

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2007**

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 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Member Colapinto.

3. Attendance

a. County Board of Education Members

Dr. Lisa Conyers, President, Moreno Valley
Dr. Vick Knight, Vice President, Canyon Lake
Mr. Gerald P. Colapinto, Corona
Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Riverside
Mrs. Betty Gibbel, Hemet
Dr. William R. Kroonen, Palm Desert
Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Banning (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)

b. Secretary to the Board

Mr. Kenneth M. Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Monica Martinez, Secretary to the Board of Education

c. Invited Guests and Visitors

Dr. Sue Rainey, Superintendent, Riverside Unified School District
Mr. Kirk Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Riverside Unified School District
Ms. Gayle Cloud, Board President, Riverside Unified School District
Mr. Mike Fine, Deputy Superintendent, Riverside Unified School District
Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Board Member, Riverside Unified School District
Mr. Lewis Vanderzyl, Board Member, Riverside Unified School District
Ms. Judy Perez, Riverside Unified School District
Mr. Bill Ermer, Riverside Unified School District

d. Staff Members

Mr. Paul Andersen, Mrs. Diana Blackledge, Mrs. Patti Crawford, Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Dr. Nicolas Ferguson, Mr. Paul Jessup, Dr. Mike Jones, Mr. Rick Peoples, Mrs. Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Ms. Ann Vessey, Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss.

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, was given the opportunity to do so.

There were no requests to address the Board.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda for the September 12, 2007, Riverside County Board of Education meeting be approved.

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

Absent: Member Mediano

Motion adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Items 6-8 were enacted with a single motion.

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

That the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

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

Absent: Member Mediano

Motion adopted.

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, August 15, 2007.

7. Personnel Services

Certification List #CL 9-07, as recommended for approval by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

8. Acceptance of Donations

\$2,129.24 - Resource and Referral, Division of Children and Family Services, collected monetary, backpack, and school supply donations in July and August, 2007. Back packs will be filled with school supplies and will be distributed to children and youth in the subsidized child care and migrant education programs throughout Riverside County.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Special Presentation for Maxine Frost, Board Member, Riverside Unified School District

Mr. Kenneth Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, introduced Dr. Sue Rainey, Superintendent, Riverside Unified School District. Dr. Lisa Conyers presented a plaque for Ms. Maxine Frost for her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to education and students in Riverside County. Dr. Sue Rainey accepted the plaque on Ms. Frost's behalf as she was not able to attend. Dr. Rainey noted that a new school has been named Maxine Frost Elementary School and is due to open in the 2009 school year.

ACTION

1. **Approval of Written Decision Regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #070507E**

It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Colapinto

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #070507E before the County Board of Education on August 15, 2007.

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

Motion adopted.

2. **Approval of Written Decision Regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #070607E**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve the written decision regarding Expulsion Appeal Hearing #070607E before the County Board of Education on August 15, 2007.

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

Motion adopted.

3. **Resolution No. 13-07 Resolution for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 13-07, determining that 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.

In addition, the governing board has made the 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. This includes the availability of laboratory science equipment as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

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

Motion adopted.

4. **Resolution No. 14-07, Resolution to Establish Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve and adopt Resolution No. 14-07, establishing the appropriations limit pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution.

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

5. **Second Reading of Board Policies and Approval**

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

That the Riverside County Board of Education approve Board Policies as presented, including:

Series 0000 - Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

- 0420.41 - Procedures for Reviewing a Charter Schools Petition by the County Board of Education
- 0420.41 (Att A) - Submission of Countywide Benefit Charter School Petitions to the County Board of Education
- 0520.1 - High Priority School Grant Program

Series 3000 - Business and General Support Services

- 3220.1 - Lottery Funds
- 3523 - Media Relations
- 3540 - Transportation

Series 4000 – Personnel

- 4231 - Staff Development

Series 5000 – Students

- 5131.63 - Steroids
- 5137 - Positive School Climate
- 5144 - Discipline
- 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsions/Due Process
- 5148 - Child Care and Development

Series 6000 – Instruction

- 6175 - Migrant Education Program
- 6179 - Supplemental Instruction

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Series 9000

- 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials
- 9323.2 - Actions by the Board

7 Ayes

Motion adopted.

HEARINGS

1. Expulsion Appeal Hearing #070807E – *This hearing has been continued to the October 10, 2007 meeting of the County Board of Education.*

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Division of Educational Leadership Services Update**

Mrs. Diana Blackledge, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Educational Leadership Services provided information and brochures on a variety of training programs that are in place in her division such as: “Executive Leadership Center” program where superintendents receive cutting-edge research and its practical application in making change within their district; the “Professional Learning Communities (PLC) – Leadership Teams That Work” which is a two-year program that is designed to support the principal and teacher leaders in creating an environment in which the school as a whole, and its teacher teams can develop and flourish as Professional Learning Communities to improve student achievement; the “Balanced Leadership Consortium” which is designed to provide intensive professional development for school leaders within a collegial learning environment. The Balanced Leadership framework enables leaders to create a successful context in which Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) can develop and flourish; and the “Aspiring Administrator’s Academy” which focuses on curriculum, instruction and assessment, child welfare and attendance, fiscal and facilities leadership, personnel leadership, special education, state and federal programs, school activities and community involvement.

Other trainings include working with the RCOE administrative council on a six-day training on “Capturing Kids Hearts” that provides tools for administrators to build positive, productive and trusting relationships among themselves and with others. There is no cost to Riverside County Office of Education employees. Member Kroonen shared his experience with leadership programs and expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Blackledge for her leadership.

2. River Springs Charter School Update

Mr. Rollin Edmunds introduced Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer. Dr. Hermsmeyer introduced Ms. Cynthia Markham and Ms. Debbie Essel. Dr. Hermsmeyer shared that River Springs Charter School currently has 2,542 active students and 154 pending applications. Dr. Hermsmeyer also reviewed the charter schools accomplishments, programs and goals for 2007-2008 which include _____ (WASC) accreditation, Beginning Teacher Support ____ (BTSA) program for new teachers and California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) preparation curriculum.

Member Knight shared that he and Member Craig attended the River Springs Charter School symposium on August 10, 2007 and was very impressed with the parent involvement and handouts that were available.

Member Kroonen shared that it is gratifying to see how the charter is evolving.

Mr. Kenneth Young expressed his gratitude to River Springs Charter School for the way their school is operated, the relationship with Riverside County Office of Education staff and the smooth transition from Eagles Peak Charter School to River Springs Charter School.

3. Fiscal Update

Mrs. Theresa Hyden reviewed the budget transfers and adjustments for August 2007.

4. Legislative Update

Mr. Paul Jessup provided and reviewed a written legislative update from Teri Burns, Director of Legislative Advocacy, School Innovations and Advocacy. 0020

5. Facility Update

Mr. Paul Jessup provided and reviewed a written facility projects update. Mr. Jessup also introduced Mr. Robert _____ who is the new facilities manager. An architects rendering of a future Riverside County Office of Education parking facility was presented. The county office is currently working with the City of Riverside on options for the structure and parking spaces may be available for lease. Mr. Kenneth Young requested a PowerPoint of current facility projects for the next County Board of Education meeting.

6. First Reading of Board Policies and Bylaws

Mr. Rollin Edmunds reviewed the following Board policies:

Series 3000 - Business and General Support Services

- 3000 - Concepts and Roles
- 3310 - Purchasing
- 3434 - County Schools Service Fund Annual Audit

Series 5000 – Students

- 5119 - Students Expelled from Districts
- 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care
- 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs

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

No issues were addressed.

8. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

Member Craig requested that Board Policy notebooks be updated. Member Craig also shared that she is working on the CORE Newsletter for the California County Boards of Education. Member Craig also shared that Rotary is collecting books for distribution as part of the “Reading by 9” program.

President Conyers reviewed possible dates and topics for future planning sessions after either the November or December meeting. Member Kroonen noted that he may not be available in November. Possible items include a visit to Palm Street Academy in Indio, Washington Charter School in the desert, more information from divisions, Board trainings on educational leadership, or a visit to the Arlington Learning Center in Riverside. It was noted that a planning session would be held on December 12, 2007 in Indio with a possible facility visit.

Mr. Kenneth Young shared that he is visiting with employees in regional meetings for reaffirm the Riverside County Office of Education mission and core values which he is asking employees to commit to and live by. Mr. Young also shared that he has been attending meetings in Sacramento to support increase funding for districts and county offices. He also shared that he observed Patriot Day with staff yesterday, September 11 and shared that new lighting has been installed to spotlight the flags in front of the Riverside main building. Mr. Young noted that when the Mt. San Jacinto Regional Learning Center is complete, he would like to invite the Board to dedicate the building.

Break: 9:57 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9 a.m., **Wednesday, October 10, 2007**, Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside.

President

Secretary