

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 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 9:07 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Member Gibbel.

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

Mr. Jack Clarke, Attorney, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

d. Staff Members

Dr. Paul Andersen, Dr. Celia Ayala, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Mrs. Maria DeHaro, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, , Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Dr. Mike Jones, Mr. Rick Peoples, Dr. Sandra Schnack, Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager and 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.

There were no requests to address the Board.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda for the March 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 Craig 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, February 14, 2007.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 3-07, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

HEARINGS

1. **Expulsion Appeal #020207E** – Continued to the April 11, 2007, meeting of the County Board of Education.

ACTION

1. **Approval of Written Decision Regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #020107E**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal hearing #020107E before the County Board of Education on February 14, 2007.

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

Motion adopted.

2. **Resolution No. 03-07 – Independent Audit Firm Selection**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves the selection of Nigro, Nigro and White as the audit firm that will provide the required financial review for the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, the Joint Educational Transit program, and the Riverside County Board of Education Service Center Building Corporation for the years ending June 30, 2007, June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

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

Motion adopted.

Second Reading of Board Policies and Approval

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

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

Series 6000 – Instruction

- (6020 – Parent Involvement)

- (6171 – Title 1 Programs)
Series 9000 –Bylaws
- (9270 – Conflict of Interest Code)

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

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Charter School Update

Mr. Rollin Edmunds provided and reviewed the written Charter School Update. The Board thanked staff for their efforts in compiling the report. Member Conyers noted that it would be helpful to add the date of revocation on the report where appropriate.

Member Kroonen shared that the Washington Charter School had been recently rebuilt and suggested the Board visit the school in December or next March.

Mr. Jack Clarke shared that the firm of Nigro, Nigro and White will audit Eagles Peak Inland Empire and will have the results of the audit next month. Mr. Clarke also shared that the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) approved the membership of Eagles Peak Inland Empire.

2. Fiscal Report

Ms. Teresa Hyden provided and reviewed the budget transfers and adjustments for February 2007.

3. Second Interim Report

Ms. Teresa Hyden provided and reviewed the Second Interim Report and reported that the budget is in good standing.

4. Legislative Update

Mr. Kenn Young provided and reviewed a written legislative update from Mr. Scott Hill of the Riverside County Schools Advocacy Association.

5. Facility Update

Dr. Paul Andersen provided and reviewed a written facility projects update. Member Kroonen asked what the purpose was of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Dr. Anderson

shared that it is an initial study that indicates the impact a project will have on the environment. Member Gibbel asked what the impact on schools would be in regards to the gas emission requirements of the Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Mr. Young stated that new school buses are now required to use natural gas instead of diesel and could possibly impact heating and air conditioning.

6. First Reading of Board Policies and Bylaws

Mr. Rollin Edmunds reviewed the following Board policies:

Series 0000 – Philosophy/Goals/Objectives & Comprehensive Plans

- (0420.4 – Charter Schools)

Series 1000 – Community Relations

- (1240 – Volunteer Assistance)
- (1312.3 – Community Relations)

Series 3000 – Business and General Support Services

- (3300 - Expending Authority - *New*)
- (3311 – Bids)
- (3516.5 – Earthquake Procedures - *New*)
- (3550 – Food Services - *New*)

Series 4000 – Personnel

- (4112.24 – NCLB Qualifications - *New*)
- (4112.42 – Bus Driver Drug Testing- *New*)
- (4119.1 – Civil and Legal Rights)

Series 5000 – Students

- (5022 – Student/Family Privacy- *New*)
- (5118 – Transfers/Withdrawals)

Series 6000 – Instruction

- (6173 – Homeless)

Series 9000 –Bylaws

- (9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement, and other Benefits - *Revised*)

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

- Member Conyers shared information on a recent review/simulation by representatives of the Electronic School Board on Monday, March 12, 2007. Those in attendance at the presentation included Mrs. Monica Martinez and Mr. Richard D’Souza. The program will be reviewed further and a recommendation will be provided in the near future. In the interim, an electronic version of the Board packets will be emailed to Board Members. Member Craig suggested that this topic be discussed at the next Board Planning Session.

- Member Gibbel shared that she enjoyed the visit to Desert Mirage High School and would be interested in visiting another facility. Member Kroonen shared that he would look into possible site visits in the Coachella Valley. Member Conyers suggested that a subcommittee be formed to recommend these visits.

9. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

- Member Craig shared that her son recently returned from ~~Kirkistan~~ Kyrgyzstan and also shared that her first grandchild was recently born. Member Craig noted that she joined Dr. Celia Ayala and Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager at Central Middle School and read to students for Dr. Seuss Day. Member Craig also attended a recognition event at Alvord High School where four schools received the AVID Award. Member Craig was disappointed to hear that Dr. Celia Ayala would no longer be with us, but appreciated and thanked her for all her good work.
- Member Knight shared that the highlight of the month was the Education Briefing by Dr. David Long. Member Knight thanked Mr. Rick Peoples for the great job on the Riverside County Office of Education Annual Report to the Community. Member Knight also noted that he chaired the Freedom Foundation's Annual Awards Banquet.
- Member Kroonen shared that he is looking forward to additional information on the Electronic School Board.
- Dr. David Long shared that he received information yesterday on a subpoena for a deposition on March 30, 2007; Kennedy Rucker is being sued by two employees. Dr. Long shared that the Education Briefing held on March 7, 2007 was very well received with over 240 in attendance. Due to increased attendance, the Workforce Development Center and Riverside Chamber of Commerce will host the event next year. Dr. Long also shared that he will be attending the Superintendent's Academic Awards Dinner this evening. One hundred fifteen students will be honored and a fifteen member All-County Team will also be named. Dr. Long noted that there are now over 61 veterans who will be honored during the Operation Recognition ceremony to be held Wednesday, May 16, 2007. Dr. Long also shared that his 13th grandchild is on the way.

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: 10:56 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2007, Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside.

President

Secretary