

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

October 14, 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 Mediano at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Conyers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members present were:

Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., President, Banning
Dr. Lisa Conyers, Moreno Valley
Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Riverside
Dr. Vick Knight, Jr., Canyon Lake

Absent members:

Mrs. Betty Gibbel, Hemet
Dr. William R. Kroonen, Vice-President, Palm Desert
Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Corona

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. Board Bylaw 9323 limits the total time for public input on each item, subject, or concern to 20 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 Knight and seconded by Member Craig that the agenda be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Knight and seconded by Member Craig that the consent agenda items be approved.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, September 9, 2009.

7. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 10-09 (Temporary County Certificates) as presented.

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER HEARINGS

1. **OPEN SESSION: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING (LYNCH)**

An Interdistrict attendance appeal was requested for Cheyann Lynch from the Perris Union High School District to the Nuview Union School District for the 2009-10 school year. The Perris Union High School District denied the transfer on August 17, 2009 and it was appealed to the Riverside County Board of Education.

It was moved by Member Conyers and seconded by Craig that the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal for Cheyann Lynch be granted for the 2009-2010 school year.

2 Ayes: Members Conyers and Craig.

2 Nays: Members Knight and Mediano.

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion not adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:33 a.m. and was conducted pursuant to Education Code section 47605 j (1) and Board Policy 0421.41 regarding the charter school petition appeal of the Imagine Charter School; the petition having been previously denied by the Coachella Valley Unified School District.

Aaron Kindel, Cathi Vogel and Lisa Corr presented on behalf of Imagine Charter School.

Dr. Paul Grafton, CVUSD, Jamie Brown, CVUSD, and Suhki Sandhu, counsel for the Coachella Valley Unified School District responded on behalf of the Coachella Valley Unified School District.

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of the Riverside County Office of Education, noted that the Imagine Charter School presented their petition to the Riverside County Office of Education for appeal upon the denial by the Coachella Valley Unified School District. The exact petition that was provided to the Coachella Valley Unified School District will be considered by the Riverside County Board of Education. Riverside County Office of Education staff will prepare the findings and provide recommendations that will be presented to the County Board of Education at the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Board.

There were five requests to address the Board by the public.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:47 a.m.

2. **REQUEST FOR GENERAL WAIVER OF EDUCATION CODE – SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 11 a.m. and was conducted pursuant to the terms of Education Code 37605. The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, acting as Secretary to the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization, requested that the Riverside County Board of Education seek a waiver of the timeline in Education Code 37605 for the a proposed transfer of property between the Hemet

Unified School District and the Temecula Valley Unified School District in order to explore mitigation options related to possible California Environmental Quality Act issues.

There were no requests to address the Board by the public.
The Public Hearing was closed at 11:01 a.m.

3. **TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION (GANN AMENDMENT)**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 11:01 am. and was conducted pursuant to Proposition 4, commonly known as the Gann Amendment, which added Article 13-B to the California Constitution. The provisions of that Article 13-B establish maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called "Gann Limits", for public agencies, including school districts. The County Office of Education has established a revised Gann Limit for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and a projected Gann Limit for the 2009-2010 fiscal year with the provisions of Article 13-B and applicable statutory law. The Riverside County Board of Education does provide public notice that the calculations and documentation of the Gann Limits for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 fiscal years are made in accordance with applicable constitutional and statutory laws. The Riverside County Board of Education declares that the appropriations in the budget for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 fiscal years do not exceed the limitations imposed by Proposition 4. Public Hearing notices were published to notify and cordially invite the Public to attend and participate in the review of this declaration.

There were no requests to address the Board by the public.
The Public Hearing was closed at 11:03 a.m.

4. **CERTIFICATION WAIVER REQUEST FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS / TRANSLATORS**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 11:03 a.m. was conducted pursuant to Title 5, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 3051.16 and 3065. The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools requested that the Riverside County Board of Education seek a waiver to employ sign language interpreters who have not yet received certification by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or equivalent, or if providing Cued Speed Interpretation, be certified by any certifying body recognized by the National Cued Speech Association (NCSA) under a General Waiver providing interpretation services to the deaf and hard of hearing students ages 0-22 for the 2009-10 school year.

There were no requests to address the Board by the public.
The Public Hearing was closed at 11:04 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION ITEM #1 - REQUEST FOR GENERAL WAIVER OF EDUCATION CODE – SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION.**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Conyers that the General Waiver request of Education Code 37605 be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano
3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.
Motion adopted.

2. **ACTION ITEM #2 – RESOLUTION NO. 07-10, TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII-B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION (GANN AMENDMENT).**

It was moved by Member Knight and seconded by Member Conyers that Resolution No. 07-10 be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano
3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.
Motion adopted.

3. **ACTION ITEM #3 – REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION WAIVER FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS / TRANSLATORS.**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Knight that the General Waiver be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

4. **ACTION ITEM #4 – RIVERSIDE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND WELLNESS POLICY.**

It was moved by Member Knight and seconded by Member Conyers that the National School Lunch Program and Wellness Policy be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

5. **ACTION ITEM #5 – SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES.**

It is moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Knight that the board policies be approved as presented.

4 Ayes: Members, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

3 Absent: Members Colapinto, Gibbel, and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. River Springs Charter School Report

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer gave the Board a report on the current status of the school's testing, finances and enrollment.

2. Scholarship Awards / WASC update and SWEP update

Dr. Nancy Pavelsky presented the Board with a WASC accreditation certificate for CTE and shared the recent accolades of the CTE/ROP programs. Tracey Vackar reported on the tremendous success of the SWEP program funded by the A.R.R.A. and expressed hope that RCOE will have the opportunity to implement the program next year as it was incredibly beneficial to all of the students who participated.

3. Golden Bell Finalists

Two of RCOE's programs are in consideration for CSBA's prestigious Golden Bell award, Educational Services' "ScaleUP" program and Children and Family Services "Abuelitos" program. Lanelle Gordin gave the Board a report on the ScaleUP program and next month Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss will give the Board a report on their Abuelitos Program.

4. First Reading of Board Policies

Paul Jessup presented the first reading of Board Policies for review and study:

BP 0510	School Accountability Report Cards
BP 3311	Business and Non Instructional Operations
BP 5125	Student Records
BP 6159.1	Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education
BP 6163.4	Student Use of Technology

5. Fiscal Update

Rollin Edmunds, Director II, Business Services, reviewed the fiscal update as of September 22, 2009.

6. Facility Update

Paul Jessup reviewed the facility update.

7. Legislative Update

Paul Jessup reviewed Sandy Silberstein's Legislative update noting the latest bills signed into legislation. The update included a current list of all of the education related bills with the governor's actions.

8. Support for the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) Career Pathways Initiative

Paul Jessup expressed RCOE's support for the CVEP Career Pathways Initiative. This program was first presented to the Board in December 2008 and has since begun to see results that align with the Mission, Vision, and Core Values of RCOE.

9. CCBE Legislator of the Year Award

It was agreed by the Board that no Legislator's names will be brought forward for nomination this year.

10. October 13, 2010 Meeting Location

Superintendent Young presented the October 13, 2010 date for the meeting to be held at the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center.

11. Organizational Chart

Superintendent Young gave the Board an updated Organizational Chart and will give those updates on a regular basis.

12. Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings

Member Craig requested a future discussion on making the Public Hearing for Charter Schools process a Board Policy instead of just a board practice.

13. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Craig requested that a charter board policy item be placed on a future agenda to change RCOE's practice into an actual board policy.

Member Craig did a Golden Bell site visit in the Corona-Norco School district and was excited with the program she visited. She was also very pleased with the site visits that Mike Sepulveda and Paula Campbell, CSBA President, had in the Juvenile Hall and Arlington Regional Learning Centers. They are exemplary schools and she was happy to see that RCOE has a nurse for the Cal-SAFE program.

Member Craig was also excited to report that CCBE had an excellent turn out at the CCBE Conference this year. They offered presentations that were perfect for county offices of education and she enjoyed distributing the RCOE's Report to the Community.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Time: 12:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

12:22 p.m. Closed Session called to order.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

A. Name of case: Save our Chinatown Committee v. City of Riverside

12:42 p.m. Closed Session adjourned

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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RCOE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 28, 2009 – 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Education Summit – Riverside Convention Center
November 10, 2009 – 10 a.m. Operation Recognition – Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center
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
January 20, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
February 10, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
March 10, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Indio
April 14, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
May 12, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Murrieta
June 9, 2010 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Riverside

OTHER EVENTS:

October 29, 2009 – RCSBA/SBCSBA Fall Joint Meeting – San Bernardino
December 3-5, 2009 – CSBA Annual Education Conference - San Diego

PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS

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