

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015  
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
4795 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mrs. Allavie, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Also present were District Superintendent, Dr. David C. Hansen; and other interested citizens.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests received to address the Board of Education.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Hansen thanked the Curriculum and Instruction staff for their hard work in preparing for today’s Study Session. He noted the scheduled topic for the November 16 Study Session is STEM, and that the meeting would be held at the Board Room and that additional information would be provided to Board members as the meeting gets closer. He noted that the RUSD Band Extravaganza is scheduled for this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Ramona High School.

Dr. Hansen reported that he is grateful for the support of our assembly and members of congress. He said that a representative of Congressman Mark Takano’s office, Ms. Heidi Wills, Director, District Operations, would be visiting our various high schools tomorrow sharing information about Congressional programs that can benefit high school students.

**SECTION C – CONSENT**

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and was unanimously 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 D – STUDY SESSION**

**D.1 Early Literacy and Professional Development**

Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12, provided information on the vision for RUSD students. Dr. Keyisha Holmes, Principal

on Special Assignment; Mr. Joseph Nieto, Preschool Coordinator; Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education; and Ms. Judy Fuhrman, Staff Development Specialist, discussed the progress RUSD has made in early literacy during the 2014-15 school year, and Mr. Shearer and Mr. Darel Hansen, Director, Secondary Education, provided an update on 2015-16 professional development.

## **SECTION E – CONCLUSION**

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

Mrs. Cloud provided a recent article from the *Boston Globe* titled, "PARCC, panic, and the perils of new math" for those that might be interested.

Mr. Hunt voiced that he was very pleased and appreciated the presentation from District staff tonight. He mentioned visiting both REACH Charter School sites and that they have room to grow.

Mr. Lee thanked everyone involved in the Study Session tonight.

Mrs. Cloud stated with only two more meetings remaining that she has been reflecting on her service as a Board member, and she reminded everyone that they are all serving as a Board and not as individuals. She discussed several accomplishments through the years that various Board members were involved in: desegregation, AVID programs, moving schools from low decile status, the naming of Martin Luther King High School. Mrs. Cloud discussed the importance of appreciating the history and those that have served on the Board of Education. She noted that District staff has made what we do possible. Mrs. Cloud said that she hopes that they, as Board members, have represented the District well and represented the issues well to the constituents.

Mrs. Allavie discussed how impressed she was during her visit with Dr. Hansen at Lincoln High School last week. She noted there are over 200 students in the credit recovery program (at the most risk of dropping out), and 75 students graduated from Lincoln last year. She indicated that they are offering a-g, lab science, Spanish, and daycare has been added back. She noted there is also a classroom where students that are suspended can work on homework, goals, and apologies. Mrs. Allavie voiced that she would like a future agenda topic to discuss the possibilities for Lincoln (e.g., career education, HVAC). She stated the principal is doing a great job and the campus is very clean.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 7:45 p.m.

Brent Lee  
Clerk  
Board of Education