

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 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 Vice President Conyers at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, February 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

Mr. Gerald P. Colapinto, President, Corona (absent)
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

Undersheriff Neil Lingle, Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Lt. Doug McGrew, Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Mr. Jack Clark, Attorney, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Mr. Clifford D. Weiler, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Ms. Melissa R. Cushman, Attorney, Best Best and Krieger
Mr. David Gordon, Coordinator, Desert Sands Unified School District

d. Staff Members

Mr. Antonio Arredondo, Mrs. Cami Berry, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Ms. Betty Folsom, Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Dr. Mike Jones, Lt. Doug McGrew, Mr. Rick Peoples and Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager.

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. Public Hearing

The Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (SDO) requested that the Riverside County Board of Education request a waiver from the California Department of Education of the 120 day time limit in Education Code Section 35706 for a proposed transfer of property between the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District in San Bernardino County and the Beaumont Unified School District in Riverside County in order to conduct a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study. Any person wishing to speak to this item was given the opportunity to do so.

There were no requests to address the Board.

6. Approval of Agenda

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

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

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano

Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Items 6-7 were enacted with a single motion.

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

That the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano
Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education,
January 10, 2007.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 2-07, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County
Superintendent of Schools.

HEARINGS

1. **CLOSED SESSION: Expulsion Appeal Hearing #020107E**

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education regarding Expulsion Appeal
Hearing #020107E is to affirm the decision of the Desert Sands Unified School District
Governing Board.

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano
Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **Expulsion Appeal #020207E** – Continued to the March 14, 2007, meeting of the County
Board of Education

ACTION

1. **Resolution No. 01-07 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease and Facilities Lease and Other Acts Relating to the Construction of the Murrieta Regional Learning Center.**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves and adopts Resolution No. 01-07 authorizing the execution and delivery of a site lease and facilities lease and other acts relating to the construction of the Murrieta Regional Learning Center.

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano

Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **Resolution No. 02-07 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease and Facilities Lease and Others Acts Relating to the Construction of Administrative Office Building Project, Riverside County Office of Education – Murrieta.**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves and adopts Resolution No. 02-07 authorizing the execution and delivery of a site lease and facilities lease and other acts relating to the construction of the administrative office building projects (Riverside County Office of Education – Murrieta).

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano

Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

3. **Request for Waiver from the California Department of Education**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves to request a waiver from the California Department of Education of the 120 day time limit in Education Code Section 35706 for a proposed transfer of property between the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District in San Bernardino County and the Beaumont Unified School District in Riverside County in order to conduct a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study.

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano
Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

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

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

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

- a. Series 0000 - Philosophy, Goals/Objectives, Comprehensive Plans
 - (0410.3, 0420.0, 0420.41, 0430)
- b. Series 1000 - Community Relations
 - (1312, 1421, 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, 5141.1, 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 9000 – Bylaws
 - (9011, 9223, 9224, 9250, 9260, 9320)

6 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, and Mediano
Absent: President Colapinto

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **“Challenges Facing Law Enforcement in the Education Community”**

Undersheriff Neil Lingle and Lt. Doug McGrew of the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department presented on the variety of challenges facing law enforcement in the education community.

2. **Eagles Peak Charter School Update**

Mr. Jack Clarke, Attorney with the firm of Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo, introduced Ms. Kathleen Hermsmeyer and Ms. Linda Parks of Eagles Peak Inland Empire. Ms. Linda Parks shared that the first line of the charter states that the charter was granted to Eagles Peak Inland Empire. The Memorandum of Understanding that the Riverside County Office of Education Entered into is between RCOE and Inland Empire. The MOU also references Eagles Peak. Ms. Parks stated that the language contained in the Memorandum of Understanding is unclear and requested permission to clarify it and submit to Mr. Jack Clarke. The settlement between Eagles Peak and Eagles Peak Inland Empire division is progressing. Eagles Peak Inland Empire was recently granted an \$800,000 Tech Prep grant for their aviation program. Ms. Parks also stated that student enrollment at Eagles Peak Inland Empire has reached over 300 students and noted that staff are fully funded by Eagles Peak Inland Empire. Mr. Clarke shared that RCOE will be conducting an audit of Eagles Peak Inland Empire in 4-6 weeks.

Member Craig asked the status of the Eagles Peak Inland Empire’s membership with SELPA. Mr. Clarke stated that a decision will be made at the SELPA Governance meeting on February 23, 2007. Member Craig asked if Eagles Peak Inland Empire has a Board of Education. Ms. Hermsmeyer stated that they have an advisory committee and a seven member Board of Directors.

3. **Charter School Process Review**

Mr. Kenn Young shared information from the California Department of Education website on the charter school appeal process. There were three points from CDE that were highlighted regarding the charter school appeals process that staff recommends we take into consideration when reviewing petitions brought before the RCOE Board of Education on appeal. (1) Local district approval of charter schools is generally preferred by the State Board of Education to the appeal process (either at the county or state level). (2) Instead of initiating the appeal process to the County Board, the State Board of Education prefers that a charter petitioner revise its charter to address the district’s concerns and resubmit it for local approval. If the time frame has elapsed, it should be resubmitted to the local district as a new charter. (3) When a charter school appeal goes to the State Board of Education, the

petitioners must submit their petition to CDE exactly as it was submitted to the district. They cannot modify the petition in an attempt to address the concerns of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Young recommended that we direct petitioners back to the district level to resolve any issues and that we review our current practices and policies and develop recommendations that would be aligned with the California Department of Education practices. These recommendations would be brought to the Board for first and second readings.

Member Craig requested quarterly updates of charter school petitions and schools throughout Riverside County.

4. **Fiscal Report**

The budget transfers and adjustments for January 2007 were reviewed.

5. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Kenn Young provided and reviewed a written legislative update.

6. **Facility Update**

A written facility projects update was reviewed.

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

Mr. Rollin Edmunds reviewed the following Board policies:

Series 6000 – Instruction

- (6020 – Parent Involvement)
- (6171 – Title 1 Programs)

Series 9270 – Bylaws

- (9270 – Conflict of Interest Code)

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

Member Kroonen requested information on an electronic service that could assist with future Board meetings. Member Conyers shared that she is scheduled to view a presentation on this type of service on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Member Kroonen also shared that he would like Board representation (as a whole) at events such as dedications, ground-breakings, etc. Member Gibbel suggested that this item be discussed at the next Board planning session.

Member Craig requested quarterly William's reports.

9. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Kroonen and Knight shared that they attended and enjoyed the Riverside County School Board's Association General meeting in Indian Wells.

Member Knight also shared that he recently attended Board meetings in Temecula and Murrieta. He also attended the opening of the Temecula Library. He is looking forward to upcoming events.

Member Craig shared a written report to the Board regarding her trip to Sacramento for the CCBE Joint Legislative meeting with CSBA and the Federal Relations Conference in Washington, D.C. Member Craig also shared that she was appointed First Vice President for the Riverside County School Boards Association to fill the space left vacant by Tracey Vackar. Member Craig requested that a resolution for increased funding for special education be added to next County Board of Education meeting agenda for approval. Member Craig noted that the Youth Summit is being planned and asked Dr. Long if the in-kind support by the county office would continue. Dr. Long confirmed that in-kind support would continue.

Member Gibbel shared that she attended the Academic Awards Ceremony in Hemet and also participated in the Academic Decathlon awards ceremony where Hemet High celebrated their ninth consecutive win.

Dr. Long extended an invitation to all to attend the 8th Annual Education Briefing to be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am. Dr. Long also shared that he will be attending the Safe and Drug Free Schools meeting in Washington, D.C. next week.

Calendar of Events:

March 22-25, 2007, CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Annual Spring Conference, Palm Springs
April 14-17, 2007 – NSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco

Adjournment: 12:22 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2007, Riverside County Office of Education - Indio, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio.

President

Secretary