

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Rick L. Miller, members of the staff, and other interested citizens.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:00 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
Managers, Confidentials, and Supervisors

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:34 p.m. Mrs. Cloud announced that no formal action was taken by the Board during Closed Session. The Board members and the audience observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence that took place in Boston Massachusetts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Daniela De La Garza, 6th grade Liberty Elementary School student.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

The Louisa May Alcott Elementary School Choir performed for the Board of Education.

SECTION A – PRESENTATIONS

- A.1 Recognition of the Riverside Polytechnic High School Mock Trial Team, Riverside County Mock Trial Champions
- A.2 Recognition of the John W. North High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams
- A.3 American Heart Association – Fit Friendly Company Award

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

B.1 Reports presented by Arlington and Martin Luther King High Schools' Student Board Representatives.

SECTION C – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individuals spoke to the Board of Education: Ms. Barbara Haskins discussed her concerns related to the Martin Luther King High School Boys' Basketball Team, and Mr. Morris Mendoza thanked the Board and staff members who attended the Casa Blanca Community Advisory Committee meeting and discussed the need for additional school counselors.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Riverside County Office of Education Superintendent Mr. Kenn Young announced that Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, Governmental Relations, has been chosen as the 2013 Riverside County Classified Administrator of the Year.

The Board took a break from 6:40 to 6:48 p.m.

SECTION D – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

D.1 Riverside Council PTA Presentation by Ms. Marilyn Orens, President

D.2 CSEA Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

SECTION E – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

E.1 Board Instruction Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION F – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present. 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 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506

Mr. Michael Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Governmental Relations, stated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the California School Employees Association, Chapter 506.

G.2 Disclosure of Tentative Agreement Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

Mr. Fine indicated that this item represents the public disclosure of the terms and conditions, including financial impact, of a Tentative Agreement for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

SECTION H – PUBLIC HEARING

H.1 Public Hearing – Initial Proposal for Negotiations Submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association With the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2013-2014 School Year

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Mrs. Susan Mills, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, said that the public hearing was being held on the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA) with the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

H.2 Public Hearing – Initial Proposal for Negotiations Submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education With the Riverside City Teachers Association for the 2013-2014 School Year

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mills indicated that a public hearing was being held on the initial proposal for negotiations submitted by the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education with the Riverside City Teachers Association (RCTA) for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

H.3 Public Hearing – Intent to Implement Program Flexibility Provided in February 2009 Budget Act (Tier III Categorical Programs)

Mrs. Cloud opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Fine stated that the Board of Education was holding a public hearing on the District's intent to implement program flexibility provided in the 2009 Budget Act in order to take testimony on Tier III Categorical proposed transfers, proposed uses of funding and proposed program closings.

Mrs. Cloud closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

SECTION I – ACTION

I.1 Fremont Elementary and Andrew Jackson Elementary Schools 2013-14 Restructuring/Alternative Governance Plans

Mrs. Judi Paredes, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services K-6, introduced, Ms. Patti Popovich, Principal, Fremont Elementary School, who reviewed the Restructuring/Alternative Governance Plan that has been developed for implementation at their school for the 2013-14 school year.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the restructuring plan for Fremont Elementary School as submitted.

Mrs. Judi Paredes introduced Ms. Loretta Houston, Principal, Andrew Jackson Elementary School, who reviewed the Restructuring/Alternative Governance Plan that has been developed for implementation at their school for the 2013-14 school year.

The item was moved by Mrs. Allavie and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to approve the restructuring plan for Andrew Jackson Elementary School as submitted.

I.2 Approval of Head Start Reapplication for 2013-2014

Mr. Fine introduced Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning, and Mr. Joseph Nieto, Coordinator, Early Childhood and Family Education, who discussed that the Riverside Unified School District is submitting a reapplication for year one of the three-year cycle for Head Start funding. They reviewed a PowerPoint providing information indicating that the application for federal assistance amounts to \$994,877 funding with a \$248,719 District In-Kind match.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty and unanimously approved by members present to approve the 2013 Head Start Reapplication for 2013-2014.

SECTION J – CONCLUSION

J.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked the Board members for a productive Board Workshop on Saturday, April 13. She reminded Board members that the Special Education Prom is scheduled for May 18, and she provided invitations indicating that the theme is "The Riverside Hoe Down". She mentioned attending the Caesar Chavez Annual Breakfast on Good Friday, and the RUSD Middle School Art Show and County High Schools Art Contest at the Riverside Art Museum. She talked about the Chamber's Business Education Partnership meeting that she attended, as well as Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services (7-12), where the District's High School Education Academies were presented, and requested that this information be presented to the Board at a future time. She concluded that the Middle School Track Meet is coming up on May 4.

Dr. Beaty talked about his attendance and participation at Highgrove Elementary School's 125th Year Anniversary Celebration on March 21, the Mt. Rubidoux "Save the Cross" event, and Amelia Earhart Middle School's Pancake Breakfast. He discussed the uniforms for Andrew Jackson Elementary School and referenced the Chinese students that just visited the District who wore uniforms, as well as their teachers. He mentioned his attendance at the Crystal Apple Awards on March 28, Champions for Justice on April 11, and he encouraged others to attend Space Day at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School on Friday, April 19.

Mr. Hunt thanked Dr. Beaty for his leadership on the Mt. Rubidoux Cross. He discussed how Measure A is going to affect RUSD, and he requested that Mrs. Cloud direct staff to put together a document that makes the Board's position on Measure A known. He mentioned that the first swim meet was held at Riverside Polytechnic High School, and he encouraged Board members to go by and see the facility. Mr. Hunt

noted that Ms. Joanna Hayes has been named in the top 100 athletes of all time by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). He discussed his attendance at the Champions for Justice event, and commended our High School Interact Clubs that were recognized that evening. He thanked Mrs. Cheryl Simmons, Director, Secondary Education, for her leadership with the American Heart Association. He voiced his appreciation for the productive Board Workshop on Saturday.

Mrs. Allavie spoke about the Middle School Art Show and said the winners will be announced on Thursday night, and that planned activities will be held on Saturday. She discussed the inequality amongst the middle school art programs, and she said the County High School Art Contest included no RUSD student entrees although RUSD has just as talented students.

Mrs. Cloud thanked Dr. Beaty and others for their participation in the Mt. Rubidoux Cross event. She said the Champions for Justice program including our High School Interact Clubs was remarkable. Mrs. Cloud stated that she visited several elementary schools recently, and she is seeing so much more commitment to help students learn what they need to learn, and the struggling classrooms are engaging the students. She voiced her concern that staff needs to work with SmartRiverside to improve Highgrove Elementary School's infrastructure.

Dr. Beaty stated that everyone as individuals needs to make a commitment to the cause for Measure A as members of the community.

J.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller discussed his attendance at Highgrove Elementary School's 125th Anniversary Celebration, the Riverside County Office of Education's State of Education Address on March 21, his visit to the Riverside Community College (RCC) Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties building, and our visitors from China at John F. Kennedy and Lake Mathews Elementary Schools. In closing, he mentioned last week spending time with the Stuart Foundation and Discovery Education.

J.3 Next Board Meeting: May 6, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cloud adjourned the Public Session at 9:04 p.m., in memory of Mr. Cecil Green, husband of Mrs. Janet Green, Riverside Community College District (RCCD) Board Vice President, who passed away on April 2; Ramona High School senior, Angel Tellez, and Anastasia Rivera, who were killed during a traffic accident during spring break; and Mrs. Betty Hernandez Ramirez, former teacher for 30 years at Henry W. Longfellow and Bryant Elementary Schools, John W. North High School, and Riverside Adult School.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education