

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 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, May 14, 2008 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 24980 Las Brisas Dr., Murrieta.

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

Member Craig 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
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 Craig and seconded by Member Mediano:

That the Agenda for the May 14, 2008, Riverside County Board of Education Meeting be approved as presented.

7 Ayes

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) Page 6 – Add clarifying words to following paragraph “Member Conyers made the recommendation to reactivate a subcommittee which would assist with the preparation of resolutions.” – add “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.”

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, April 9, 2008 were approved as corrected.

7. **Personnel Services**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommended that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 05-08 as presented.

8 **Acceptance of Donation**

- Donation of a 1982 Van Pelt Fire Engine Truck to CTE, Service Area II, by Richard L. Bogart, CEO of the Capistrano-Laguna Beach Regional Occupational Program.
- Donation of \$1,675.01 from the Knights of Columbus to the Special Education department to be used for Jurupa Middle School West.
- Donation of \$2,500 from Casio Product Sweepstakes won by Victoria Kukuruda, ISS Administrator, at the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Members Luncheon on April 9, 2008 in Utah.

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER HEARING

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

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Colapinto

That Brandon, Amber, and Lindi Graham be granted an Interdistrict transfer from the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District to for the 2008-09 school year.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

ACTION

1. **RONALD REAGAN CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION**

Presented by: Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Administration and Business Services

Background information: A petition regarding the proposed Ronald Reagan Charter was presented to RCOE on appeal of a denial by the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. A Public Hearing on the matter was held on April 9, 2008.

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education adopts the findings presented in the Riverside County Office of Education Staff Report and uphold the District's decision to deny the Ronald Reagan Charter School petition.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Head Start and Early Childhood Development**

Mrs. Esmirna Valencia, Director, gave a presentation on the services provided by the Head Start and Early Childhood Development Departments.

2. **Fiscal Update**

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

3. **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.

4. **Facility Update**

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

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

No issues were addressed.

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

Member Craig provided a written report of her recent activities. She reported that she attended the Child Care Summit and that the state is increasing funding for the preschool for all. She'll attend the Corona Yellow Ribbon Event this month.

Member Conyers reported that Dr. Vick Knight has been awarded the USC Alumni Association Distinguished Member Award. He also celebrated a surprise 80th birthday party recently and members of the USC Trojan band came to his home.

Member Knight also mentioned that the Celebrating Educators Event is coming up on May 20, 2008 and that the Operation Recognition Event is also coming up on May 21, 2008. He said that

the Dave and Jo Long Scholarship Foundation received many applications and they'll hand out awards on May 31st in Canyon Lake.

Member Kroonen congratulated Dr. Knight on his 80th Birthday party.

Member Gibbel echoed the congratulations to Dr. Knight she also looks forward to the upcoming graduations and of the year ceremonies.

Mr. Young attended the State Board meeting last Wednesday and as the Trustee of the CVUSD, he gave an update to the board about the work being done with Coachella. There are 3 DAIT teams that are working there and if things continue with current NCLB trends, there will be another 2-3 districts for DAIT team work. Mr. Chuck Holland, former principal at Val Verde, was awarded the Marcus Foster Award at the ACSA function on May 7, 2008. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Chief Administrative Liaison to the Superintendent, was recognized on April 16, 2008 by the Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council as a Woman of Distinction for her Achievement in Health and Fitness. Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager will also be honored on May 16, 2008 by the CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California, with the Esperanza Award, an honor to those who bring hope to the Inland Latino Community. Also, in an effort to reduce staffing costs, RCOE will explore a SERP (Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan) for eligible employees; interested employees must apply and be approved. June 11, 2008 RCOE will host a retirement party for Dr. Sandra Schnack.

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

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 for the properties identified as APN# 215-22-006, 215-22-007 and APN# 170-140-010.

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

That the Board approve the purchase of the properties identified as APN# 215-22-006, 215-22-007, 215-22-008 and APN# 170-140-010 at the purchase price of \$1,050,000.00.

7 ayes

Break: 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:37 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 a.m., **Wednesday, June 11, 2008**, Riverside County Office of Education – 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside.

President

Secretary