

**RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
RIVERSIDE ADULT SCHOOL, BOARD ROOM
6735 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mrs. Allavie, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

There were no requests received to address the Board members regarding Closed Session items.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference With Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator: David C. Hansen, Ed.D. District Superintendent
Unrepresented Employees: Assistant Superintendent

2. Consideration of Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:03 p.m. Mrs. Allavie 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 Jacob Petrick, 6th grade Woodcrest Elementary School student.

SECTION A – PUBLIC INPUT

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

SECTION B – REPORTS BY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

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

SECTION C – DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hansen commended the high school student representatives for doing a great job today with their reports. He invited Ms. Renee Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support to come up and share the video that was made by our

Communications Team regarding Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing. Ms. Hill shared that SBAC test results would be mailed out to student homes by mid-October and this video answers many questions that parents may have. Dr. Hansen thanked Mr. Justin Grayson, Public Information Officer; Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Renee Hill for bringing this information forward and for all of their collaborative work on the video.

SECTION D – STUDY SESSION

D.1 General Obligation Bond Measure Exploration Update

The RUSD Bond team presented details regarding the activities that have been accomplished to date with regards to Bond planning. Staff shared that the RUSD Board Goals and Priorities have been kept at the forefront of these discussions throughout this entire process. Consultants discussed all of the steps that have been taken to determine the feasibility of bringing a Bond forward to voters. Financial planners provided their input regarding the viability of putting a General Obligation Bond on the ballot next year. Architects presented the purpose and the need of having a Long Range Facility Master Plan and the process that they have been using to create this for RUSD.

SECTION E – CONCLUSION

E.1 Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Lock Dawson discussed her attendance at a Community Advisory Committee meeting at the UCR Graduate School of Education this week. She mentioned that they reported that the numbers are up for people obtaining teaching credentials, although there is still a shortage for Special Education teachers. She also wanted to encourage everyone to attend the Pathways to Higher Education Conference on October 3 at John W. North High School and thanked Mr. Jorge Perez, Instructional Services Specialist and Mr. Justin Grayson for all of their work on this event.

Mr. Hunt stated that he would be speaking at the Pathways to Higher Education Conference on October 3, and he and Mrs. Allavie will be attending the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Masters in Governance classes this week. Mr. Hunt suggested that we close the meeting in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. He noted that the Board of Education celebrates the cultures and contributions of citizens whose ancestors are from Hispanic/Latino descent. He requested that staff please consider new microphones for the Board Room and also a flat screen monitor on the podium that would make it easier for the Board to see items shown during the meeting. Mr. Hunt thanked Ms. Haley Calhoun, Director, Planning and Development, for her hard work with all of the architects.

Mr. Lee stated that he wants to make it very clear to everyone that the community has a say in the process and feels like they can ask for anything with regards to the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). He suggested that we set up a virtual idea box, a link on the website, maybe a suggestion box at every school site to get more community input. He would like us to create a video that is very user-friendly about the General Obligation Bond to receive the input we are looking for in regards to the FMP similar to the one produced for the SBAC testing results.

Mrs. Cloud thanked Dr. Hansen for representing RUSD so well at the last Good Morning Riverside meeting. She reported that the Instruction Subcommittee meeting was held last week and that it was very informative and also that the District VAPA Plan would be coming forward soon. She shared an article from *The Press-Enterprise* titled, "Becoming America the not-so-beautiful" that she would like to have shared with the other Board members.

Mrs. Allavie stated that after hearing all of the information tonight, she is favoring the General Obligation Bond on the November election ballot. She indicated that this is mostly based on the tight timeline that we have to work with. She said that she is very optimistic about our partnership with UCR and feels like it is now our turn to put the plans in place to have a high school on the UCR campus.

Adjournment

Mrs. Allavie adjourned the Public Session at 8:05 p.m.

Brent Lee
Clerk
Board of Education