

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013  
 BOARD ROOM  
 6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:31 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. Richard L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:30 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 Negotiator:	Board President
Unrepresented Employee:	District Superintendent

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

**RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL MARINE JROTC COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Sarai Conde, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Highgrove Elementary School student.

**SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS**

**A.1 Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Report to the Board of Education and Check Presentation of \$35,000 to REEF From the Carpenter Foundation**

**A.2 Recognition of RUSD’s Student Rachel Priebe – National History Day’s First Place Winner**

**SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Mr. Tim Martin discussed his concerns related to the recent education trip that Dr. Beaty and Mrs. Paredes took to Tianjin, China; Mr. Dennis López spoke about implementation of AB 540 and the

California Dream Act application process and provided Board members with a handout; Mr. Bob Garcia thanked Board and staff members for the School Readiness Fair that was held in the Casa Blanca area; and Ms. Mona Flores, Mr. Chick Bowyer (provided a handout), Miss Andrea Salgado, and Ms. Mona Perez spoke about the closing and history of Life School.

## **SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**

**C.1 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

**C.2 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President**

## **SECTION D – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

**D.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report**

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Lock-Dawson regarding the Board Instruction Subcommittee.

## **SECTION E – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present, with the exception of Item E.5 which was pulled for discussion. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

## **ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**E.5 Approval of Additions to the Management and Supervisory Salary Schedules**

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve the item, with the exception to table the new title Executive Director – Common Core Implementation Grant (until staff further defines the position as being a temporary position, provides a job description, and works with the Common Core teacher group as suggested by the Board).

## **SECTION F – REPORT/DISCUSSION**

**F.1 Casa Blanca Area Parents Survey**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, introduced Mr. Steve Knobloch, K-12 Insight, Vice President of Research and Advisory Services, who reviewed a PowerPoint and presented the results of the Casa Blanca Area Parents Survey of elementary school students to the Board of Education.

The following individuals discussed their concerns regarding the Casa Blanca Area Parents Survey: Mr. Paul Chavez, Mr. Morris Mendoza, Mr. Dennis López, and Mr. Bob Garcia.

Mr. Hunt suggested that the Board Communications Subcommittee review the results of the survey, and Mrs. Cloud indicated that this item could then be brought back to the entire Board.

The Board took a break from 7:44 to 7:58 p.m.

**F.2 Local Control Funding Formula Update**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed a PowerPoint and presented an overview of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and considerations related to each, including Class Size Reduction, Adult Education, and other programs.

Ms. Alicia Trejo discussed her concerns related to the closing of Life School.

**SECTION G – CONCLUSION****G.1 Board Members' Comments**

Mrs. Allavie clarified information that Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services 7-12, shared with Board members regarding a group that Mrs. Allavie and Mrs. Lock-Dawson has been meeting with Inland Congregation United for Change (ICUC). She noted that ICUC would like a college information center that the group and their children can access (particularly in Spanish). Mrs. Allavie stated that Dr. Ermert was invited to the last meeting and she just wanted to inform the Board members of the status of their meetings.

Mr. Hunt requested that staff distribute to Board members a copy of an editorial from today's *Los Angeles Times* titled, "A showdown on Common Core testing". He mentioned that he was glad to see everyone attend John W. North High School's Stadium Dedication, and he expressed his appreciation for the press coverage. He noted his gratefulness for the support and financial contributions that were given to Tyler Lewellen's family. He said that Tyler's parents were very touched, and especially appreciated Dr. Beaty's personal letter. Mr. Hunt voiced his concerns related to the trip to China, and he discussed the Board Bylaws and stated that there is no Board Policy related to traveling internationally but he said there is the overall policy. He indicated that he is concerned that there is the question of accountability and judgment.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that in regards to Board Goals that members agreed to have discourse and work together as a team. She reminded everyone that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Night of Arts and Innovation is schedule for October 10, and there will be a new Curious Kids Zone, as well as science and arts presentations. She said that Mr. Dennis López will be speaking at the Pathways to Higher Education Conference on October 5 about the California Dream Act.

Mrs. Cloud requested that District counsel look at our long history with China going back to the John W. North High School trip several years ago, and if it is appropriate to agendize the trip. She stated that the Principals' Summits have been fascinating. Mrs. Cloud said that she is very thankful for the staff members that we have and their focus on student achievement. She mentioned her attendance at the Sheltering Hearts event that was held on Saturday, September 14 – a fundraiser to help end homelessness, with many RUSD employees in attendance.

**G.2 Superintendent's Announcements**

Dr. Miller mentioned attending the Riverside Police Foundation Golden Badge Awards on Saturday, September 7 where two Martin Luther King High School students were recognized for their outstanding character – Joseph Moorman and Rachael Smith. He noted that the opening of the John W. North High School Stadium was a great event. He stated that staff has been working through the secondary Principals' Summits and will be aggressively working on the elementary Principals' Summits this week. Dr. Miller noted that several staff members met with Jannelle Kubinec, to discuss LCAP, as Mike Fine mentioned earlier. He spoke about the dedication of the Ronald Loveridge City Hall Plaza downtown, and congratulated Mrs. Allavie for her linguistic work on the project and the plaque.

**G.3 Next Board Meeting: October 7, 2013****ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 10:06 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Noller (Nickerson) who worked in the libraries at Sierra and Matthew Gage Middle Schools, and Louisa May Alcott Elementary School for a number of years; Mrs. Bonnie Conley who retired after 29 years with the District and worked as an Instructional Aide; and Mrs. Beverly Rousseau Palmer a former administrative assistant at John W. North High School.

Kathy Allavie  
Clerk  
Board of Education