

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
June 11, 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, June 11, 2008 at the Riverside County Office of Education, 2300 Market 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 Craig and seconded by Member Kroonen:

That the Agenda for the June 11, 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 Gibbel:

That the Consent agenda items be approved

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, June 11, 2008 were approved as corrected.

7. **Personnel Services**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommended that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 06-08 as presented.

8. **Acceptance of Donation**

- Donation from Mt. San Jacinto Community College District to RCOE's CTE construction classroom at the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1. **RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS FOR 2008**

Riverside County's 20 California Distinguished Schools were presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Superintendent Young and the Board. They were all congratulated and praised for their hard work and efforts. This year, the selection criteria for the Distinguished School program were more stringent than ever and Riverside County is proud of the hard work of our educators and students.

**INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER HEARING**

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

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano

That Kyle West 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.

5 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Kroonen and Mediano

1 Nay: Member Knight

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **OPEN SESSION: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL (Ballou-Perez)**

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen

That Nicolas Ballou-Perez 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.

5 Ayes: Members Conyers, Craig, Gibbel, Kroonen and Mediano

1 Nay: Member Knight

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

**ACTION**

1. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RCOE AND RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL**

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

***Background information:*** The Riverside County Office of Education authorized a renewal charter petition for the River Springs Charter School for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. Both parties recognized that there were many matters related to the operation of the School, and to the effective oversight of the School, which went beyond the provisions included in the School's charter. The MOU was intended to address those matters that were not covered in the Charter and to provide guidance on the oversight policies and procedures of RCOE. Further, the MOU was intended to outline the parties' agreements governing their respective fiscal and administrative responsibilities and their legal relationships.

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Riverside County Office of Education and River Springs Charter School.

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: 2008-09 ANNUAL BUDGET**

**Presented by:** Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Administration and Business Services and Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Director, Business Services

**Background information:** Pursuant to **Education Code Section 1620**, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the 2008-2009 Riverside County Office of Education Annual Budget. Public Notice on the hearing was published in the May 27, 2008 edition of the Press-Enterprise newspaper. The proposed budget was available for public inspection at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside, California. There were no requests to address the Board.

3. **AMENDMENT OF AN AGENDA ITEM**

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

**Background information:** Member Kroonen stated that the agenda didn't clearly present an action item to approve the 2008-09 agenda. After Board discussion, the following motion was made.

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Knight that the wording on the agenda be amended from "2008-2009 Annual Budget" to "Approve 2008-09 Annual Budget".

5 Ayes: Members Conyers, Gibbel, Knight, Kroonen and Mediano  
1 Nay: Member Craig  
Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE 2008-09 ANNUAL BUDGET**

**Presented by:** Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Administration and Business Services and Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Director, Business Services

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano that the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education is to adopt the 2008-09 Annual Budget as presented.

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

Motion adopted.

5. **SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICIES**

**Presented by:** Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Director, District Fiscal and Administrative Services

**Background information:** Second Reading of Board Policies:

A. Series 1000 – Community Relations

- BP 1113 - School Websites
- BP 1400 - Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and RCOE

B. Series 3000 – Business and Non-Instructional Operations

- BP 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education adopt the above referenced Board Policies.

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

Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Special Presentation to Dr. Sandra Schnack**

The Board presented Dr. Sandra Schnack with a hand crafted Mission Bell to congratulate her on her retirement. This was Dr. Schnack's final board meeting and she will be missed by all for her warm personality, her graciousness, her professionalism and for her unwavering commitment to students.

2. **River Springs Charter School Annual Update to the Board**

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer gave the Board an update on River Springs highlighting enrollment information, participation in the STAR testing, reports on successes/challenges of the School and a brief financial update. She also invited Board members to attend their Education conference taking place on August 11, 2008 at the Pechanga Resort. Sandra will forward the information to everyone.

3. **2007-08 Unique Projects Grant, End of the Year Report**

Dr. Sandy Schnack gave a brief overview of the Unique Projects for 2007-08 and summarized the outcome of each project and how they benefited students.

4. **First Reading of Board Policies**

Mr. Rollin Edmunds presented the first Reading of Board Policies for review and study:

**BP 4143.1 Personnel** - Public Notice-Negotiations

**BP 5145.2 Students** - Freedom of Speech

**BP 6142.7 Instruction** - Physical Education

**BP 6162.54 Instruction**- Test Integrity/Test Preparation

**BP 6163.4 Instruction**- Student Use of Technology

**BP 6179 Instruction**- Supplemental Instruction

5. **Fiscal Update**

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

5. **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.

6. **Facility Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, provided and reviewed a written facility projects update.

7. **July 9, 2008 – 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting**

Superintendent Young announced that July 9, 2008 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., RCOE will have the San Jacinto Regional Learning Center Dedication Ceremony. The Board meeting will take place at the same building at 10:30 a.m. following the building tours. Member Gibbel asked Superintendent Young to secure someone to swear in those members who are taking office on July 1, 2008 and she also reminded everyone that the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting should be the Organizational Meeting.

8. **August 20, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting**

Superintendent Young proposed that RCOE hold an evening Board meeting to meet the CDE Education Code requirement for adopting instructional materials. Board members concurred to hold the August 20, 2008 meeting at 6 p.m. and to vote on this item at the July 9, 2008 meeting.

9. **2009 Proposed Board Meeting Dates**

President Conyers asked Board Members to review the proposed 2009 meeting dates. These dates are for the 2009 calendar year and Members should come prepared to vote on these dates at the July 9, 2008 meeting. Board Members are to review their personal calendars and call Sandra to discuss possible date conflicts.

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

No issues were addressed.

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

Member Craig provided a written report of her recent activities and congratulated Dr. Sandy Schnack on her retirement. She also congratulated Rebecca Silva, Administrator, Special Education, for successfully defending her dissertation at the University of California, Riverside. Member Craig praised President Conyers for her work in organizing the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board Study Session, the study topics generated much dialogue and were helpful.

Member Mediano also congratulated Dr. Sandy Schnack on her retirement and shared that he enjoyed RCOE's Employee Recognition event.

Member Kroonen extended his gratitude to Dr. Schnack for her years of work supporting students and said he'll truly miss her presence at RCOE.

Member Gibbel echoed the feelings of her peers about Dr. Schnack and shared that she would be speaking at her retirement reception tonight. Member Gibbel also shared that she attended the graduation ceremonies in Corona in the rain and she shared her appreciation for the Special Education graduation ceremonies and always looks forward to attending them. She also enjoyed RCOE's Employee Recognition event.

Member Conyers enjoyed attending the recent Border Governor's Reception with Secretary of Education, Dr. David Long and the PTA End-of-the Year Dinner.

**Adjournment: 11:58 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - 10:30 a.m., **Wednesday, July 9, 2008**, Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center, 1251 Eagle Road, San Jacinto.

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President

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Secretary