

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

February 11, 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 Knight at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Colapinto led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members present were:

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

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. 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 Kroonen and seconded by Member Colapinto that the agenda be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano.

Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, January 21, 2009.

7. PERSONNEL SERVICES

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 02-09 (Temporary County Certificates) as presented.

8. DONATIONS

- Donation of 2 vehicles to CTE's Jim Logsdon's Auto Technology Program at Nueva Vista High School valued at a total of \$2,000.
 - 1996 Dodge Caravan, Lic# 3PDG764, VIN# 2B4GP4532TR644756, value \$1,000.00
 - 1997 Ford Contour, Lic# TXK811, VIN# 1FALP653XUK166722, value \$1,000.00

ACTION ITEMS

1. ACTION ITEM #1 – CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION FOR FUNDING CATEGORICAL AID PROGRAMS FOR 2008-09.

The Consolidated Application provides state and federal funding for Alternative Education and Special Education programs operated by the Riverside County Office of Education. These include Cal-SAFE, Foster and Delinquent, Teacher Training, and services to English Language Learners.

Item was tabled.

2. ACTION ITEM #2 – MATH AND LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK PURCHASE AND ADOPTION WAIVER

The county office requested a waiver to postpone adoption of the Math and Language Arts textbooks which, pursuant to the 24-month rule established in Education Code 60422(a), would otherwise be required to be purchased by the county office no later than the start of the 2009-2010 academic year. The county office requested a waiver to allow a one-year delay in the deadline for an alternate purchase date of no later than the start of the 2010-2011 academic year.

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano that the Math and Language Arts Text purchase and Adoption Waiver be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

3. ACTION ITEM #3 – RESOLUTION NO. 15-09 - BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION PLAN (HUGHES BILL) MANDATED COST CLAIM SETTLEMENT WAIVER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Behavioral Intervention Plans [Hughes Bill] Mandated Cost Claim Settlement settles the test claim CSM-4464 initiated by San Diego Unified School District, Butte County Office of Education and San Joaquin County Office of Education and the related Sacramento Superior Court case, case No. 03CS01432, regarding reimbursement for costs associated with behavioral intervention plans required by the Hughes Bill statute and regulations under state law. If approved, it ends a fourteen year dispute with the State of California regarding funding for state behavioral intervention plan requirements that are in excess of federal law. The settlement provides \$520 million in reimbursement for past costs associated with behavioral intervention plans and \$65 million annually for ongoing costs. The Legislature's obligation to fund the settlement is contingent on 85% of all districts, county offices of

education and special education local plan areas constituting 92% of statewide ADA waiving their rights to file additional mandated cost claims on the current Hughes Bill statute and regulations.

In the resolution, the Board was requested to: (1) approve the settlement which would bring the Riverside County Office of Education approximately \$58,474, per December 2007 county special education pupil count in 2009-10 and not less than \$5,000; (2) agree to waive its ability to file future mandated cost claims on the Hughes Bill statute and regulations as currently worded; and (3) direct the District's authorized representative to sign the Waiver to implement this action.

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Conyers that Resolution No. 15-09 be approved as presented.

7 ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen, Mediano
Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. District and School Success Center Presentation –
Mike Barney, Director, District and School Success Center, gave a thorough presentation on the various programs and services provided by the DSSC.
2. First Reading of Board Policies –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, briefly reviewed the following board policies for a first reading:

BP 5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment	BP 6115	Ceremonies and Observances
BP 3554	Bus Conduct	BP 6162.51	Standardized Testing and Reporting
BP 5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments		
3. Fiscal Update –
Teresa Hyden, Director II, Business Services reviewed the fiscal update as of January, 2009.
4. Legislative Update –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, reviewed Sandy Silberstein's legislative update noting that the State of California is still operating without a budget.
5. Facility Update –
Dr. Paul Andersen, Director II, Facilities reviewed the current and future facility projects. Member Gibbel requested that the Facility Reports include a column stating where the funding comes from for each project. In light of the current budget situation, she and other members of the board need more information about where funding comes from and how long the funds have been allocated for the project when replying to inquiries from their constituents. Members Craig, Colapinto and President Knight agreed. Dr. Andersen acknowledged their request and said he would make that change to future reports.
6. Board Expenses –
Dr. Knight said he's independently polled other district board members about how they're dealing with making cuts to their board expenses and he feels our board also has areas it can afford to cut. He suggested the areas where this board can reduce expenses are: conferences, travel time, food at meetings and memberships. He recommended the board form a Board Expense Subcommittee to review areas that can be reduced.

Member Colapinto feels that this type of discussion isn't necessary unless there's reason to believe the board budget is being abused. With the checks and balance safeguards RCOE has in place, abuse isn't likely to happen.

Member Craig said that she feels it's the duty of the superintendent and the board to represent the county at certain conferences and events and that travel is and will still continue to be required. She's concerned that a lack of representation by RCOE at significant events would be a detriment to the hard work that RCOE has put into being a role model COE at the forefront of many statewide programs.

Member Kroonen agreed with the comments made by his peers and feels that this item is something that should have been mentioned as a future item at last month's meeting. He suggested we continue to use the implemented form to present future items of discussion and give the entire board an opportunity to prepare.

Member Gibbel said she agrees with President Knight that the board should be sensitive to this issue right now and agrees with some of the comments made. She will volunteer to be on a subcommittee to review the budget, if the Board agrees to form one. She noted that the Board has had some subcommittees in the past that didn't necessarily result in relevant or useful conclusions.

There was a general consensus by the group that this issue be dropped and that business continues as usual.

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

1) Member Craig asked that the Board have a future planning session to update and revise the Board of Education's vision and mission and to re-evaluate its overall purpose.

2) Member Kroonen reminded the board that he requested that Mr. Terry Green be invited to make a 10-15 minute presentation at the March board meeting. President Knight asked Sandra to follow up on it.

8. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Gibbel said she attended the first annual State of Education in Moreno Valley and that it was a well attended event. She was pleased to meet Superintendent Young's two sons at the event and she's sure they're both proud of their father. She noted that the teleprompting needs to be worked on, but that, overall, it was a great event.

Member Conyers also attended the first annual State of Education in Moreno Valley. She said it was very well attended. She heard good comments, successful outcomes and the program had good focus. She was happy and proud to be there.

Member Craig said she's been at a few events where the topic of Foster Youth has come up, RCSBA's recent event highlighted foster youth and our board meeting last month included a presentation by Mr. Daniels. She noted that it could be a program that gets more attention in the future.

From Member Craig's written report –

-Member Craig was pleased to attend the State of Education Luncheon and Academic Decathlon. The Academic Decathlon highlighted a gentleman who gave a speech on Foster Youth. The Foster Youth subject has come up at a few events and maybe the tide is changing and reform in the Foster Youth program may have more attention

- CCBE decided to postpone their Spring Conference to the fall. They will hold it in September, in Monterey, at the Monterey Hyatt. Diane Feinstein might be able to speak and the chair of CCBE's planning committee has already lined up sponsorships to help defray the cost of the event. CCBE is working with CSBA at improving the choices of workshops at the annual conference and CCBE is recommending workshops related to boardmanship training, governmental relations issues and some policy workshops for new COE board members.

-CSBA is holding a very important 2-hour web cast on February 12 at 6pm. It will be presented by CSBA, CCSESA, School Services of CA and FCMAT and will cover important policy and budget considerations that school district leadership teams will face in the weeks and months to come.

-CSBA will announce this week that it has initiated a lawsuit against the State of California on behalf of the students and parents in a TBD school district. The lawsuit will state the funding needs to meet the cost of providing an education to students to meet California Academic Standards.

-CSBA and CCBE have decided to not raise their dues for 2009.

-This year, the Federal Relations Conference was comprised of new groups. Board members from nine county offices attended. Twenty three representatives from California reviewed the Economic Stimulus package as it was written at that time and went to legislators to get it funded. Member Craig gave Congressmen Calvert and Lewis specific needs in Riverside County as a county board member and a CSBA member representing all the children in the state.

Superintendent Young shared that over three hundred thousand copies of the 2009 Report to the Community have been distributed in newspapers throughout Riverside County. He gave his compliments to Rick Peoples on a job well done. He reminded everyone that student events are starting and invited everyone to participate in as many as their calendar allows.

President Knight has been ill this month and hasn't been out. He is proud of this year's Report to the Community and looks forward to next month's meeting in Indio.

Open Session adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
Break from 10:45 a.m. to 10:52 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session opened at 10:52 a.m.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
 - A. Property: 47-110 Calhoun Street, Indio, CA
Agency Negotiators: Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Negotiating Party: State of California
Under Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Purchase

Closed Session adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 10:55 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Riverside County Office of Education – 47-336 Oasis St. – ROOMS 17A/B, Indio, CA

RCOE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Riverside
February 28, 2009 – Mock Trial Awards Ceremony – Riverside Convention Center
March 4, 2009 – 6 p.m. Superintendent's Academic Awards Banquet - UCR
March 7, 2009 – Mock Trial Final Round Awards Ceremony – Riverside Historic Courthouse
March 11, 2009 – 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Indio
March 11, 2009 – Spelling Bee – Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center
March 21, 2009 – History Day Awards Ceremony – Corona High School
April 8, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting - Riverside
April 15, 2009 – RIMS Inland Science and Engineering Fair – National Orange Show
May 13, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Murrieta
June 10, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
July 8, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting – Riverside
August 19, 2009 - 5 p.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
September 9, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
October 14, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
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

OTHER EVENTS:

April 4-7, 2009 – NSBA 69th Annual Conference, San Diego
December 3-5, 2009 – CSBA Annual Education Conference, San Diego

PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS

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