

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2006**

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 Colapinto at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 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

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

b. Secretary to the Board

Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Monica Martinez, Secretary to the Board of Education

c. Invited Guests and Visitors

Mr. Jack Clarke, Attorney, Best Best and Krieger
Ms. Cynthia Markham, Eagles Peak Charter School
Mr. Gregory Pounds, Eagles Peak Charter School

d. Staff Members

Mr. Antonio Arredondo, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Mr. Russell Frank, Mrs. Theresa Hyden, Mr. Rick Peoples, Dr. Sandra Schnack, Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Ms. Esmirna Valencia, Mr. Kenn Young.

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.

Ms. Kathleen Evans, a supporter of Carden Charter School shared a brief history of Carden School. She also described the definition of a new charter school. She indicated that Carden Charter School would be established as a new public charter school and not a conversion. Ms. Evans shared that Carden Academy closed in June 2006. The charter school would be located in a new facility with new students and be a new entity.

Mr. Barry Walker, a representative and supporter of the new Carden Charter School shared comments on the Written Factual Findings by the Riverside County Office of Education. Mr. Walker shared that the closing of the school and simultaneous filing of the petition supports the fact that this school is not a conversion and addresses both A and B in the findings. With regard to item C, he shared that the curriculum is what guides the idea of this charter school petition. Item D takes a quote from Ms. Haron Orton where it is clear that it was Ms. Orton's idea to bring the Carden curriculum to the public sector. It was not to make the private school a public school. He noted that item E states that Ms. Haron Orton is the petitioner, which is incorrect. The petitioner is actually the new non-profit public benefit corporation of which she is a member, but not a sole-member. Item F indicates that a number of the individuals listed are former employees and parents, which is true. They are familiar with the curriculum; therefore support the curriculum and the charter. They do not feel that fact supports the findings of a conversion. He stated that they have provided all of the information to the county and district level that is necessary to make a finding with regards to a conversion.

They were asked to provide financial documents with regard to the Temecula Carden Academy. Their response to this request was that the Temecula Carden Academy no longer has expenditures – since its closure in June 2006. The Temecula Carden Academy has not devoted any funds towards this venture. Funds that will be used for this venture are included in the charter petition. He stated that all of the information that the board needs to make a decision on the charter is contained in the charter petition.

With regard to the list of potential students, they have calculated that 10% of the parents who have signed the petition came from the former Carden Academy. There is no guarantee they will attend. They were asked to provide a list of staff. They do not have a list but do have two administrators that were teachers at the Temecula Carden Academy who will be involved in the administration. A new teaching staff will be selected.

Item I references an active phone number attached to the Temecula Carden Academy. They do not feel that this reference supports the idea of a conversion since that school has been closed since June 2006. The telephone number allows schools to obtain information and

records regarding former students of the school and to inform those interested in a charter school that offers the Carden curriculum.

The founding group has expressed a willingness to work with both the Lake Elsinore Unified School District and the Riverside County Office of Education in an effort to form this charter school.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda for the November 8, 2006, Riverside County Board of Education meeting be approved.

7 Ayes
Motion adopted.

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

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

That the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

7 Ayes
Motion adopted.

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, October 11, 2006.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 11-06, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

8. Acceptance of Donations

- a. Donation from Altura Credit Union for assistance with Riverside County Office of Education sponsored events (including Celebrating Educators and Employee Recognition) for period of January through June 2006. Total amount: \$5,000.

HEARINGS

1. **CLOSED SESSION: Expulsion Appeal #100606E** – Continued to the December 13, 2006, meeting of the County Board of Education.

ACTION

1. **Carden Charter Schools, Inc. Petition**

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education regarding the Carden School Charter Petition is to adopt staff's Written Factual Findings, and to uphold the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Elsinore Unified school District and thereby deny the appeal petition filed by Carden Charter Schools, Inc.

7 Ayes
Motion adopted.

2. **Approval of Written Decision Regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #090406E**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #090406E before the County Board of Education on October 11, 2006.

6 Ayes – Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, and Mediano
1 No – Member Kroonen
Motion adopted

3. **Approval of Written Decision Regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #090506E**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #090506E before the County Board of Education on October 11, 2006.

6 Ayes – Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, and Mediano
1 No – Member Kroonen
Motion adopted

4. **Resolution No. 10-06, Resolution and Order Transferring Territory from Beaumont Unified School District to Banning Unified School District**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 10-06, ordering the transfer of territory from Beaumont Unified School District to Banning Unified School District.

7Ayes

Motion adopted.

5. **Resolution No. 11-06, Resolution and Order Transferring Territory from Riverside Unified School District to Alvord Unified School District**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 11-06, ordering the transfer of territory from Riverside Unified School District to Alvord Unified School District.

7Ayes

Motion Adopted.

6. **Resolution No. 12-06, Resolution and Order Transferring Territories between Menifee Union School District/Perris Union High School District and Lake Elsinore Unified School District.**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 12-06, ordering the transfer of territories between Menifee Union School District/Perris Union High School District and Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

7Ayes

Motion adopted.

7. **Unique Projects Grant**

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

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

7Ayes

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **First Reading of Board Policies as presented under separate cover:**

The following board policies were presented and reviewed.

- a. Series 0000 – Philosophy, Goals/Objectives, Comprehensive Plans
(0410.3, 0420.4, 0420.41, 0430)
- b. Series 1000 – Community Relations
(1312, 1321, 1400, 1431)
- c. Series 3000 – Business, General Support
(3516.1, 3517.2, 3541.2, 3554, 3580)
- d. Series 4000 – Personnel
(4020, 4030, 4111, 4112.2, 4119.11, 4119.23)
- e. Series 5000 – Students
(5123, 5125.1, 5131, 5131.7, 5141.21, 5141.4, 5145.3)
- f. Series 6000 – Instruction
(6159.3, 6161, 6161.2, 6111, 6141.2, 6142.1, 6146.1, 6300)
- g. Series 7000 – Facilities
(7150, 7160)
- h. Series 8000 – Bylaws
(9011, 9223, 9224, 9250, 9260, 9320)

2. **Fiscal Report**

The budget transfers and adjustments for October 2006 were reviewed.

3. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Kenn Young provided a written legislative update from Mr. Scott Hill of the Riverside County Schools Advocacy Association and the latest 2006 California election results.

Member Craig commented on the possibility of sharing the legislative update with members of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE). Dr. Long suggested CCBE members contact their county superintendent for updates.

4. **Facility Update**

Mr. Kenn Young reviewed a written facility update. The Arlington Regional Learning Center is complete. An Open House is scheduled for December 5, 2006.

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

No issues were presented.

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

Member Kroonen shared information on an article that appeared in the Desert Sun regarding a grant funding the Migrant Education program.

Member Knight shared that Lake Elsinore High School won the Ninth Annual Constitution Quiz. He participated as Quiz Master.

Member Craig shared information regarding her recent visit to Imperial County on October 23, 2006, where she attended the Imperial County Board of Education. She also noted that she attended the Regional Occupational Program dinner where students shared their success stories. Member Craig updated the Board on her recent CCBE meetings. She also shared that she had the privilege of attending a Riverside Unified School District Board meeting, where a new school was named after Maxine Frost.

Member Conyers shared that she will be participate in a California School Boards Association workshop along with Eileen Colapinto on Thursday, October 30, 2006 in San Francisco.

Member Gibbel shared that she attended the Riverside County School Boards Association meeting on October 30, 2006 at the Mission Inn.

Member Mediano congratulated staff involved in the Education Summit on a job well done. He also shared information on a football game tomorrow against two long time rivals; Banning and Beaumont.

Dr. Long shared that he attended the Riverside County Anti-Stigma Conference with over 1,000 students in attendance. He also shared information on Operation Recognition, which is a program run by the Department of Veteran Affairs, which honors servicemen and women who have not received a diploma. Dr. Long also mentioned that he has been working with Bob Burt on suicide prevention and recently visited Cedar Sinai Hospital where they run the Teen Line program. He will provide additional information regarding these programs at the next board meeting.

Calendar of Events:

November 30-December 2, 2006 – CSBA Annual Conference - San Francisco
April 14-17, 2007 – NSBA Annual Conference - San Francisco

Break: 10:40 am – 10:45 am

Adjournment: 11:15 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., **Wednesday, December 13, 2006**, Riverside County Office of Education – 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio, CA.

President

Secretary