

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Gayle Cloud, President; Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Vice President; Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Clerk; and Mrs. Patricia Lock-Dawson, Member.

Also present were Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

Mr. Tom Hunt, Member, was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

STUDY SESSION

The Education Trust – West – Report of Findings

Dr. William Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, 7-12, introduced Dr. Jeannette LaFors, Director of Practice/Equity Initiatives, Education Trust – West who reviewed a PowerPoint sharing information about the process and set of tools known as the Educational Opportunity Study (EOS) and Blueprint for Action to help schools and the District transform policies and practices to better serve all students. She stated that this process will ensure that students are graduating high school ready to be successful in college and career.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:36 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: Michael H. Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations

Employee Organizations: Riverside City Teachers Association
California School Employees Association
Managers, Confidentials, and Supervisors

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:38 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Daniela Alvarado, 6th grade John Adams Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

A.1 Recognition of the Ramona High School Boys’ Water Polo Team and the Riverside Polytechnic High School Boys’ Cross Country and Girls’ Tennis Teams as Recipients of the Riverside County Office of Education’s Academic/Athletic Team Award

A.2 Recognition of the Martin Luther King High School Girls’ Volleyball Team, CIF Southern Section Division 2AA Champions and State Southern Regional Champions; and the Boys’ Waterpolo Team, CIF Southern Section Division III Champions

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Ramona, Educational Options Center/Riverside Virtual, John W. North, and Riverside Polytechnic High Schools’ Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Chris Sims and Tyler Williams, Arlington High School student, spoke to the Board members regarding their concerns related to the Arlington High School baseball fields.

Mrs. Cloud stated that this topic will be addressed at a future Operations Board Subcommittee meeting and directed staff to contact Mr. Sims with this information.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORT

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

SECTION E – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

E.1 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

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

E.2 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

E.3 Board Student Activities Subcommittee Report

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

CORRECTION TO ITEM ON CONSENT CALENDAR

F.7 Out-of-State Field Trip

The correct name of the school should read – Riverside Polytechnic High School.

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present with the correction of Item F.7. Items in the Consent Calendar have been published with the agenda and copies are on file in the District administrative offices.

SECTION G – REPORT/DISCUSSION**G.1 Preliminary Staffing Impacts for 2013-14**

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, reviewed a presentation on the preliminary staffing impacts for 2013-14 from program and enrollment changes.

SECTION H – ACTION**H.1 Measure B Project List Approval**

Dr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, reviewed a PowerPoint and presented the Operations/Board Subcommittee's recommendations for approval of a number of projects for design or implementation with Measure B funds.

The following individuals addressed the Board members: Ms. Tamara Wamsley discussed school security; and Ms. Suzy Green spoke about campus access at Alcott Elementary School.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve Items 6 – 12, a Campus Supervisor at STEM Academy, Item 17, and Item 18, and that Item 16 is a priority for the Board.

The Board took a break from 7:56 to 8:03 p.m.

H.2 Uniform Complaint Board Policy #1312.3 (a), First Reading

Dr. Ermert stated that staff has revised Board Policy #1312.3 (a) – Uniform Complaint in order to comply with AB 1575.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to waive the second reading and adopt Board Policy #1312.3 (a).

H.3 2012-2013 Certificated Seniority List

Mrs. Mills discussed that Board approval is requested for the 2012-2013 certificated seniority list.

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the District's 2012-2013 certificated seniority list.

H.4 Establishment of Tie-Breaking Criteria and Skipping Criteria

Mrs. Mills noted that Board approval is requested for 1) tie-breaking criteria pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(b), and 2) retention of certificated employees who possess special training or experience (skipping criteria) pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d).

The item was moved by Dr. Beaty and seconded by Mrs. Cloud and unanimously approved by members present to approve 1) tie-breaking criteria pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(b), and 2) retention of certificated employees who possess special

training or experience (skipping criteria) pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d), and that this criteria be reviewed on a yearly basis.

H.5 Consideration of 2013 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election

Mr. Fine indicated that election material for the CSBA Delegate Assembly Subregion 18A has been received.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to vote for the slate of candidates running.

SECTION I – CONCLUSION

I.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Allavie mentioned a topic that she was planning to discuss at the Board Instruction Subcommittee meeting that at the middle school level the opportunity is taken away for underachieving student's to take an elective and they have to double up on math. She discussed her concerns with this practice, and that this may not be a good option for all students. She requested that the Board Instruction Subcommittee consider looking at this item, and Mrs. Lock-Dawson said that this topic will be on a future agenda.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked Dr. Ermert and Mr. Hiroto for being so gracious and helpful in bringing her up to speed on various programs. She stated that the Honor Band event at Ramona High School was amazing – she noted that the level of playing for high schools and middle schools was incredible.

Dr. Beaty discussed his attendance at the Honor Band, the RUSD Science Fair, Good Morning Riverside with the Riverside Police Chief (where he mentioned the impact that Martin Luther King High School's presence created along the processional route for Officer Crain and how this impacted the family). Dr. Beaty suggested that a letter of recognition be sent to the school for their efforts. He talked about the Starting Gate information that Mr. Fine shared with Board member. Dr. Beaty mentioned the budget workshop that the Riverside County Office of Education hosted on February 6 was very valuable.

Mrs. Cloud stated that she was not able to attend the Honor Band event due to parking issues, and she suggested that staff make sure that side gates are open for access to these events at all schools. She mentioned attending the RUSD Science Fair Awards and she indicated that it was wonderful.

I.2 Deputy Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Fine indicated that the Annual Riverside County Mock Trial activities are currently going on, and will continue until the weekend of March 2. He reported that the State Mock Trial Champions will be hosted in Riverside the weekend of March 22 through 24. He talked about the RUSD Science Fair and Honor Band events, and discussed the honor for Officer Crain that was shown by Martin Luther King and Ramona High Schools, and Madison Elementary School with students and signs of support. Mr. Fine discussed the Starting Gate information that Dr. Beaty mentioned and said that Mr. Tim Walker, Executive Director, Pupil Services/SELPA and the Starting Gates staff prepared this information. He said that the Party at the Plaza will be held this Saturday, February 23. In closing, he mentioned two items that will be on the March 4 Board meeting agenda: 1) the need to address potential certificated layoffs, and 2)

technical refinements to the California Voting Rights Act that the Board needs to approve.

I.3 Next Board Meeting: March 4, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 8:54 p.m., in memory of Officer Michael Crain who was killed in the line of duty; Dr. Emmett Raymond Berry, the District's 4th Superintendent, who was instrumental in the desegregation of the District in 1965; and Mrs. Irene Eloise Guerrero, former RUSD employee for 10 years.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education