

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 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. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Elementary School Principals, and Director II, Planning and Development

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that the following actions were taken by the Board during Closed Session:

It was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to appoint Ms. Lynne Ennis, Principal, Andrew Jackson Elementary School; Ms. Erica Square, Principal, Castle View Elementary School; and Mrs. Hayley Calhoun, Director II, Planning and Development.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Joseph Moorman, Martin Luther King High School graduate.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Ricardo Ramos, Student Transportation of America (STA) bus driver, received the RUSD Honor Roll for his heroic efforts to save two children that were swept away by swift-moving storm waters on Thursday, August 29, 2013.

SECTION A – PRESENTATION

A.1 Recognition of Martin Luther King High School and King Graduates (Joseph Moorman and Raelyn Werley) as CIF Southern Section 2012-2013 Champions for Character

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Ms. Ashley Ayers, Lake Mathews Elementary School parent, spoke about District policies related to medication and hot weather; Ms. Sylvia Bottom, and Ms. Mona and Andrea (Salgado) Perez talked about the closing of Life School; Mr. Tom Evans and Mr. Gary Christmas, Members, Library Board of Trustees, discussed a possible joint facility between the Library and RUSD.

SECTION C – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

C.1 RCTA Presentation by Mr. Tim Martin, President, Riverside City Teachers Association

SECTION D – 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 D.4. 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

D.4 – Notice of Completion

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present.

SECTION E – PUBLIC HEARINGS

E.1 PUBLIC HEARING – 2013-2014 Initial Proposals for Negotiations, With the California School Employees Association

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, stated that the Riverside Unified School District has submitted an initial proposal for the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District and Chapter 506 of the California School Employees Association.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

E.2 PUBLIC HEARING – Initial Proposal for Negotiations Submitted by the California School Employees Association and Its Chapter 506 (CSEA) With the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2013-2014 School Year

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Mrs. Mills indicated that a public hearing was being held on the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the California School Employees Association and its Chapter 506 (CSEA) with the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

SECTION F – ACTION

F.1 Approval for Design and Implementation of School Security Measures – Phase II and Phase III Schools

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, reviewed the presentation and discussed the Operations/Board Subcommittee recommendation of approval for the design of school security measure projects at various "Phase II" school sites and implementation of school security measure projects (fencing and gates) at "Phase III" school sites.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the Operations/Board Subcommittee recommendation for the design of school security measure projects for Phase II schools and the implementation of school security measures at Phase III schools using Measure B funds, and that the architect look at creative alternatives for the galvanized chain link for the residential areas.

F.2 Recommendation for the Formation of a 7-11 Committee for Surplus Property Review

Dr. Lewis discussed the Operations/Board Subcommittee's recommendation for approval of the initiation of a 7-11 Committee process for a number of District properties.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson seconded by Mr. Hunt and unanimously approved by members present to approve the Operations/Board Subcommittee recommendation for approval of the formation of the 7-11 Committee for property review.

The Board took a break from 7:13 to 7:27 p.m.

F.3 Resolution No. 2013/14-07 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Approving the Certification of the 2012-2013 Unaudited Financial Reports for All Operating Funds of the District, Establishing Appropriations Due to the Reconciliation of the 2012-2013 Estimated Ending Fund Balances to the 2012-2013 Unaudited Actual Ending Fund Balances

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed a PowerPoint indicating that adoption of Resolution 2013/14-07 would certify the 2012-2013 unaudited financial reports as required by Education Code 42100, and establish appropriations for differences between the estimated year-end balances and the unaudited year-end balances as required by Education Code 42600.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-07.

F.4 Resolution No. 2013/14-06 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Establishing Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution, Revising the 2012-2013 Appropriations Limit and Adopting the 2013-2014 Appropriations Limit (Gann Limit)

Mr. Fine noted that Proposition 4 of 1979, otherwise known as the Gann Limit established a constitutional limit on the allowable growth in state and local government spending. He said that the Board of Education was being asked to adopt a resolution

revising the 2012-13 appropriations limit and to establish the initial 2013-14 appropriations limit.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-06.

SECTION G – CONCLUSION

G.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson stated that she has been working with Dr. Ermert's staff on the Pathways to Higher Education Conference, scheduled for October 5 at John W. North High School. She discussed a problem that a constituent brought up this week regarding not having access to a program at Bryant Elementary School because the program is too full. She stated that she would like to see the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) reconvene as suggested by Mr. Tim Martin, President, RCTA. In closing, Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that she is looking forward to John W. North High School Stadium's Grand Opening on Friday night.

Dr. Beaty mentioned the opening of schools and the school visitations that he made, and he congratulated the principals and staff for a great beginning to the school year. He mentioned attending the Movie Night at Highland Elementary School, the Hearts In-Service, the School Readiness Fair at the Casa Blanca Library on August 24, and the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. He mentioned the number of students that are attending California Baptist University (CBU) this school year.

Mr. Hunt discussed his desire that the District look at teaming up with the Library as a possible joint venture. He stated how proud he was of the young people, Coach McCarthy, and Principal Garcia for their support of Tyler Lewellen's family during their time of loss. He indicated that he would like to see the BAC Committee reconvened, and he would also like the District Office facilities to be reviewed.

Mrs. Allavie said that there have been some great examples of good communication this week and some examples of where we can improve our communication. As Chair of the Board Communications Subcommittee, she stated that the communication in regards to Tyler's passing was very thoughtful and understanding by our staff and the media. Mrs. Allavie noted that we need to work on our communication with families, in particular, with Life School. She also discussed the changes that were made to the Board meetings in terms of how they are conducted, and requested feedback from other Board members if any modifications need to be made.

Mrs. Cloud mentioned her attendance at the New Employee Welcome on August 21, and the School Readiness Fair. She stated that she would like to receive an update on the Casa Blanca Survey results, and that she has requested a Common Core Update later this fall. Mrs. Cloud provided copies of a Riverside County School Boards Association handout for Board members regarding Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and AB 1266 for their information.

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller stated that a lot of time has been invested by all getting ready for school to begin. He mentioned the New Employee Welcome with RCTA and CSEA in attendance. Dr. Miller said that the Principals' Summit will start this coming week.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: September 16, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 8:33 p.m., in memory of Tyler Lewellen, Arlington High School football player, who passed away on August 27; and Ms. Delia Lopez, former RUSD teacher.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education