

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013  
BOARD ROOM  
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; Mr. Tom Hunt, Member; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. Rick L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Consideration of Pupil Services Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918
2. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
District Representative: Rick L. Miller, Ph.D., District Superintendent  
Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association  
California School Employees Association

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:33 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Board President Cloud.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS**

**A.1 Recognition of RUSD Track and Field Athletes Who Participated in the CIF Master’s Meet and CIF State Championships**

**A.2 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School Odyssey of the Mind Team**

**SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests to speak to the Board of Education.

**SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT**

**C.1 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

**SECTION D – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

**D.1 Board Finance Subcommittee Report**

The Board of Education received a report from Dr. Beaty regarding the Board Finance Subcommittee.

**SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item E.14 which was pulled for a roll call vote. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

**ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**E.14 Ordinance No. 2012/13-01, 02, and 03**

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cloud, Beaty, Allavie, Hunt, Lock-Dawson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**F.1 Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) Blueprint for Action for Secondary Education**

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, provided additional handouts to the Board members and reviewed a PowerPoint sharing RUSD’s Blueprint for Action for Secondary Education.

**F.2 School Security Measures**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, discussed the existing school security measures and recommended administrative adjustments.

Ms. Shani Dahl, Principal, Alcott Elementary School; Mr. Darrel Hanson, Principal, Martin Luther King High School; and Ms. Debbie Ausman-Haskins, Principal, Mark Twain Elementary School; mentioned the security at their campuses.

**SECTION G – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**G.1 Public Hearing – Regarding the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Budget Plan**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director Pupil Services/SELPA, stated that the District is required to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Education prior to the adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Budget Plan.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

**G.2 Public Hearing – Regarding the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Service Plan**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Tim Walker indicated that the District is required to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Education prior to the adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Service Plan.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

### **G.3 Public Hearing – 2013-2014 All Funds District Budget**

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that the initial 2013-2014 All Funds Budget for the Riverside Unified School District has been prepared. He noted that state law requires the Board of Education to hold a public hearing prior to considering adoption of the budget.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

## **SECTION H – ACTION**

### **H.1 Adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Budget Plan**

Mr. Walker discussed that Special Education staff was recommending adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Budget Plan. He noted that this action will comply with California Education Code §56205(b)(1) and that the Budget Plan summarizes the State and Federal special education revenues and the projected special education budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to adopt the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Budget Plan.

### **H.2 Adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Service Plan**

Mr. Walker indicated that Special Education staff was recommending adoption of the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Service Plan. He stated that the Service Plan describes the full continuum of special education services provided by RUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA).

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to adopt the 2013-2014 Special Education Annual Service Plan.

### **H.3 Proposed Courses – Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Literature and Exploring Chinese World Language and Culture**

Dr. Ermert introduced Ms. Dara Mosher, Instructional Services Specialist, K-12 English/Language Arts and Foreign Languages, who reviewed a PowerPoint and discussed that the new high school foreign language courses were being submitted for approval to the Board of Education. She stated that the Foreign Language course proposals and instructional materials were presented to the Riverside Unified School District Instructional Services Board Subcommittee on May 15, 2013, and the instructional materials have completed thirty days of public display.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the course proposals for Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish Literature and Exploring Chinese World Language and Culture.

#### **H.4 Recommendations for Improving the Security at the Entrance of Highland Elementary School**

Dr. Lewis reviewed the design of the project to modify the office and entrance fencing to improve the security at the entrance to the school.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve the design of this project to improve the security at the entrance to Highland Elementary School.

The Board took a break from 7:21 to 7:31 p.m.

#### **H.5 Award of Bid for Bid No. 2012/13-11 – Pupil Transportation Services**

Mr. Fine reviewed the Award of Multi-Year Agreement to Student Transportation of America-Inc., for Bid No. 2012/13-11 – Pupil Transportation Services.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to 1) approve the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to award a five-year Agreement, with a five-year renewal (for a total of 10 years), to Student Transportation of America, Inc.; and 2) authorize the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Governmental Relations to execute a five-year Agreement, and its five-year renewal, with Student Transportation of America, Inc.

#### **H.6 Adoption of the 2013-2014 District Budget**

Mr. Fine stated that the 2013-2014 All Funds Budget for Riverside Unified School District has been prepared. He provided additional handouts and reviewed a PowerPoint and supporting documents noting that state law requires the Board of Education to adopt a budget subsequent to the public hearing and prior to July 1.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by members present to adopt the 2013-2014 All Funds District Budget.

### **SECTION I – CONCLUSION**

#### **I.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that it has been a busy week with graduations and promotions. She thanked Board members and Cabinet for attending the Leadership Riverside Graduation.

Mr. Hunt congratulated Ms. Lock-Dawson for her graduation from Leadership Riverside. He commended John W. North High School and University Heights Middle School staffs for their preparations on graduation and commencement. He discussed the need to expose our students to career opportunities.

Dr. Beaty attended Victoria Elementary School's time capsule event, and the César Chávez Memorial Statue Unveiling on June 8. He mentioned participating in Ramona High School's graduation which went very well, and Central Middle School's commencement that was held in the quad. He stated that it was nice to see Mrs. Lock-

Dawson honored at the Leadership Riverside Graduation, and he enjoyed the Riverside Adult School graduation. He reminded everyone that the Starting Blocks reception is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at 8:30 a.m. and encouraged those who are available to attend. Dr. Beaty said that he will be on vacation and will not be able to attend as he does every year.

Mrs. Allavie mentioned attending the graduation and commencement at Martin Luther King High School and Amelia Earhart Middle School, and thanked Dr. Beaty for filling in for her at the Riverside Adult School commencement. She requested that in the coming weeks information needs to be provided about counselors, and she noted that the Blueprint for Action includes information that would be helpful. The Board members agreed that our counselors need professional development.

Mrs. Cloud said that she attended graduations and promotions as well, and that her most memorable was the STEM Academy. She congratulated Mrs. Lock-Dawson for her accomplishment with Leadership Riverside. In reference to the Blueprint for Action for Secondary Schools, Mrs. Cloud voiced her opinion that we need a Blueprint for Action for Elementary Schools that would focus on reading.

## **I.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Dr. Miller said that he attended several District graduations, and he asked everyone to recognize the importance of teachers, staff members, and principals who have invested in the students during the school year and that we should feel good about the work that is being done. He discussed the César Chávez Memorial event, and the Leadership Riverside Graduation including Mrs. Lock-Dawson. He concluded that staff is in the planning mode for our annual Leadership Symposium.

## **I.3 Next Board Meeting: July 15, 2013**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 8:54 p.m., in memory of Mr. David Phillip Kahl, former teacher at Riverside Polytechnic High School; and Mrs. Terrilynn Bresette-Neve, former theatre teacher with Riverside Unified School District.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education