

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013
BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION:
74 EAST SHORE AVENUE, GROTON LONG POINT,
CONNECTICUT**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Dr. Beaty, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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.

Mrs. Cloud, Board President, participated in the meeting via teleconference from Groton Long Point, Connecticut.

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. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
District Representative: Rick L. Miller, Ph.D., District Superintendent
Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association
3. Consideration of Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Title: Middle School Principal

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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

It was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to appoint Dr. Keyisha Holmes, Principal, Matthew Gage Middle School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by Board Vice President Dr. Beaty.

SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT

The following individual addressed the Board of Education: Mr. Steve Figueroa discussed the civil rights of Joseph Hall.

SECTION B – DISTRICT EMPLOYEE GROUP REPORTS

B.1 Riverside Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Presentation by Ms. Sandie Page, President

B.2 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presentation by Mr. Richard Carpenter, President, Riverside Unified School District, Chapter #506

SECTION C – SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

C.1 Board Student Activities Subcommittee Report

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

C.2 Board Operations Subcommittee Report

The Board of Education received a report from Mr. Hunt regarding the Board Operations Subcommittee.

C.3 Board Communications Subcommittee Report

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

SECTION D – CONSENT

Approval of the Consent Calendar was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie 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 – INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present.

SECTION E – REPORT/DISCUSSION

E.1 Update From REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology

Ms. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning, introduced Dr. Virgie Rentie, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of REACH, who reviewed a PowerPoint and provided an update regarding REACH Leadership Academy School of Math, Science and Technology for the Board of Education.

E.2 Disclosure of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Riverside Unified School District and Its Employees Represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association

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 Memorandum of Understanding for employees represented by the Riverside City Teachers Association.

SECTION F – ACTION

F.1 New Middle School Course Proposal: Eighth Grade Mathematics

Dr. Bill Ermert, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services 7-12, introduced Mr. Rene Levario, Instructional Services Specialist, 4-8 Mathematics and K-12 Interventions, who reviewed a PowerPoint and stated that the new middle school

course proposal for Eighth Grade Mathematics was being submitted for the Board's approval.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Lock-Dawson and unanimously approved by members present to approve Eighth Grade Mathematics as a new middle school course.

F.2 Scholars Diploma

Dr. Ermert introduced Mr. Trevor Painton, Chair, High School Task Force and Principal, John W. North High School, who reviewed a PowerPoint indicating that the Scholars Diploma is an alternative diploma for RUSD students and was being submitted for approval by the Board of Education.

The item was moved by Mrs. Lock-Dawson seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the Scholars Diploma and that a report be brought back midway through the year to the Board members to report on the progress of this alternative diploma.

F.3 45-Day Budget Revisions Pursuant to Education Code Section 42127(i)(4)

Mr. Fine provided the Board of Education with a report on the impacts to the District on the adopted 2013-14 state budget and considerations for appropriating funds for specific purposes.

The item was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mrs. Allavie and unanimously approved by members present to approve the 2nd Allocation, 45 Day Revised Budget.

SECTION G – CONCLUSION

G.1 Board Members' Comments

Mr. Hunt clarified that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 3. He discussed the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Perris Valley Line project and questioned whether the lawsuit is going to delay the construction schedule. Mr. Fine indicated that the start of construction was delayed, and that staff will be monitoring their progress. In response to public input, Mr. Hunt mentioned his prior request to staff for the amount that the District has spent on legal fees in the past three years. He also requested that interpreters (for non-English speaking parents) be provided at Board meetings when needed.

Mrs. Allavie discussed a survey conducted by the City of Riverside which indicated that the city schools and parks ranked high with online respondents showing a 76.4 percentage – which she stated was a happy statistic. She mentioned that her daughter will start as an elementary school teacher in Malaysia this year.

Mrs. Lock-Dawson indicated that in reference to the Scholars Diploma that she is hoping that something similar could be done for a dance and art portfolio. She stated that she would like to follow-up on the idea of a fundraising foundation for RUSD. Mrs. Lock-Dawson thanked staff for working with REACH. She mentioned attending a funeral for the daughter of two of our staff members (Ruben and Guadalupe Avila) teachers at Riverside Polytechnic High School who lost their 13-year old daughter, Maya, to lupus. Mrs. Lock-Dawson noted that Maya attended Matthew Gage Middle School and requested that we keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Beaty discussed the distribution of the City of Riverside survey that Mrs. Allavie referenced. He provided three articles to be shared with Board members from *USA Today* titled, "Tougher exams pressure public schools"; "GED test going digital, nearly doubling cost"; and "BYOT: Bring your own tech to school". He also provided a copy of, "From a School Principal's speech at a graduation".

G.2 Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Miller said that District staff is starting to return from their vacations and that everyone is preparing for the new school year to start.

G.3 Next Board Meeting: September 3, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Beaty adjourned the Public Session at 7:59 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Patricia Cook, Magnolia Elementary School teacher; Mr. Jeff Silver, former campus supervisor and Raincross High School teacher; Mr. David Judge, life science and physics teacher at Arlington High School; Mrs. Margaret Mann, former Special Education aide at Castle View and Franklin Elementary Schools; and Maya Avila, Matthew Gage Middle School student.

Kathy Allavie
Clerk
Board of Education