

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES**

July 9, 2008

10:30 a.m., Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center, 1251 Eagle Road, San Jacinto, CA

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OPENING PROCEDURES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education was called to order by President Conyers at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Gibbel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

All County Board of Education Members were present. Dr. Lisa Conyers, President, Dr. Vick Knight, Vice President, Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Mrs. Betty Gibbel, Dr. William R. Kroonen, Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr..

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 will be heard at this time. Individuals or groups who wish to address the Board are requested to fill out a "Request to Address the Board of Education" card located on the table at the back of the Board Room and submit it to the Administrative Assistant to the Board. Comments or presentations should be limited to five minutes or less.

County Board of Education members cannot discuss or take action on any item which does not appear on the agenda. The Board of Education may provide a reference to the Superintendent or a member of his staff, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting, or direct staff to place an item on a future agenda.

There were no requests to address the Board.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

That the agenda for the July 9, 2008, Riverside County Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting be approved.

7 ayes

Motion adopted.

6. **SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Superintendent Kenneth M. Young swore in Dr. Lisa Conyers - Trustee Area 3, Betty Gibbel - Trustee Area 4, Dr. Vick Knight - Trustee Area 7, and Adolfo Mediano, Jr. - Trustee Area 5.

7. **ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

A. **ELECTION OF 2008-09 OFFICERS:**

a. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Kroonen that Dr. Vick Knight, Jr. be elected as President of the Riverside County Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

1 Abstention: Member Knight

Motion adopted.

b. **ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:**

It was moved by Member Gibbel and seconded by Member Craig that Adolfo Mediano, Jr. be elected as Vice-President of the Riverside County Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

1 Abstention: Member Mediano

Motion adopted.

c. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:**

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Gibbel that Lynne D. Craig be appointed as Representative to the Riverside County School Boards Association for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

1 Abstention: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

B. **APPROVAL OF THE 2009 BOARD MEETING DATES:**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano that the proposed meeting dates for January 2009 – December 2009 be approved.

7 ayes

Motion adopted.

C. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT, DR. LISA CONYERS:**

President Knight presented outgoing President Conyers with a crystal gavel, in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to the Board and the Riverside County Office of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Mediano that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

7 ayes

Motion adopted.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, June 11, 2008.

9. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 07-08 (Temporary Teaching Credentials) as presented.

10. **RATIFICATION OF THE 2008-09 ANNUAL BUDGET**

- President Conyers recommended ratifying the budget at the July 9, 2008 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 06-08 REMUNERATION OF BOARD MEMBER – GERALD COLAPINTO**

It was moved by Member Conyers and seconded by Member Mediano that Resolution NO. 06-08 be approved as presented.

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

1 Abstention: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 07-08 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY**

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Craig that Resolution NO. 07-08 be approved as presented.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-08 - SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (SERP)**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Kroonen that Resolution NO. 08-08 be approved as presented.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

4. **CTE/ROP COURSE APPROVALS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Conyers that the 2008-2009 CTE/ROP Course Descriptions be approved as presented.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Fiscal Update**

Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the final Fiscal Update for the 2007-2008 school year.

2. **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.

3. **Facility Update**

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

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

No issues were addressed.

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

Member Gibbel shared that she recently visited Northern California and attended a presentation where the future of water was the main topic of discussion. She noted that the two items we need to worry about for the future are water and education.

Member Kroonen said he was delighted with the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center and that there is a great future at the Center. He's also very pleased about the relationship between RCOE and Mt. San Jacinto College.

Member Conyers shared that she was happy to have attended RCOE's Employee Recognition in June.

Member Craig recently attended the Grand Opening of Super Mex restaurant in downtown Riverside where she and Dr. Rebecca Silva, Administrator, Special Education, were presented with a \$2,500 donation check to be used for the Reach Autism program. Member Craig was very pleased that this special program is receiving attention due to the hard work and dedication of Dr. Silva. The owner(s) of Super Mex restaurant have a child with autism and discovered the Reach Autism program through an article Dr. Silva wrote for a CSBA publication. Member Craig also congratulated Superintendent Young for making the West County/Community Schools Graduation at Ramona High School an extra special event. There were over 300 graduating students and all members of Cabinet were in attendance. Member Craig noted that the graduation ceremony at Twin Pines is always a special event and that this year's graduation was the first since their WASC accreditation. Member Craig will be traveling to Denver this week to attend the Correctional Education Association Conference and some of the Twin Pines staff will also be there.

Member Craig also mentioned that she took a call from a constituent about a concern with Special Education students being transported in buses that emit pollution; she recommended that RCOE look into CNG as it would not create an extra expense. Member Knight said that Lake Elsinore is already using CNG.

Member Gibbel shared that she was very impressed with the quality and content of the newsletter published by the Educational Leadership Services Division. She wanted to give kudos to Diana Blackledge and her staff for putting out an excellent publication.

Member Mediano said he will also be attending the Correctional Education Association Conference.

President Knight shared that he's looking forward to the River Springs Charter School Conference coming in August and that he looks forward to Dr. David Long's presentation at the Riverside County School Board's Association Fall Joint Meeting on October 29, 2008. President Knight mentioned that he received letters from two elected officials in the desert objecting to a Regional Learning Center being built in their area. He stated that they are opposed without sufficient knowledge of what they're opposing.

Superintendent Young thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Riverside County's has been a great experience because of the great people at RCOE and that RCOE is always looking for the best employees. He recapped a few highlights from each division from this past year and said that the members of his Cabinet are a great, highly experienced group of seasoned leaders and he's proud to work with them.

In closing, Member Kroonen stated that he wanted to suggest that Superintendent Young's office pursue the option of inviting the public officials who are opposing the Desert Regional Learning Center to visit the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center. He said that inviting Cathedral City Mayor Kathleen DeRosa and Eightieth District Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia and taking a positive and proactive approach might encourage them to withhold their opposition. Superintendent Young said his suggestion was duly noted.

Meeting adjourned 11:28 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2008, 5:00 p.m., 2300 Market Street, 2nd floor, Riverside, CA 92501

PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS

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