

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 20, 2008

5:00 p.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 2300 Market St., Riverside, CA

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**OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education was called to order by President Knight at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Mediano led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members present were:

Dr. Vick Knight, President  
Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Vice-President  
Mr. Gerald Colapinto  
Dr. Lisa Conyers  
Mrs. Betty Gibbel  
Dr. William R. Kroonen.

Member Lynne Craig was absent.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to **Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 35145.5**, President Knight extended an invitation to any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

That the agenda for the August 20, 2008, Riverside County Board of Education Regular Meeting be approved.

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, July 9, 2008.

7. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

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

8. **DONATIONS**

- \$2,500 from Super Mex Restaurants donated to the Division of Student Programs and Services, Special Education department to be used for the Reach Autism Program. The funds are to be used for professional development and related costs.
- \$20 from Super Mex Restaurants via Rita Bien Hutchins donated to the Division of Student Programs & Services, Special Education department to be used for the Reach Autism Program. The funds are to be used for professional development and related costs.
- \$40 from Super Mex Restaurants via Thersa Wolfson donated to the Division of Student Programs & Services, Special Education department to be used for the Reach Autism Program. The funds are to be used for professional development and related costs.

## PUBLIC HEARING

1. **ACTION ITEM #1 - PUBLIC HEARING - PUPIL TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMPLIANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR 2008-09.**

The Public Hearing opened at 5:23 p.m.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119, a Public Hearing was held to determine that each pupil enrolled in a school has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, that are aligned to the content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605 in each of the following subjects, as appropriate, that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the state board: Mathematics, Science, History-Social Science, English/Language Arts, including the English Language development component of an adopted program.

Public Hearing notices were posted on August 8, 2008 to notify and cordially invite the Public to attend and participate in the review of this determination.

There were no requests to address the Board on this matter.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:24 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. **ACTION ITEM #2 – RESOLUTION NO. 04-09 – PUPIL TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMPLIANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR 2008-09.**

It was moved by Member Kroonen and seconded by Member Colapinto that Resolution NO. 04-09 be approved as presented.

The Board determined that each pupil enrolled in a school has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, that are aligned to the content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605 in each of the following subjects, as appropriate, that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the state board: Mathematics, Science, History-Social Science, English/Language Arts, including the English Language development component of an adopted program. The governing board made a written determination that each pupil enrolled in a foreign language or health course has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the state board for those subjects. The governing board also determined the availability of laboratory science equipment as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

3. **ACTION ITEM #3 – TWO REVISIONS TO THE APPROVED 2009 BOARD MEETING DATES**

It was moved by Member Mediano and seconded by Member Kroonen that the revisions to the 2009 Board Meeting Dates be approved as presented:

First revision: the November 11, 2009 meeting date falls on Veteran's Day, a National Holiday, and all RCOE offices are closed to observe the day. It was proposed and approved that the meeting be moved to November 18, 2009 at 9 a.m.

Second revision: it was proposed and approved that the August 19, 2009, 9 a.m. meeting be moved to 5 p.m. to meet the provisions of Education Code 60119 and 60422 regarding public hearings for instructional materials.

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

4. **ACTION ITEM #4 – HEAD START / STATE PRESCHOOL WAIVER DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

It was moved by Member Conyers and seconded by Member Mediano that the J13A Waiver for the Head Start / State Preschool site closures, which will prevent a loss of funding due to Riverside County's recent fires and high winds, be approved as presented.

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

5. **ACTION ITEM # 5 – APPROVAL OF 2007-08 SCHOOL AND LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES**

It was moved by Member Gibbel and seconded by Member Mediano that the Board approve the expenditure of the 2007-08 School and Library Improvement Block Grant funds. The funds were utilized to purchase library books for each court/community and Cal-SAFE classroom.

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

1 absent: Member Craig

Motion adopted.

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Tequesquite/Brockton Property** (Chinatown and the Jacobs Project)  
Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, briefly reviewed some points on the transaction currently in process between RCOE and Doug Jacobs, the purchaser of the property. There are ongoing conversations, hearings and plan submittals by Mr. Jacobs and the City of Riverside. The Riverside Chinese Cultural Preservation Committee has expressed concerns about the proposed structure on the site.
2. **Fiscal Update**  
Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the Fiscal Update as of July, 2008.
3. **Legislative Update**  
Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, provided and reviewed a written Legislative Update from Sandy Silberstein, Chief Legislative Liaison to the Superintendent.
4. **Facility Update**  
Mr. Paul Jessup, Deputy Superintendent, provided and reviewed a written facility projects update and gave the Board an update on the proposed Cathedral City Regional Learning Center.
5. **Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings**  
No issues were addressed.
6. **President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments**  
Member Kroonen expressed a concern about the Public Hearing being listed as an Action Item on the agenda. He suggested we return to the previous pattern of separating Public Hearings. Members Colapinto, Conyers, Knight and Superintendent Young agreed.

President Knight shared that he will follow Member Craig's model of providing a written report to the other Members of the Board and shared that he recently attended a "Supervisorial Salute" to Kenn at which all five Riverside County Supervisors have agreed to support his election campaign.

Superintendent Young asked Diana Walsh-Reuss, Assistant Superintendent of Children & Family Services, to share the news about the recent Grant awarded to her division. She reported that they were recently awarded a \$3.3 million federal grant to support its model Early Reading First (Project READ) program. Project READ is a program that serves 208 children and families in four Head Start preschool centers in Riverside County. The centers serve low-income children, most of who are limited English proficient and/or have an identifiable disability.

**Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. and moved into Closed Session.**

## CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session opened at 6:08 p.m.

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
  - A. Property: 47-110 Calhoun Street, Indio, CA  
Agency Negotiators: Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Negotiating Party: State of California  
Under Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Purchase

Closed Session adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 9:00 a.m.  
2300 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Riverside, CA 92501

## PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS

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