

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

March 11, 2009

9:00 a.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio, 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 9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Mediano 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 Conyers 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 Colapinto and seconded by Member Mediano 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, February 11, 2009.

7. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 03-09 (Temporary County Certificates) as presented.

RECOGNITION

1. **CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROVIDER RECOGNITION-**

Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss, Assistant Superintendent, Children and Family Services Division presented Saida Mesa with a congratulatory plaque, commending her for recently being awarded a National Accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care. RCOE is very proud of Saida for this huge accomplishment.

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.

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Conyers that the Riverside County Board of Education approve the consolidated application for funding categorical aid programs for 2008-2009, Part I and II.

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

2. **ACTION ITEM #2 – JUNE BOARD MEETING**

The county office requested that the Board consider a change to the June meeting calendar. It was requested that the Board meeting date be changed to June 24, 2009 or that a special meeting be added in late June to approve the 2009-2010 budget.

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Mediano that the Board hold its regular meeting on June 10, 2009 and that a Special Meeting be added on June 24, 2009 at 9 a.m.. The meeting will be held in Riverside in the Board Room.

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

3. **ACTION ITEM #3 – SECOND INTERIM REPORT**

The Business Services staff prepared the Second Interim Financial Report for the Riverside County Office of Education and recommended a positive certification of the county's financial status as of January 31, 2009. Based on current projections, the Riverside County Office of Education will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen that the Second Interim Report be approved as presented.

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

4. **ACTION ITEM #4 – SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES**

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		

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Mediano that the aforementioned Board Policies be approved as presented.

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

5. **ACTION ITEM #5 – AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-09, SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (SERP)**

The Riverside County Office of Education has offered to eligible employees in all employee groups (Certificated, Certificated Head Start, Certificated Management & Supervisory, Confidential, Classified Supervisory, and Classified) the opportunity to receive a Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) for those employees resigning or retiring by August 15, 2009. At its January 21, 2009 meeting, the Board of Education approved Resolution 14-09 which authorized administration to offer a Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP), if it was cost-effective to do so.

Since there were only 23 employees who indicated interest, RCOE administration recommended that Resolution 14-09 be amended to extend the "window period" to enroll and to lower the eligibility criterion for the length of service from ten (10) years to one (1) year to attract more participants. All other provisions of the SERP shall remain the same.

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen that the amended Resolution No. 14-09, Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) be approved as presented.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Pathways to Success Presentation –

Dr. Bill Kroonen, Trustee Area 6, introduced a presentation by Mr. Terry Green and Mr. Ernie Rios of the College Access Foundation. They presented the "Pathways to Success" Program which provides low income and under reached students in the Coachella Valley access to one million dollars in college scholarships. The "Pathways to Success" program is an excellent program that aligns with RCOE's mission, vision and core values. Superintendent Young committed to working closely with them in future promotions of the program.

Break 10:25 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.

2. Migrant Head Start Presentation –

Jose E. Martinez, Director II, gave a current overview of the Migrant Head Start program. The program continues to serve the growing migrant families in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys and will expand into a facility in Thermal this year. RCOE is proud of the hard work of Mr. Martinez and his staff and looks forward to the inauguration of the Thermal facility in October of this year.

3. End of Year Ceremonies –

Mike Sepulveda, Assistant Superintendent, Student Programs & Services, reviewed the 2009 End of Year ceremonies.

4. First Reading of Board Bylaws –

Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, briefly reviewed the following board policies or a first reading:

BB 9310	Board Policies	BB 9313	Administrative Regulations
BB 9311	Board Policies	BB 9314	Board Policies
BB 9312	Board Policies		

5. Fiscal Update –
Teresa Hyden, Director II, Business Services, briefly reviewed the fiscal update as of February, 2009.
6. Facility Update –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the current and future facility projects.
7. Legislative Update –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, reviewed Sandy Silberstein's legislative update.
8. State Budget Update and Impact –
Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the new budget and the possible affects it will have on RCOE. He shared that there are still many unknowns and reminded everyone that this is still a constantly changing financial climate. The May revision will probably bring more bad news and there is a still lot of work to be done before June. Stay tuned.
9. Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings
President Knight shared that he's making plans for the May planning session and that he will share more information in April.
10. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments
Member Gibbel said she enjoyed the latest ELS Division newsletter. She shared that she regularly attends the Perris Chamber's "Wake up Perris" meetings on Friday mornings and that Kenn recently gave a speech at one of the meetings. She said this was the best speech she's heard him give and that it related well to the entire county, not just Perris.

Member Kroonen said it's unfortunate we're in a dismal budget situation and he wonders why a citizen would vote for some of the current propositions.

Member Craig congratulated the team at RCOE who selected San Buenrostro as Principal of the Year; good selection. She inquired about why Senator Tom Torlakson recently made a visit to our Arlington Regional Learning Center campus. Deputy Superintendent Paul Jessup, informed her that he wanted to see a site with multiple programs. He is also running for State Superintendent of Schools so it could have been a political visit. Member Craig also congratulated Poly High School on their win at Mock Trial, said it was a well attended event.

Member Craig reminded everyone that NSBA's Annual Conference is coming up as well as the deadline for CSBA's annual conference request for proposals.

Member Colapinto thanked everyone for their calls, cards and prayers after the recent passing of his father.

President Knight has begun making plans for the Board Planning Session on May 13, 2009. He has secured a conference room and lunch with the students of the culinary program at Lakeside High School. More information will be shared at the April meeting.

From President Knight's written report –

President Knight was impressed with the ELS newsletter, said he's read and heard that the team has influenced California's educational community beyond Riverside County. He's visited several schools in his area lately and despite anxiety over possible layoffs, most are carrying out their duties with professionalism. He shared an article about cross cultural classrooms with the other members and warned them that they might see the Ronald Reagan Elementary School Charter petitioners again later this year – same proponents, new wrinkles. He toured the new Murrieta Mesa High School site and it will open in August.

Superintendent Young informed everyone that he is the Chair for the 2009 March of Dimes March for Babies and that RCOE will begin raising funds for the April 25, 2009 fundraising walk.

**Open Session adjourned at 12 noon.
Break from 12 noon to 12:05 p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session opened at 12:05 p.m.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
 - A. Property: 3960 11th Street, Riverside, CA
Agency Negotiators: Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Negotiating Party: Glen Williams and Lawrence Bynum
Under Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Purchase
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
 - B. 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

12:16 p.m. Closed Session adjourned to a tour of 47-110 Calhoun Street, Indio, CA.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 12:16 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

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RCOE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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 – 5:30 p.m. RIMS Inland Science and Engineering Fair – National Orange Show Grounds

May 7, 2009 – 7 p.m. – RIMS AVID Senior Recognition - UCR

May 13, 2009 - 9 a.m. Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Murrieta

May 19, 2009 – 11:30 a.m. Celebrating Educators - Riverside

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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