

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Lock-Dawson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Board President; Mr. Tom Hunt, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board Clerk; Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member; and Mr. Brent Lee, Member.

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. David C. Hansen, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

There were no requests received to address the Board members regarding Closed Session items.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 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: David C. Hansen, Ed.D., District Superintendent
Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association

3. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:37 p.m. Mrs. Lock-Dawson announced that the following action was taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mr. Hunt to approve the resignation agreement for Certificated Employee #121824, with the following roll call vote:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by John Stark, 6th grade student from John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

SECTION A – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

District Superintendent Hansen reported that last week he started his 26th year participating in the opening of school, and RUSD welcomed 45,000 students to the 2014/15 school year. He noted that on Thursday, September 4, State Superintendent Tom Torlakson will be visiting Riverside Polytechnic High School at 1:00 p.m. and he will begin visiting classrooms followed by a Town Hall meeting at 2:00 p.m. In addition, he noted that the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) is hosting an Educator Town Hall meeting that evening from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with Congressman Mark Takano and State Superintendent Tom Torlakson. Dr. Hansen mentioned that he was glad to be a part of the Eastside Reconciliation Coalition on Monday, August 25 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the “Stop the Violence” Community Outreach Effort where our principals, students, community members and leaders participated. He stated that these events reminded him of our priority as a school district and his as a Superintendent and that is the importance of “Kids First”, safety to and from school for students, and that the community has a voice. He thanked Reverend John Harris and all of the Eastside Pastors for their hard work in putting these events together.

Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day highlighted the 34 percent increase in Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), and she noted that George Washington Elementary has become an AVID School. She mentioned that District staff has processed over 6,500 transfers since the beginning of school. She provided a brief STEM update stating that the next steps include a 5-year plan, and that she is working with Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12 to provide a Study Session in November. She shared a short PowerPoint regarding the Professional Development Days that were held on August 19 and 20. At this time, Principal Shani Dahl, Fremont Elementary School; Principal Coleman Kells, University Heights Middle School; and Principal Betsy Schmechel, Arlington High School; shared the excitement of the opening week of their school sites.

Dr. Hansen shared that several of our current and former RUSD students would be on America’s Got Talent tonight at 9:00 p.m. He congratulated Mr. John Schreck, Manager, Publications, who is going to serve in Santa Ana Unified School District in a similar position, and he stated that RUSD is certainly going to miss him but Riverside will as well due to the intimate way he has served the community.

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests received to speak to the Board members.

SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS**C.1 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506**

Mr. Daniel Rudd provided a report on the activities and accomplishments of the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

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

Ms. Sandie Page provided a report on the activities and accomplishments of the Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

SECTION D – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and approved by members present, with the following roll call vote:

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

Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION E – ACTION

E.1 Bylaws of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, reviewed a PowerPoint and stated that the Board of Education was being asked to take action on the proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Riverside Unified School District Special Education Local Plan Area.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the CAC for the RUSD Special Education Local Plan Area:

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

E.2 Compensation Agreements for Various Properties

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that the Board of Education was being asked to consider the approval of Compensation Agreements for three properties: Farm House Motel, 1393 University Avenue; Stalder Building, 3650 Market Street; and Imperial Hardware Building, 3750 and 3768 Market Street and 3675 University Avenue, owned by the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Riverside.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the three Compensation Agreements between the District and multiple other taxing agencies as outlined:

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

E.3 Joint Use Agreement – Former Riverside Golf Course

Mr. Michael Fine indicated that Board members were being asked to consider the approval of a Joint Use Agreement with the City of Riverside for the use of the Former Riverside Golf Course for the purpose of Cross Country meets and invitational competitions.

The following individuals address the Board members: Coach John Corona stated that he is in favor of this agreement. Debbie Guthrie spoke in favor of the agreement.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote to approve the Joint Use Agreement between the City of Riverside and RUSD for the use of the Former Riverside Golf Course, to authorize the Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Governmental Relations to execute the agreement once in final form for a period of three years:

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

SECTION F – CONCLUSION

F.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Lee said that he would be participating in a 40 mile endurance race.

Mrs. Cloud stated that she attended Bryant Elementary School's Back to School Night and that the teachers were excited about Core Knowledge. She discussed the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) meeting that she recently attended with Mr. Hunt. She reported that RCSBA will be facilitating a Master's in Governance Workshop in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in February. Mrs. Cloud will be participating in the Golden Bell Validation Team. She discussed the Annual RCSBA meeting scheduled for October 27 at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club where Sacramento Bee Political Columnist, Dan Walters will be the special guest. She concluded by sharing that RCSBA does offer discounts for activities and events if you go to their website at www.recreationconnection.com.

Mrs. Allavie discussed how the start of the school year seems to have gone very smooth. She indicated that in general everything seems nice and calm – she voiced her many thanks to all District staff!

Mr. Hunt encouraged the Board members and Dr. Hansen to attend the RCSBA event that Mrs. Cloud mentioned on October 27, and he suggested that the District should invite Ms. Sandie Page, President, PTA; Mr. Daniel Rudd, President, CSEA; and Mr. Tim Martin, President, RCTA, to attend as our guests. He suggested that the Superintendent and Board Finance Subcommittee look at the Gless property again since this property may now be available. He thanked Ms. Kathy Everhart, Risk Management, for all of her assistance with the RUSD health plan.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked Mr. Hunt for covering the last Board meeting in her absence. She thanked the teachers, principals, staff, and parents for making this a smooth start for school and Dr. Hansen for putting key leaders in place. She shared a card that was sent to the Board from a REEF Earthwatch Team that traveled to Canada. Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that as a consumer she has one child that attends full-time at Riverside Virtual School, and another that attends Riverside STEM Academy.

In closing, Mr. Hunt requested that Mrs. Jacquie Paul, Supervisor, Strategic Communications, and Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, work with

the schools, because the District needs to conserve water and when our schools host carwashes this becomes an issue. He discussed that Mr. Tom Evans, Western Municipal Water District, may be able to assist the District with non-potable water to use for our carwashes. He noted that RUSD needs to be out front in what we are doing as a District for water conservation during this crisis.

F.2 Next Board Meeting: September 15, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Lock-Dawson adjourned the Public Session at 6:52 p.m. in memory of Mr. Terry Bourne, former Educational Options Center (EOC) teacher for approximately 10 years.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education