

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 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. Richard L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

STUDY SESSION

2012-13 Student Achievement

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6, and Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, 7-12, reviewed a PowerPoint of the 2012-13 student achievement and provided additional handouts for Board members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 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
3. Public Employment
Title: Superintendent
4. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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

It was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to accept the resignation agreement with one certificated employee and dismiss OAH Case No. #2013070633.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Xavier Magana, 6th grade Mark Twain Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The vignette presented tonight was from the play, "Moon over Buffalo" and was performed by members of the Ramona High School Theater class for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

A.1 Reports presented by Arlington, Martin Luther King, and Abraham Lincoln High Schools' Student Board Representatives.

SECTION B – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education: Ms. Cheryl Carter, discussed her concerns with the District's Human Resources Department, and Ms. Michele McKinney Underwood, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), shared information about the Lois B. Krieger Water Project Grants for Education and the 2013 Solar Cup Program.

SECTION C – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

C.1 Board Communication Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mrs. Allavie regarding the Board Communication Subcommittee.

SECTION D – 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 D.2 which was pulled to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Riverside for their donation of dictionaries for all third grade students. Mr. Booker Huling, Dictionary Project Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting. 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.2 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the District

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve the item.

SECTION E – REPORT/DISCUSSION

E.1 Response to Board and Public Inquiry Concerning Educational Trip to China

Ms. Cathy Holmes, General Counsel, Best Best & Krieger, provided a PowerPoint with information responsive to Board member and public inquiry concerning the history of the District's prior experience with China and the propriety of the recent educational trip by District officials.

E.2 Local Control Accountability Plan Report

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed a PowerPoint and presented an overview of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and considerations related to the process to develop such a plan.

The Board members took a break from 7:46 to 7:58 p.m.

The Board members agreed that Agenda Item F.1 would be discussed next.

F.1 2013-14 Budget Adjustments

Mr. Fine provided some additional handouts for Board members and stated that the Board members were being asked to consider a status report, provide input and/or provide direction, and/or consider appropriating funds for specific purposes, as appropriate, for the District's 2013-14 Budget.

Ms. Mona Perez discussed her concerns related to Life School.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and approved unanimously by members present to adopt staff's recommendation to wait to allocate any additional funds until the process to develop a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) has been completed in March 2014.

E.3 Attendance Area Review Committee Process

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, stated in the past, that staff has engaged in a successful process involving stakeholders in developing and evaluating attendance area adjustment proposals. He discussed that a sample timeline of activities is provided as information for the Board of Education.

SECTION F – ACTION**F.2 New High School Course Proposal: Physics A First Course**

Dr. Ermert introduced Ms. Kelly McAllister, Riverside Virtual School (RVS) teacher, reviewed the PowerPoint and stated that the New High School Course Proposal: Physics A First Course was being submitted for approval.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hunt and approved unanimously by members present to approve the course Physics A First Course.

F.3 Resolution No. 2013/14-13 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District for District of Choice – Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program Space Availability

Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA, noted that RUSD participates in the state's alternative interdistrict attendance program. He indicated that this program allows students residing outside of the District's boundaries to be admitted

to District schools and remain enrolled in District schools from year to year, subject to certain limitations.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and approved unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2013/14-13.

F.4 Resolution No. 2013/14-16 – Resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District Declaring the Relocatable Classrooms and Restroom at the Old Hawthorne Elementary School as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale at Auction by a Private Company

Mr. Fine said that this resolution is required to declare the relocatable classrooms and restroom at the Old Hawthorne Elementary School to be surplus and authorize the sale by a private firm.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and approved unanimously by members present to approve Resolution No. 2013/14-16.

SECTION G – CONCLUSION

G.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson discussed her recent attendance at the UC Riverside 50th Anniversary Botanic Gardens event, and she noted that they are creating a Children's Garden and are interested in partnering with RUSD. She said that the Pathways to Higher Education Conference on October 5 was a great success and thanked District staff (specifically Mr. Jorge Perez, Career and College Readiness Specialist 7-12) for all of his hard work. She mentioned requesting that Dr. David Haglund, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support, provide information to the Board members regarding whether communities function better in one school or in various school locations. In closing, she discussed attending the Grand Opening of Vocademy on Spruce Street – she explained that it is a hands-on, collaborative learning environment where people come together to share knowledge, design, and create.

Dr. Beaty said that the Fireball Run involved a lot of people and was quite an adventure. He stated that the 9th Riverside College and Career Fair on October 2 was a huge success. He discussed his attendance at the NAACP Inaugural Salute to Labor Awards Dinner Dance on October 4 where Ms. Gloria Cormier received an award. He noted that the Pathways to Higher Education Conference was a great idea. Dr. Beaty discussed the history of the Casa Blanca area.

Mr. Hunt stated that he received a call from the University of California, Riverside (UCR) School of Business regarding a grant that they received to take 150 of our high school and middle school students to this year's Anderson School of Business Forecast meeting for the Inland Empire and to join their luncheon. He said that he provided the information to Dr. David Haglund. He mentioned an article that appeared in *The Press-Enterprise* regarding Riverside Polytechnic High School that spoke about their great attitude and spirit. Mr. Hunt requested that Mrs. Cloud agendize, for a future Board meeting, a presentation on High School Swimming Becoming a Physical

Education Course by Dr. Ermert. In conclusion, he shared that his daughter Taylor, on November 11 will be recognized and dine with the British House of Lords.

Mrs. Allavie discussed two different articles, one by Ms. Dayna Straehley titled, “High School Sports Aren’t Killing Academics” and a Health Update titled, “ A Body In Motion Gets Better Grades”, she noted that both articles reiterate the importance of investing in physical education. Mrs. Allavie made some clarifying comments that she feels the LCAP process is going to be great, because the Board will be receiving a lot of input from the community – she feels that it behooves the Board to embrace the LCAP process.

Mrs. Cloud commended Mrs. Lock-Dawson for her efforts with the Pathways to Higher Education Conference. She mentioned the Principals’ Summits and that she is thankful for all of the hard work that is going on in the schools.

G.2 Superintendent’s Announcements

Dr. Miller reported that the Principals’ Summits are finished. He discussed the Pathways to Higher Education Conference and said that Mrs. Lock-Dawson started with an idea, solicited help and funding, and that without all of her efforts this event would not have been possible.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: October 21, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 10:03 p.m., in memory of Mr. Gabriel Acosta, his brother Mark Acosta was an education reporter for several years and Gabriel was an award-winning photojournalist; and Mr. William Collopy, former work experience and math teacher at John W. North High School.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education