

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2008

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order by the President

President Conyers called the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 47-336 Oasis St., Indio.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Member Mediano led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. Attendance

a. County Board of Education Members

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

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.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda for the March 12, 2008, Riverside County Board of Education meeting be approved as is.

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

Motion adopted.

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

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, February 13, 2008.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 03-08, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

8. Acceptance of Donations

- \$5,000 from HKA to be used by the Educational leadership Services division for the Superintendent's Executive Leadership Center Symposium which was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Indian Wells, CA March 6-7, 2008.
- \$322.00 from The Community Foundation to be used by the Alternative/Correctional Education Teachers to provide supplies used in teaching arts.

HEARINGS

1. OPEN SESSION: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (Thomas)

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education in the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing of Kenneth Thomas III be to grant the Interdistrict Attendance transfer from the Menifee Union School District to the Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

3 Ayes: Members Conyers, Kroonen, and Mediano

3 Nays: Members Craig, Gibbel, and Knight

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion failed.

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education in the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing of Kenneth Thomas III be delayed to be considered at the next Regular Board Meeting on April 9, 2008.

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

HEARINGS, continued

2. CLOSED SESSION: EXPULSION APPEAL #031008E

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education in Expulsion Appeal #031008E is to remand the matter to the Governing Board of the Alvord Unified School District for a rehearing and reconsideration before a properly constituted three member panel not including either of the two prior panel members.

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

Motion adopted.

ACTION

1. SECOND INTERIM REPORT

Presented by: Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Director, Business Services, Division of Administration and Business Services

Background information: Positive certification of the financial condition of the Riverside County Office of Education as of January 31, 2008. Based on current projections, Riverside County Office of Education will meet our financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education is to approve the Second Interim Report.

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

Motion adopted.

2. **REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE BECAUSE OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

Presented by: Dr. Sandra Schnack, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Student Programs and Services

Background information: The recent fires and high winds necessitated the closure of many RCOE classes across the county, which would have resulted in a negative impact on funding. This is a request for the California Department of Education to approve a waiver, which will prevent a loss of funding due to the fires and high winds. This waiver is for Alternative Education and Special Education sites; a waiver for CTE sites was approved at the February 13, 2008 meeting of the County Board of Education.

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education is to approve the submission of the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (CDE Form J-13A) to the California Department of Education due to fires and high winds which resulted in school closures.

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

Motion adopted.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 03-08-RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES/YELLOW RIBBON MONTH**

Background information: 7th Annual tribute to the Armed Forces. The Norco Chamber of Commerce requested that all national, state, county, and city representatives proclaim the month of May “Armed Forces/Yellow Ribbon Month” in order to recognize and pay tribute to America’s heroes, the men and women who defend our great nation.

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

That the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education is to approve and adopt Resolution No. 03-08, acknowledging the month of May as “Armed Forces/Yellow Ribbon Month”.

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

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Migrant Education and Services

Mrs. Maria DeHaro gave a presentation on Migrant Education and Services.

2. Fiscal Update

Mrs. Teresa Hyden reviewed the Fiscal Update.

3. Legislative Update

Mr. Paul Jessup provided a legislative update.

4. Facility Update

Mr. Paul Jessup provided a Power Point presentation with photos of the construction progress of the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center and reviewed a written facility projects update.

5. Division of Student Programs and Services End of Year Ceremonies/Graduations

Dr. Sandra Schnack presented the list of End of Year Ceremonies/Graduations with Board Members attendance noted.

6. First Reading of Board Policies and Bylaws

Mr. Paul Jessup provided Board Policies for information and study.

Series 1000 – Community Relations

1312.2 – Uniform Complaint Procedures

1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools.

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

No issues were addressed.

8. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Craig thanked Dr. Schnack for attending the CCBE Conference with the Board. She also shared information about the conference; said feedback about speakers has been good. At the upcoming CSBA Conference Member Craig will have 2 clinics she'll present, Charter Schools and Teacher Recruitment and Retention. Proposals for workshops are due in early April. Member Craig reported on the Governor's First Academic Recognition Dinner with Dr. David Long.

Member Mediano said the CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Conference was great and provided useful information.

Member Knight represented the Board at the 3rd Annual Superintendent Awards Banquet at the Riverside Convention Center on March 5, 2008. He was pleased to report that only 12 High

Schools in California were honored as model Continuation High Schools and that Ortega High School was included.

Member Knight also reported that the University of Redlands Town and Gown selected President Conyers as a 2008 Woman of Distinction. She was named for the category of "Education and Civic Affairs"; she was selected from more than 40 nominations; Member Knight congratulated her on behalf of the Board.

Member Knight will host a reception for Assemblyman John Benoit on March 20th and will provide more information upon request, he also said he's looking forward to the April 10th California Commission on Teaching Credentials event at RCOE.

Member Knight noted that he received a parent letter protesting the closing of Grant Elementary.

Member Knight congratulated Rick Peoples on the coverage of Operation Recognition; he noted that 36 veterans have been recognized and that more applications are being processed.

Member Kroonen commented that he also received the Grant Elementary letter and that he's asked staff to respond on behalf of the Board.

Member Gibbel mentioned that she attended the CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Conference and noted that PTA was more involved this year and commented on the workshops she enjoyed. Member Gibbel congratulated Member Craig on her presidency at CCBE and thanked her for representing Riverside in her many events.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Government Code Section 54956.8

- A. Real Property Negotiations:
- Riverside – APN# 215-22-006
 - Riverside – APN# 215-22-007
 - Riverside – APN# 215-22-008
 - Riverside – APN# 215-22-010
 - Cathedral City – APN# 670-110-026
 - Perris – APN# 306-130-002
 - Jurupa – APN# 170-140-041
 - Jurupa - APN# 170-140-042

Adjournment 1:02 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Riverside County Office of Education – 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside.

President

Secretary