

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 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 President Conyers at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 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 Craig.

3. Attendance

a. County Board of Education Members

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

b. Secretary to the Board

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Monica Martinez, Secretary to the Board of Education

c. Invited Guests and Visitors

d. Staff Members

Mr. Paul Andersen, Mrs. Cami Berry, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Ms. Allison Haynes, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Mrs. Theresa Hyden, Mr. Rick Peoples.

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 Craig and seconded by Member Mediano.

That the agenda for the November 14, 2007, Riverside County Board of Education meeting be approved.

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

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 item 7 and 8 be approved as presented and item 6 be placed on the December 12, 2007 agenda of the County Board of Education for approval due to lack of quorum at this meeting.

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

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).

ACTION

1. **Resolution No. 16-07, Remuneration of the Board, Lisa Conyers**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves and adopts Resolution No. 16-07, approving the reasons for absence of President Conyers from the October 10, 2007 meeting and order that she be paid for the meeting as she had an excusable absence.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

2 Absent: Members Gibbel and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

2. **Resolution No. 17-07, Remuneration of the Board, Gerald P. Colapinto**

It is moved by Member Knight and seconded by Member Mediano

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves and adopts Resolution No. 17-07, approving the reasons for absence of Member Colapinto from the October 10, 2007 meeting and order that he be paid for the meeting as he had an excusable absence.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

2 Absent: Members Gibbel and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

3. **Unique Projects Grant**

It is moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Colapinto

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves the recommendations of the committee as presented in awarding the Unique Projects grants.

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

Motion adopted.

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

It is moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Craig.

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

- a. Series 0000 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans
 - 0440 – District Technology Plan
- b. 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

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

Motion adopted.

HEARINGS

1. **CLOSED SESSION: Expulsion Appeal # 110907E**

It is moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Knight.

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #110907E is affirm the decision of the Governing Board of the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Knight, and Mediano

2 Absent: Members Gibbel and Kroonen.

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Charter Schools: Memorandum of Understanding Template**

Mrs. Patti Crawford reviewed a draft of the Charter School Memorandum of Understanding template which is to be used as an agreement between the Riverside County Office of Education and charter schools governed by the county office of education.

2. **Fiscal Update**

Mrs. Theresa Hyden reviewed the budget transfers and adjustments for October 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.

4. **Facility Update**

Dr. Paul Anderson provided and reviewed a written facility projects update. Dr. Anderson noted that the property located at Brockton and Tequesquite will be sold and is currently undergoing an archaeological study since it is considered part of the Chinatown area which dates back to the 1880's. Dr. Andersen noted that Phase II of the RCOE Main remodel is underway and scheduled for completion in mid-January.

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

Member Conyers suggested a review of criteria used for granting Unique Project grants. Member Conyers also shared with the Board a list of possible topics for the May 2008 Board Workshop which includes: political action, monthly meeting content, long-term facilities needs and planning, charter school policies, eBoard agenda process and system, Board and Superintendent collaboration, Unique Projects & selection criteria, water issues and political action.

Member Craig shared interest in the Board and Superintendent Collaboration topic. Member Craig noted that the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) offers Governance and Boardsmanship training and feels this would be an effective tool to use to accomplish this goal.

6. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Craig recently met with Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries who shared that in his opinion the Fire Science course that is offered through Career Technical Education (CTE)/Regional Occupation Program (ROP) is not aligned with the professional firefighter curriculum. Member Craig requested information regarding the current program

Member Craig noted that she was made aware of an incident involving a special education student left alone in a classroom. Further information regarding the incident was requested.

Member Craig also shared that she attended a presentation on “Capturing Kids Hearts” while attending the Education Summit. Member Craig inquired about how the program is implemented at the high school level.

Member Craig attended the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Board meeting; Imperial County Office of Education’s 100 year celebration, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties School Boards Association Fall Joint meeting, and CTE/ROP Dinner where students share their success stories.

A presentation was provided by Member Craig on the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) new website. She also noted that she is running unopposed for the CCBE president-elect position and that her term is up as CSBA delegate for Region 18.

Member Knight shared that he attended the Heritage High School dedication in the Perris Union High school district and also attended the Education Summit in Palm Desert. In addition, he will participate in a community parade this Saturday in Lake Elsinore with California Secretary of Education, Dr. David Long.

Member Knight noted that he is interested in submitting nominations for the Hall of Fame and requested information on the submittal process.

Mr. Paul Jessup discussed the closure of many schools in the county during the recent fires and commended district superintendents' for their efforts to keep everyone informed.

Break: 10:26 am – 10:35 am

Adjournment 11:28 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2007, Riverside County Office of Education – Indio, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio.

President

Secretary