1 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LIMINEX DBA GO GUARDIAN AND PEAR DECK - RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL

Provide an adaptive technology-driven, differentiated program to support Rialto High School students for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.3.2 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH 806 TECHNOLOGIES

Provide an online, supplemental service and assist with collecting and monitoring required compliance monitoring documents and support district-wide federal program monitoring, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$19,800.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.3.3 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH DOCUMENT TRACKING SERVICES, LLC

Provide a one-year subscription, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$13,310.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.4 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SAGE PATHWAYS

Provide four (4) family workshops, each lasting four (4) hours, three (3) in-person events, and coordinate one experiential field trip in collaboration with Student Services Bridge Builders students and families, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.5 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUNDBOX GROUP, LLC

Provide the SoundBox program at Carter High School (\$50,000.00) and Eisenhower High School (\$50,000.00), effective August 5, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund (ELOP).

E.3.6 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH EARTH BENEATH OUR FEET

Provide presentations and resources to all Rialto USD students in grades 3, 4, and at specialty events, effective August 17, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$21,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.7 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)

Provide AVID memberships and site licenses for eight secondary school sites and six elementary school sites, and include AVID EXCEL at Kolb Middle School, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$76,670.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.8 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SKILL STRUCK

Provide access to the Computer Science curriculum to all K-8 students, effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$132,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.9 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH NUCLEUS

Provide access to Nucleus Robotics, LLC's Entrepreneurship & Medical Terminology curriculum to all Business and Patient Care CTE participants, effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (CTEIG).

E.3.10 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH COMPTIA

Provide access to CompTIA certification and curriculum resources for the Career Technical Education Cybersecurity Pathway at Eisenhower High School, effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (CTEIG).

E.3.11 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH 365 EVENTS

Provide an event space for the CTE Gala 2026, effective April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (CTEIG).

E.3.12 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BY ANY MEANS VISIONARY, LLC

Provide six (6) 40-minute assemblies for all eighth graders participation in the Career Technical Education Cruisin' Career recruitment event, effective August 17, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$22,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Perkins Grant).

E.3.13 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH IGNITE

Provide racing simulation hardware, curriculum, materials, and 63 hours of on-site support for Career Technical Education Transportation students, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (CTEIG).

E.3.14 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (SBCSS) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORSHIP

Allow the District to fulfill its responsibilities under the MOU in accordance with the provisions of law and regulations that govern their activities, effective August 17, 2026, through June 30, 2028, at no cost to the District.

E.3.15 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (LAEP)

Provide professional learning, collaborative leadership, evaluation, and data infrastructure services for 25 Community School sites, supporting implementation, continuous improvement, and state reporting requirements for the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP), effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$192,350.00 (\$72,850.00 for Professional Learning and Collaborative Leadership services and \$119,500.00 for Comprehensive Evaluation and Data Infrastructure services), and to be paid from the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Grant.

E.3.16 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH HANDLE IT HELPING HANDS, INC.

Provide 25 Bridge Builder students with transformative STEM education opportunities by facilitating 5, four-hour session programs on Saturdays at Student Services Bridge Builders, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.17 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHARACTER STRONG

Provide a district-wide Social Emotional Learning Curriculum to our teachers and students, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2028, at a cost not to exceed \$630,508.11 and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.3.18 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GHR EDUCATION

Provide coverage for various professional positions such as Education Specialist, School Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, Speech and Language Pathologist Assistants (SLPAs), and Intensive Individual Support (IIS) for students with an Individualized Education Program, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.19 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH RYAN TILLMAN LLC

Provide training for our Rialto Unified School Staff with two intensive full days of foundation, relationship building and mentorship in action, and one half day follow up implementation and coaching for our Student Services Bridge Builders mentorship students, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$20,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (SBHIP).

E.3.20 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BELL'S EDUCATION

Provide supplemental educational services, academic enrichment, and student engagement programming for students enrolled in the alternative education program, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$61,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.21 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH DAT YOGA DUDE

Provide yoga, mindfulness, and wellness instruction for students enrolled in the alternative education program, effective September 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.3.22 APPROVE TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PURCHASES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Approve the textbook and instructional material purchases in the attached chart for the 2026-2027 school year.

E.3.23 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MCGRAW HILL ACHIEVE3000 - RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL

Provide an adaptive technology-driven, differentiated program to support Rialto High School students for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.3.24 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SMARTPASS INC - RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL

Provide attendance improvement support at Rialto High School for the 2026–2027 school year, effective August 13, 2026, through June 2, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

E.3.25 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH SCOOT EDUCATION

Amend Agreement #C-26-002364 with Scoot Education and approve the cost increase of the amended agreement of \$1,110,000.00 by an additional \$350,000.00 at a cost not to exceed \$1,460,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.3.26 APPROVE AN AMENDMENT WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Amend Agreement # C-26-001472 with Individualized Educational Psychology and approve the cost increase of the original agreement of \$10,000.00 by an additional \$8,000.00 at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

E.3.27 APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ADDICTION TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY DBA CARE SOLACE

Provide 24-hour mental health care coordination services for students and their families, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$44,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

E.4 HUMAN RESOURCES

E.4.1 APPROVE THE HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT NO. 1360 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

E.4.2 APPROVE THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

Approve the Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University to assist current and future students with mentoring opportunities in their specialized fields from August 13, 2026 through June 30, 2031 at no cost to the District.

E.4.3 APPROVE THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANT UNIVERSITY

Approve the Affiliation Agreement with Alliant University to assist current and future students with mentoring opportunities in their specialized fields from August 13, 2026 through August 12, 2029 at no cost to the District.

E.4.4 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EXAMINED LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

Provide five professional development sessions with Teacher Residency, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$24,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Teacher Residency Grant).

E.4.5 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SHAW HR CONSULTING

Provide training on federal and state disability laws to the Rialto USD Management staff, effective August 13, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-27-03 REMUNERATION

Moved By Member Dr. Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Williams

To authorize Board Member, Evelyn P. Dominguez, to be compensated for the regular Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Vote by Board Members:

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

(Abstain) Member Dominguez

(Absent) President Martinez

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

F.2 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-27-04 REMUNERATION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Clerk Williams

To authorize Board Member, Dr. Stephanie E. Lewis, to be compensated for the regular Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Vote by Board Members:

(Ayes) Vice President Montes, Clerk Williams, Member Dominguez

(Abstain) Member Dr. Lewis

(Absent) President Martinez

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

F.3 READMISSION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Member Dr. Lewis

Case Number:
25-26-13

Vote by Board Members:

**(Ayes) Vice President Montes, Clerk Williams, Member Dominguez,
Member Dr. Lewis**

(Absent) President Martinez

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on August 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John R. 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.

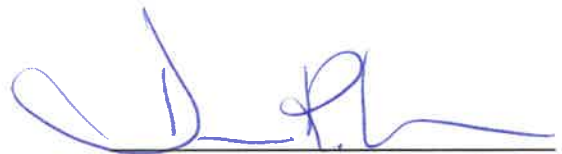
Moved By Clerk Williams

Seconded By Member Dr. Lewis

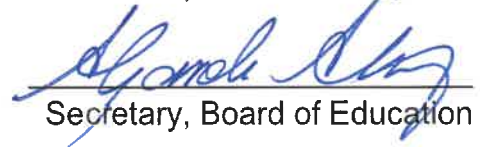
President Martinez was absent. Vote by Board Members to adjourn:

Time: 8:29 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote



Clerk, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education



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BRIDGING FUTURES THROUGH INNOVATION

CharacterStrong

(SEL) Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

Presented by: **Robin S. McMillon, Ed.D.**

Executive Director Student Services

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

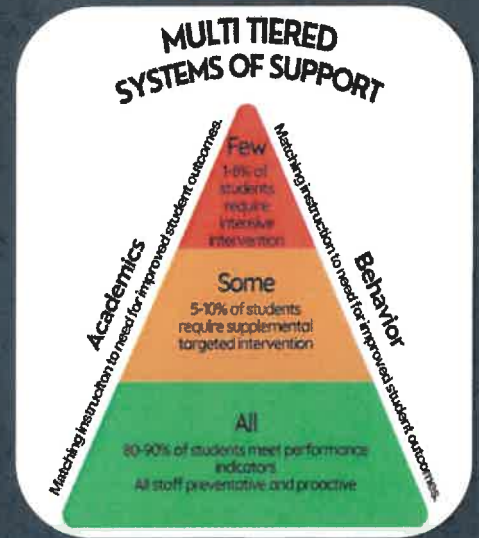
Senate Bill 224:

- California Senate Bill 224 (SB 224), requires public middle and high schools in California that offer health education courses to include *comprehensive mental health instruction* inclusive of Social Emotional Learning Guidelines (SEL).
- All core approved SEL curriculums must include:
 - Self-Awareness
 - Self-Management
 - Social Awareness
 - Relationship Skills
 - Responsible Decision Making



Historical Prospective:

- After the passage of SB 224, school sites identified an SEL Curriculum to support their students.
- Site-based Programs:
 - CharacterStrong
 - Leader In Me
 - BARR (Building Assets Reducing Risk)
 - Project Wisdom
 - Second Step
 - Panorama Ed
 - Site-based PBIS lessons
- Each program focused on establishing tiered MTSS (Multi-Systems of Support)
 - Tier One- (Core Curriculum)
 - Tier Two- (Targeted Intervention)
 - Tier Three- (Individualized Support)



CharacterStrong:

- **CharacterStrong is designated to support educators facing everyday challenges within all K-12 instructional settings, focusing on the five key performance indicators that every school evaluates.**

- Discipline rates
- Graduation rates
- Teacher satisfaction rates
- Attendance rates
- Students achievement and performance

*Family & Community Resources/Strengthening home school connections.



CharacterStrong Cont:

- **CharacterStrong aligns with a multitude of District-based initiatives and targeted-goals:**
 - RUSD You Belong Campaign
 - Ed Services CARE Goals
 - Engagement
 - Equity
 - Universal Supports
 - Dimensions of Wellness
 - Direct Interventions and Supports
- **To support the District's implementation process, CharacterStrong will partner with Student Services and school sites to provide:**
 - An Implementation Roadmap
 - Behavior Support Sessions
 - Toolkit of On-demand Professional Development



Aligned to the Portrait of a Graduate:

- **CharacterStrong aligns with the "Portrait of a Graduate" outlining the skills and competencies that students are expected to develop to be prepared for college and careers.**
 - Effective Communicator
 - Community Contributor
 - Complex Thinker
 - Effective & Ethical User of Technology
 - Self Directed Learner
 - Global Citizen and Responsible Employees/Entrepreneurs
 - Health & Wellness Advocate



Professional Development Road Map:

- **Year One:**
 - Professional Learning
 - Curriculum Introduction
 - Consistent SEL Language
 - Implementation of Structured Lessons
 - Consistent Coaching and Mentoring
 - Establish Implementation Expectations across sites
 - Integrates instructional best practices including but not limited to MTSS, PBIS and daily structured social emotional learning
- **Year Two:**
 - Continuous Coaching and Support
 - Analyze Implementation/Data
 - Refine Practices
 - Continuous Feedback Loops
 - Students
 - Staff
 - Parents
 - Sustainability



Outcomes:

- **CharacterStrong desired implementation outcomes**
 - Increased Student Belonging and School Connectedness
 - Improved Student Social-Emotional Competencies
 - Reduction in Student Behavior Concerns
 - Increased Student Engagement and Improved Attendance
 - Increased Student Achievement & Performance

