

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 - 12:30 pm

Lakeside High School, 32593 Riverside Dr., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Knight called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Gibbel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members present were:

Dr. Vick Knight, Jr., President, Canyon Lake
Mr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Vice-President, Banning
Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Corona
Dr. Lisa Conyers, Moreno Valley
Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Riverside
Mrs. Betty Gibbel, Hemet
Dr. William R. Kroonen, Palm Desert

Others present were:

Mr. Kenn Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sandra A. Guerrero, staff

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This item is placed on the Agenda so that members of the audience have an opportunity to speak to any item on the Agenda or regarding subjects or concerns that do not appear on the Agenda. Any person wishing to speak is requested to complete the "Request to Address the Board" form found at the back of the room and to bring it forward to the Board Secretary. Each person wishing to address the Board will be limited to five minutes. Government Code Section 54954.2 and Education Code Section 35145.5 prohibit the Board of Education from discussing or acting upon matters not on the Agenda.

5. **ITEM #5 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Motion adopted

6. **Department Reports** – Member Knight stated that the board enjoys the information shared during RCOE's Directors presentations. They would like clarification on what the process is for deciding who presents, how long, etc.. Superintendent Young explained the Administrative Council presentation schedule and that the allotted time is normally 20-30 minutes. After group discussion, the board requested that these presentations be 20 minute Power Point presentations with a 10 minute Q&A session immediately afterwards. Superintendent Young agreed and will direct staff to arrange this new format.

7. **Board Sub-Committees** – The board agreed that they have two continual committees, the Unique Projects committee, the Superintendent's Compensation committee, and a third committee, the Legislators Recognition committee which is currently dark. They agree that the board president has the authority to appoint a subcommittee as needs arise.

The board requested the following changes/additions to the current award recipient selection processes:

- A. The board requested yearly input in the Teacher of the Year award recipient and the Principal of the Year award recipient for RCOE's Employee Recognition event. *Superintendent Young stated that he would have to remove a current member of that committee in order to free a slot for a board member but that this change is possible.*
- B. The board requested input in the yearly selection of the Milo P. Johnson award recipient. *Superintendent Young stated that he would arrange for the addition of a board member to this committee.*
- C. The board requested input in the yearly selection of the Hall of Fame award recipients. *Superintendent Young stated that he would arrange for the addition of a board member to this committee.*

8. **Continuing Education for Board Members** – President Knight shared that CSBA has many training programs that would be beneficial to the board that don't cost any money to participate in because many of them are provided in webinar or webcast format. Others are available at a minimal cost and would help to keep the board abreast of changing trends. Trainings are also available for the Administrative Assistant to the board via the same methods and at the annual CSBA conference. Attendance is encouraged. Member Craig shared that she has been asked by CSBA/CCBE to develop a Masters in Governance training specifically geared towards county boards of education. This is currently in the development stages and Member Craig will continue to share more information as it becomes available.
9. **Policies and Procedures** – Board members expressed concern that there is district information for the Inter-District Transfer (IDT) Hearings that isn't being shared with the board until during or after the hearing or that information is reported in RCOE's written timeline that isn't supported by the IDT file paperwork. They specifically referred to a case heard on April 8 for a student, Andrew Gillette, where a decision was made that left them with questions about the accuracy of the information they received before, during, and after the hearing. Superintendent Young will research the IDT hearing documentation with Cami Berry and will report back to the board.
10. **Charter Schools Reports** – Superintendent Young shared that RCOE has received two charter appeals for Moreno Valley and that there is a possibility they'll be heard by the board in June. He also shared that RCOE is currently considering developing its own charter school. President Knight shared that the Ronald Reagan charter group has reorganized and are planning to submit their new petition to Lake Elsinore USD.
11. **Budget Concerns** – Member Gibbel, in consideration of the current budget situation, asked if there were areas in the board's budget that could be reduced. After group discussion about budget report questions brought up by Member Craig, Superintendent Young referred her to the Deputy Superintendent, Paul Jessup, or Teresa Hyden for further clarification.
12. **Closing** – Member Craig asked the board if they would like to brain storm with her and develop their own goals/mission/vision separate from those of RCOE. Superintendent Young reminded the group that when RCOE's mission/vision/core values were developed with his Cabinet and Administrative Council, he brought them to the board and there weren't any concerns expressed. Member Craig continued that she felt the board didn't have their own separate identity but the idea wasn't supported by the board and they agreed to table the discussion for a future planning session in the fall.
13. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 3939 Thirteenth St., Board Room, Riverside.

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