

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

January 21, 2009

9:00 a.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA

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OPENING PROCEDURES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education was called to order by President Knight at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Gibbel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members present were:

Dr. Vick Knight, Jr., President, Canyon Lake
Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Vice-President, Banning
Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Corona
Dr. Lisa Conyers, Moreno Valley
Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Riverside
Mrs. Betty Gibbel, Hemet
Dr. William R. Kroonen, Palm Desert

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This item is placed on the Agenda so that members of the audience have an opportunity to speak to any item on the Agenda or regarding subjects or concerns that do not appear on the Agenda. Any person wishing to speak is requested to complete the "Request to Address the Board" form found at the back of the room and to bring it forward to the Board Secretary. Each person wishing to address the Board will be limited to five minutes. Government Code Section 54954.2 and Education Code Section 35145.5 prohibit the Board of Education from discussing or acting upon matters not on the Agenda.

5. **ITEM #5 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Conyers and seconded by Member Kroonen that the agenda be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano.

Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Mediano that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano

Motion adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, December 10, 2008.

7. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 01-09 (Temporary Teaching Credentials) as presented.

8. **DONATIONS**

- \$ 1,300.00 in donated toiletries to the Children and Family Services division for the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Drive.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM #1 – RESOLUTION NO. 12-09, DONALD GRAHAM MEDICAL THERAPY UNIT CLEARANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

Resolution No. 12-09 declares that the proposed Donald Graham Medical Therapy Unit was not the site of a current or former hazardous waste disposal and that with mitigation measures incorporated, hazardous emissions are not anticipated to pose an actual or potential endangerment.

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Mediano that Resolution No. 12-09 for the Donald Graham Medical Therapy Unit Project be approved.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

2. **ACTION ITEM #2 – SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES**

BP 3550	Food Services	BB 9322	Board Agenda
	Child Nutrition Program		Meeting Materials
BP 3554	Other Food Sales	BB 9320	Board Meeting / Notices

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano that the Board Policies be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

3. **ACTION ITEM #3 – RESOLUTION NO. 13-09, REMUNERATION OF THE BOARD, DR. LISA CONYERS.**

Member Conyers was absent from the October 8, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting due to hardship. She requested that the Riverside County Board of Education approve and adopt Resolution No. 13-09, approving the reason for her absence and order that she be paid for the meeting.

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Mediano that Resolution No. 13-09 be approved and ordered that Dr. Conyers be paid for the October meeting.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

4. **ACTION ITEM #4 – RESOLUTION NO. 14-09, SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (SERP)**

Upon Board approval of the item, the Riverside County Office of Education will offer to eligible employees in all employee groups, (Certificated, Certificated Head Start, Certificated Management & Supervisory, Confidential, Classified Supervisory, and Classified) the opportunity to receive a Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) for those employees resigning or retiring by August 15, 2009, if it is cost-effective to do so, subject to approval by the employee associations.

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen that Resolution No. 14-09 be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Special Education Presentation –
Ann Vessey, Executive Director, Special Education, gave a thorough presentation on the various programs and services provided by the Special Education Department.
2. Foster Youth Presentation –
Leland Daniels, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services, gave an excellent presentation on the Zenith Program, a collaboration between RCOE, RCC's Human Services Program and the DPSS Independent Living Program.
3. 2007-2008 Audit Results –
Teresa Hyden, Director II, Business Services and Nigro, Nigro and White Associates reviewed the 2007-08 Audit highlights.
4. Budget Update –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools gave a current report on the status of California's constantly changing and still unapproved budget.
5. Fiscal Update –
Teresa Hyden, Director II, Business Services reviewed the fiscal update as of December, 2008.
6. Legislative Update –
This item was covered by the Budget Update presented by Paul Jessup.
7. Facility Update –
Dr. Paul Andersen, Director II, Facilities reviewed the current and future facility projects.
8. Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings
No future items were mentioned.
9. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments
Member Gibbel reminded everyone that California's budget problems aren't just an educational problem. The water infrastructure for the state is feeling both the effects of cutting resources and an increasingly limited water supply. EMWD can't guarantee 20 years of water to new schools and at this point, conservation isn't enough. Member Gibbel also mentioned that EMWD has posted information on the front page of their website for students interested in applying for a career in the water industry.

Member Kroonen shared that he is the newly appointed Chairman of the Regional Access Project Foundation. The Regional Access Project Foundation provides funding, oversight, technical assistance and guidance to nonprofit, community based organizations or other collaborative groups, and other tax exempt agencies which serve the populations of eastern Riverside County in the areas of health, mental health, and juvenile intervention.

Member Craig is concerned that though she's submitted her written reports for meeting brevity, they aren't being included in the written meeting minutes. She would like them included in the minutes. President Knight concurred that their written reports should be included and directed Sandra to begin doing so. Member Craig also mentioned that she thoroughly enjoys the positive articles in RCOE's compilation of "Paper Clips" online articles. She's proud to see that Riverside's schools can make great things happen despite budget shortages and that those articles are highlighted.

From Member Craig's written report –

-Member Craig's son Ryan was married on January 3rd and she's happy to have a new daughter in law.

-Member Craig attended a few community Christmas parties, one was the Corona Head Start party. She enjoyed seeing the children.

-Member Craig attended the going-away reception of Sophia Waugh as a CCBE and CSBA representative. Ms. Waugh is a county board member from Los Angeles and an active CCBE member for over 14 years.

-Member Craig was in Sacramento on January 16 for the annual joint legislative meeting between CSBA and CCBE. Much of the information shared was similar to Sandy Silberstein's report. CSBA has taken position on three bills. 1) increase to funding 2) ADA cuts 3) proposed cuts; proposed solutions 1)hold public hearings 2) eliminate

term limits. CSBA may also sponsor four bills: 1) Charter Schools-conflict of interest 2) Special issues 3) Adequate school housing 4) Teacher tenure.

-Federal stimulus package introduced January 15 includes: \$14b towards building K-12, \$13b for shared costs, \$250m for statewide data systems, \$300m for teacher quality grants.

-First 5 Riverside is going through some struggles. Member Craig believes it's due to their \$2.4 billion reserve and she shared an excerpt from a letter she wrote to a newspaper editor.

Member Conyers shared that the Foster Youth Zenith program through RCC touches many lives and that Mr. Leland Daniels made a very good presentation.

President Knight reported that Member Conyers was a nominee for the 2008 Moreno Valley Citizen of the Year and asked that his written report also be added to the minutes.

From President Knight's written report –

-President Knight visited the Murrieta Valley USD board meeting on December 11 and was pleased that the board and staff work well together under Dr. Scheer.

-He was the installing officer for Lake Elsinore USD on December 18 and shared the County Board's future facility plans in Murrieta. President Knight took part in a groundbreaking at Terra Cotta Middle School Gym in Lake Elsinore that is a joint-use gymnasium.

-President Knight was selected to represent the county during the construction of the Animal Friends of the Valley headquarters building.

-He met with Perris HSD officials regarding his role as Quizmaster for the 2009 Constitution Quiz to be held on October 25 and extended an invitation for all to join him for the event.

-He visited Wildomar Elementary School on January 12, was impressed by their preschool program.

-He introduced Dr. Frank Passarella at a Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce lunch on January 14.

-He attended an assembly at Railroad Canyon Elementary School on January 14 and they have an exemplary recycling program.

Member Gibbel stated that she will attend the 10th Annual State of Education Address on February 6, 2009, in Moreno Valley and President Knight said he will also be there.

Open Session adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session opened at 10:46 a.m.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

A. Property: 47-110 Calhoun Street, Indio, CA

Agency Negotiators: Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Negotiating Party: State of California

Under Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Purchase

Closed Session adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 10:55 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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RCOE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 6, 2009 – 11:30 a.m. 10th Annual Education Briefing – Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center

February 10, 2009 – Academic Decathlon Awards Ceremony – Riverside Convention Center

February 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Riverside

February 28, 2009 – Mock Trial Awards Ceremony – Riverside Convention Center

March 4, 2009 – 6 p.m. Superintendent's Academic Awards Banquet - UCR
March 7, 2009 – Mock Trial Final Round Awards Ceremony – Riverside Historic Courthouse
March 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Indio
March 11, 2009 – Spelling Bee – Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center
March 21, 2009 – History Day Awards Ceremony – Corona High School
April 8, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Riverside
April 15, 2009 – RIMS Inland Science and Engineering Fair – National Orange Show
May 13, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Murrieta
June 10, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
July 8, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting – Riverside
August 19, 2009 - 5 p.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
September 9, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
October 14, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
November 18, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
December 9, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Indio

OTHER EVENTS:

April 4-7, 2009 – NSBA 69th Annual Conference, San Diego
December 3-5, 2009 – CSBA Annual Education Conference, San Diego

PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS

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