

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 10, 2007**

**OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order by the President

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Knight at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Member Kroonen.

3. Attendance

a. County Board of Education Members

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

b. Secretary to the Board

Mr. Kenneth M. Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Monica Martinez, Secretary to the Board of Education

c. Invited Guests and Visitors

Ryan Williams-French, National History Day Winner  
Dr. Katherine Wright, Interim Superintendent, Alvord Unified School District

d. Staff Members

Mrs. Cami Berry, Mrs. Diana Blackledge, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Mr. Tom Johnson,  
Mr. Tim Lopez, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Dr. Nicolas Ferguson, Mr. Paul Jessup, Mr.  
Rick Peoples, Dr. Sandra Schnack, Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Mrs. Diana Walsh-  
Reuss.

4. Public Comments

Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 35145.5** any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter, was given the opportunity to do so.

There were no requests to address the Board.

5. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Gibbel.

That the agenda for the October 10, 2007, Riverside County Board of Education meeting be approved.

5 Ayes: Members Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen and Mediano  
2 Absent: Members Colapinto and Conyers

Motion adopted.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Items 6-8 were enacted with a single motion.**

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Craig.

That the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen and Mediano  
2 Absent: Members Colapinto and Conyers

Motion adopted.

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, September 12, 2007.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 10-07, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

8. Acceptance of Donations

- \$2,525 from Altura Credit Union (Funds to be used in support of Celebrating Educators, and Employee Recognition).
- Fax/Printer/Copier machine (Value \$500) from Dr. Myrtice Irish (Fax machine to be placed in the Trainable Mentally Handicapped class at Patriot High School).

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1. **Presentation by National History Day Award Winner**

Ryan Williams-French, a student at Poly High School, presented his winning National History Day performance about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.

**ACTION**

1. **Resolution No. 15-07 – Resolution in Support of Measure H – School Facility Bond – Alvord Unified School District**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano.

That the Riverside County Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 15-07, in support of Alvord Unified School District Ballot Measure H providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds enabling construction and upgrading of buildings and facilities on district campuses thereby improving educational opportunities for all students.

1 Aye: Member Mediano

1 No: Member Gibbel

3 Abstentions: Members Craig, Knight and Kroonen

2 Absent: Members Colapinto and Conyers

Motion not adopted.

2. **Second Reading of Board Policies and Approval**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano.

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves Board Policies as presented, including:

**Series 3000** - Business and General Support Services

- 3000 – Concepts and Roles
- 3310 – Purchasing
- 3434 – County School Service Fund Annual Audit

**Series 5000** – Students

- 5119 – Students Expelled from Districts
- 5141.24 – Specialized Health Care Services
- 5141.27 – Food Allergies / Special Dietary Needs

5 Ayes: Members Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen and Mediano

2 Absent: Members Colapinto and Conyers

Motion adopted.

**HEARINGS**

1. **CLOSED SESSION: Expulsion Appeal # 070807E** - *Continued from the September 12, 2007, meeting of the County Board of Education.*

This expulsion appeal was withdrawn by the parent and no longer before the Riverside County Board of Education.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Division of Student Programs and Services 2006-2007 Summary of High School Diplomas, G.E.D.'s and Certificates of Promotion and/or Completion**

Dr. Sandra Schnack shared a written summary of high school diplomas, general education diplomas and certificates of promotion and completion for Alternative Education, Career Technical Education and Special Education for the 2006-2007 school year.

2. **Fiscal Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup reviewed the budget transfers and adjustments for September 2007.

3. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup provided and reviewed a written legislative update from Teri Burns, Director of Legislative Advocacy, School Innovations and Advocacy. An update on the status of the No Child Left Behind Act was requested by Mr. Kenn Young.

4. **Facility Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup provided and reviewed a written facility projects update. It was noted that a dedication for the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center will be planned once the facility is completed. Completion is expected in May, 2008.

Mr. Kenn Young shared that the Riverside County Office of Education is working on the future expansion of the Don Kenney Service Center in Indio and exploring the California State San Bernardino site as an alternative. Mr. Paul Jessup noted that remodeling is underway at the RCOE Main office with renovations geared towards the electrical, plumbing, HVAC, office and workspace reconfigurations.

5. **First Reading of Board Policies and Bylaws**

Mr. Rollin Edmunds reviewed the following Board policies:

Series 1000 – Community Relations

- 1113 - Web Sites

Series 3000 - Business and General Support Services

- 3111- Deferred Maintenance Funds
- 3400 - Management of Assets/Accounts
- 3466 - Vacated Position Reviews
- 3511 - Energy and Water Management
- 3513.1 - Cellular Phone Reimbursement

6. **Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings**

Member Kroonen requested a presentation from Member Gibbel on water issues affecting California.

Member Mediano requested information on the types of training that is offered to staff who work at community schools.

**7. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments**

Member Craig shared that she attended a Board meeting at the Imperial County Office of Education and visited several migrant Head Start facilities in the area. The Imperial County Office of Education will celebrate their centennial celebration on November 1, 2007 at which California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell will be present.

Member Craig shared that she viewed the California School Boards Association Back-to-School Conference Webcast on September 20, 2007. The latest edition of the CORE Newsletter is out and will be accepting advertisements for future editions. Member Craig also noted that the Riverside County School Boards Association will be holding their annual Fall Joint meeting with the San Bernardino County School Boards Association on October 29, 2007 in San Bernardino. Mr. Scott Plotkin will be the keynote speaker.

Member Knight shared that he will be attending a school dedication at Lisa J. Mails Elementary School in Murrieta and at Heritage High School in the Perris Union High School District. Member Knight also shared that the Menifee Valley Masonic Lodge No. 289 will hold its 12th annual Constitution Quiz on October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at which he will be the quizmaster. The competition will test students' knowledge of the United States' Constitution, Bill of Rights and Amendments.

Mr. Kenn Young shared that over 350 people are currently scheduled to attend the Sixth Annual Education Summit to be held October 18-19, 2007 in Palm Desert. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and Gloria Romero, Senate Majority Leader will be present at the event.

Mr. Young shared information on various meetings he has had which include; a meeting with Darrell Issa's office regarding NCLB legislation; Legal Seminar with school district superintendents'; meeting with 23<sup>rd</sup> District PTA on building partnerships; and meeting with RCOE management leadership team. Mr. Young noted that RCOE is looking at promoting services through an enhanced website, RCOE TV channel 96 and providing the Report to the Community on a more frequent basis.

**Adjournment: 10:16 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2007, Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside.**

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President

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Secretary