

RIVERSIDE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education met in regular session in the Board Room on Monday, June 19, 1961, at 4:00 p.m. Members present were Richard B. Hampson, Jr., President; Arthur L. Littleworth, Vice President; Mrs. Carolyn G. Diffenbaugh and B. Rae Sharp, Members.

Also present were Bruce Miller, Harry K. Young, Ray Berry, Richard Robbins, Sam Wheeler, Lewis Wickens, O. W. Noble, Donald N. Taylor, Paul T. Lockhart, Kenneth S. Norton, and other interested citizens and staff members.

ELEMENTARY

- MINUTES The minutes of the meetings held June 5 and 12, 1961, were approved.
- BILLS It was moved by Mr. Sharp and seconded by Mr. Littleworth that warrants numbers 63-001 to and including 65-004 (with the exception of No. 63-003 -- Arthur R. Coltrain -- in the amount of \$3,037.32), totaling \$40,565.38, be approved. Carried
- RESIGNATIONS It was moved by Mr. Littleworth and seconded by Mrs. Diffenbaugh that the following resignations be accepted:
- Judy A. Field - 3rd grade - Mt. View - Husband to study at U.C.L.A.
 Mrs. Margaret M. Kruse - 2nd grade - Liberty - Husband accepted employment in Palo Alto
 Judith S. Matles - 1st grade - Jefferson - Moving to another city
 Joanne C. Reccia - 3rd grade - Jefferson - Moving to another city Carried
- RETIREMENTS It was moved by Mr. Littleworth and seconded by Mrs. Diffenbaugh that the following retirements be approved:
- Mrs. Vivian Wilson - Kindergarten - Bryant
 Mrs. Katherine Castleman - Kindergarten - Longfellow
 Mrs. Olga K. Beno - 1st grade - Casa Blanca Carried
- RESIGNATIONS - CLASSIFIED It was moved by Mr. Littleworth and seconded by Mrs. Diffenbaugh that the following resignations of classified personnel be accepted:
- Mrs. Esther Reeves - secretary at Hawthorne - To rear a family 6/30/61
 Mrs. Shirley Rehkop - secretary at Irving - Moving to Los Angeles - 6/30/61
 Mrs. Zelia Johnson - secretary to Director of Elementary Education - Moving to Los Angeles - 6/16/61 Carried
- LOWELL STUDY COMMITTEE Mr. Littleworth, chairman of the Lowell School Study Committee, presented the Committee's Report of the Committee Deliberations and Recommendations. The purpose of the committee which met on May 22, May 29, June 8 and June 12, 1961, was to study the problem of integration as it affects the Lowell School and adjacent school districts. The committee recommendations are as follows:

1. We feel that the best solution to the Lowell problem would be one of controlled dispersal of the upper grades into as large a number of Riverside schools as is feasible, and we recommend that the Board of Education and the School Administration implement such a program for September, 1961.
2. We strongly urge formation of a city-wide committee for study of the overall problem of integration in regard to schools, housing and recreation, and recommend that the Board of Education wholeheartedly support, and be represented on, such a committee. Several members of the Lowell Study Committee have expressed a willingness to serve on such a committee.

Mr. Ellison, a member of the committee, presented the following minority report:

Recommend that the Riverside City Schools Board of Education implement the same program as outlined in the first recommendations of the Basic Report for both Irving and Casa Blanca School Districts by fall term 1962.

It was moved by Mr. Littleworth and seconded by Mr. Sharp that the Report of the Committee Deliberations and Recommendations of the Lowell School Study Committee and the Minority Report of the same committee be taken under advisement by the Board of Education and that the Superintendent's office be asked to react to these reports.

Carried

TENTATIVE
BUDGET

It was moved by Mr. Littleworth and seconded by Mrs. Diffenbaugh that the tentative budget of the Riverside City School District for 1961-62, in the amount of \$4,662,550, be approved.

Carried

NOTICE OF
COMPLETION -
CASA BLANCA
ADDITIONS

It was moved by Mr. Sharp and seconded by Mrs. Diffenbaugh that additions to Casa Blanca School be accepted subject to the architect's check list and that a "Notice of Completion" be filed.

Carried

JANE
STREET
SITE

It was moved by Mrs. Diffenbaugh and seconded by Mr. Littleworth that the Superintendent's office be authorized to go into escrow for the purchase of 9.73 acres of land on Jane Street between Lincoln and Victoria for the purchase price of \$63,245.

Carried

CAFETERIA
EQUIPMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Diffenbaugh and seconded by Mr. Littleworth that the Superintendent's office be authorized to advertise for bids for equipment for the cafeterias for Highland, Alcott and Jackson Elementary Schools.

Carried

MADISON
SCHOOL
SUIT

Mr. Littleworth reported that the Board members are being sued individually, in an action being handled by the AFL-CIO attorney, for allegedly having entered into an illegal contract with Arthur Coltrane for the construction of additions to the Madison Elementary School.

Board members stated their willingness to have Mr. James Angell of the County Counsel's office accept service and appear for them in the action.