

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2008

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. **Call to Order by the President**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education was called to order by President Conyers at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Member Knight 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 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, will be heard at this time.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

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

That the Agenda for the April 9, 2008, Riverside County Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.

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.

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

That the Consent agenda items be approved with the following corrections in the Minutes:

- 1) Removal of the last paragraph of the President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments
- 2) Correction at the end of the minutes to reflect the correct "Next Meeting Date as April 9, 2008."

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, April 9, 2008.

7. **Personnel Services**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 04-08 as presented.

8 **Acceptance of Donation**

- \$1,820.00 in medical equipment donated by Dr. William E. Sweet, DPM. Equipment donated to the CTE Medical Assistant/Clinical class at Beaumont Unified School District

HEARINGS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ronald Reagan Charter School**

A public hearing on the Ronald Reagan Charter School charter petition was presented to the Riverside County Board of Education, on appeal, following denial by the Governing Board of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

Pursuant to EC 47605(a) the purpose of the public hearing was to review the provisions of the charter and to consider the level of support for the petition by the teachers, employed by the district, other employees of the district, and parents.

Gary Hanggi and Edie Esquivel presented on behalf of Ronald Reagan Charter School.

Mr. Darrin Watters, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services presented on behalf of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District.

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent of the Riverside County Office of Education, noted that Ronald Reagan Charter School presented their petition to the Riverside County Office of

Education for appeal upon the denial by the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. The exact petition that was provided to Lake Elsinore Unified School District will be considered by the Riverside County Board of Education. Riverside County Office of Education staff will prepare the findings and provide recommendations that will be presented to the County Board of Education at the May 14, 2008 meeting of the County Board of Education.

Mr. Hanggi provided copies to the Board and read from a prepared statement regarding events that occurred prior to the denial of the Ronald Reagan Charter School petition by the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. He also provided copies of letters from Ronald Reagan Elementary School's Leadership team and the school site secretary supporting his case.

Mr. Watters provided a copy of the Financial Review of the Proposed Ronald Reagan Charter School prepared by Mr. Paul Goldfinger, Vice President, and Mr. Lewis Wiley, Jr. Director, Management Consulting Services of School Services of California, Inc. Mr. Watters noted that the report was completed prior to the Governor's budget release and noted that the proposed finances of the school do not reflect the current and future budget reductions in the state.

There were four requests to address the Board by the public.

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER HEARINGS

1. **OPEN SESSION: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (Thomas)**

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

That Kenneth Thomas III be granted an Interdistrict transfer from Menifee Union School District to Lake Elsinore Unified School District for the 2008-09 school year.

2 Ayes: Members Kroonen, and Mediano

4 Nays: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel and Knight

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion not adopted.

2. **OPEN SESSION: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (Vasquez)**

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

That Isacc Vasquez be granted an Interdistrict transfer from Menifee Union School District to Lake Elsinore Unified School District for the 2008-09 school year.

1 Aye: Member Mediano

5 Nays: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Kroonen and Knight

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion not adopted.

ACTION

1. **APPROVAL OF WRITTEN DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING # 031008E**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing # 031008E before the County Board of Education on March 12, 2008.

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES**

Presented by: Mr. Rollin Edmunds

Background information: Second reading of the following Board Policy:

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approves the Board Policy as presented.

Series 1000- Community Relations:

BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Systems Development and Support Services**

Mr. Bill Spires, Director, gave a presentation on the Systems Development and Support Services Department.

2. **Preliminary Budget Presentation**

Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Director, reviewed the 2008-09 Preliminary Budget noting that the Governor's May revision is coming.

3. **Fiscal Update**

Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Director, reviewed the Budget Transfers and Adjustments as of March, 2008.

4. **Legislative Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, provided and reviewed a written Legislative Update from Teri Burns, Director of Legislative Advocacy, School Innovations and Advocacy.

5. **Facility Update**

Dr. Paul Andersen, Director, provided and reviewed a written facility projects update.

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

Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Director, reviewed the following Board Policies:

Series 1000 – Community Relations

BP 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Riverside County Office of Education

BP 1113 – School Web Sites

Series 3000 – Business and Non Instructional Operations

BP 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals

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

No issues were addressed.

8. **President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments**

Member Gibbel shared that she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Menifee campus of Mt. San Jacinto College.

Member Knight attended the PTA Open House at the Lake Elsinore Unified School District where the JROTC presented a flag folding ceremony. Member Knight attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference in Orlando, Florida and noted that he was impressed with the content of former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's presentation. He mentioned that NSBA gave a sampling of three of last year's newspaper articles on the conference and commended a local Canyon Lake reporter from the Friday Flyer, Jeanie Corral, for having one of the three articles that were chosen. Mrs. Corral is also a Board Member at Lake Elsinore.

Member Mediano noted that he also attended and enjoyed the NSBA Conference, especially the presentation by Sidney Poitier.

Member Craig agreed that she also enjoyed the NSBA Conference and will provide a full report at a future meeting. Member Craig reported that, in light of the current budget situation, the CCBE/PTA/CCSESA will not hold their Spring Conference in 2009. Member Craig shared that the CCBE/CSBA lunch conference will take place next month and that the Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) General Meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2008. Member Craig noted that the RCSBA leadership will change soon and that the Executive Board elections will take place at the May 1st General Meeting. Member Craig announced that she's attending a Webinar on preschool and shared that she, regretfully, will not be able to attend the TPP graduation this year and encouraged her colleagues to attend.

Mr. Kenn Young reminded everyone that the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing event will be held April 10-11, 2008 at RCOE. It's one of the rare times that the Commission has left Sacramento. A reception welcoming the Commission will be held the evening of April 10th at the Mission Inn.

Member Conyers made the recommendation to reactive a subcommittee which would assist with the preparation of resolutions to recognize outstanding legislators and others. The purpose of the subcommittee will be to receive nominations, refine the language of proposed resolutions and submit them for consideration to the Board. Member Knight volunteered to chair the committee and Member Craig will assist him. Member Conyers also noted that Dr. David Long is being recognized on April 30, 2008, in the Los Angeles area, for his work in preventing teen suicide.

Member Conyers presented Monica Martinez with a gift from the Board. A crystal vase and an inscribed writing pen were given as a token for her years of exemplary service and support to the Board and for her kind and gracious personality.

CLOSED SESSION

1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

- 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

The Board met in closed session, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 to hold a conference regarding a real property negotiation concerning the price and terms for the properties identified as APN# 170-140-041 and APN# 170-140-042.

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

That the Board approve the purchase of the properties identified as APN# 170-140-041 and APN# 170-140-042 at appraised value.

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Break: 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:37 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2008, Riverside County Office of Education - 24980 Las Brisas Road, Murrieta.

President

Secretary