

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

January 18, 2012

9:00 a.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA 92501

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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 Craig at 9:01 a.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Conyers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members

Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, President, Trustee Area 2

Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Vice President, Trustee Area 1 (Present 9:01 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)

Dr. Lisa Conyers, Trustee Area 3 (Present 9:01 a.m. – 3:11 pm)

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Trustee Area 4

Dr. Vick Knight, Jr., Trustee Area 7 - Absent

Dr. Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Trustee Area 5

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Toledo, Trustee Area 6

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*. Board Bylaw 9323 limits the total time for public input on each item, subject, or concern to 20 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.

There were no requests to address the Board.

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

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Toledo that the agenda be approved.

6 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Dennis, Mediano and Toledo

Absent: Member Knight

Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items #1-3 are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Toledo that the consent agenda items be approved as presented.

6 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Dennis, Mediano and Toledo

Absent: Member Knight

Motion adopted.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, December 14, 2011.

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommended that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 1-12 (Temporary County Certificates) as presented.

3. **DONATION**

The Division of Student Programs and Services, Alternative Education program located at Jurupa Community School received a \$4,000 grant from the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County for the Solar Cup 2012.

ACTION

1. **ACTION ITEM 1 – RESOLUTION NO. 11-12, SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

This month, the California School Boards Association celebrated School Board Recognition Month to recognize the more than 5,000 men and women who are committed to providing quality public education to students throughout the state. The Riverside County Board of Education joined CSBA and other districts and county offices across California to recognize the valuable contributions school board members make to their communities.

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Toledo that the Riverside County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 11-12 as presented.

6 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Dennis, Mediano and Toledo

1 Absent: Member Knight

2. **ACTION ITEM 2 – MILO P. JOHNSON AWARD OF DISTINCTION SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

In 1999, RCOE created the annual Milo P. Johnson Award of Distinction, to honor an individual who demonstrates and possesses traits and characteristics such as continuously seeking opportunities to innovate, improve, and expand their services; understanding their role in contributing to student success, and providing service that is prompt, courteous, honest and accurate in anticipating and responding to the needs of those we serve. The award is designed to honor one RCOE employee who continually exhibits extraordinary service and support in all that they do. The Riverside County Board of Education selected a sub-committee to review applications and select the recipient of the Milo P. Johnson Award of Distinction.

It was moved by Member Toledo and seconded by Member Colapinto that Members Craig, Dennis and Mediano meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, to review applications and select the recipient of the Milo P. Johnson Award of Distinction.

6 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Conyers, Craig, Dennis, Mediano and Toledo

1 Absent: Member Knight

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2010-2011 Audit of Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Report
Jeff Nigro of the firm Nigro and Nigro, Professional Corporation, reviewed the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.
2. Alternative Education Update: Education Grant Funding
Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss, Riverside County Associate Superintendent of Schools, provided an update on Alternative Education's participation in the Metropolitan Water Districts 10th Annual Solar Cup competition program. The Alternative Education program located at Jurupa Community school was selected by the Western Municipal Water District as a grant recipient to compete in the 2012 Solar Cup from May 18-20, 2012 at Lake Skinner. Representatives from the water district presented the program with a check in the amount of \$4,000.
3. Career Technical Education Update: Articulation Agreements
Dr. Nancy Pavelsky, Executive Director, Career Technical Education, provided an update on CTE's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs) chapter and SkillsUSA chapter. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools around the globe. SkillsUSA California is part of a national student organization whose primary purpose is to prepare youth for high performance employment opportunities in an industrial and technical workforce.
4. Surplus Property – Quarterly Board Report: October – December 2011
Mr. Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools, presented the Surplus Property Quarterly Board Report for the period of October – December 2011.
5. Fiscal Update
Mr. Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the fiscal update of budget transfers and adjustments as of December 22, 2011.
7. Facility Update
Mr. Paul Jessup presented an update on current facility projects of the Riverside County Office of Education.
8. Legislative Update
Mr. Paul Jessup reported on recent legislative activity.
9. Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings
No issues were addressed.
10. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments
Member Toledo shared her interest in the possibility of an online board agenda system for the purpose of cost savings and convenience. Member Dennis shared that he will be attending his first CCBE (California County Boards of Education) Annual Conference Committee meeting. Member Craig shared that the Riverside County School Boards Association will be holding their General Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Riverside County Office of Education. She also noted her pleasure in presenting retiring Riverside Unified School District Board Member, Lew Vanderzyl, with a proclamation at his retirement event.

RECESS

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

RECONVENE – BOARD WORKSHOP

Presenters: Aaron O'Donnell, Counsel, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Devina Harden, Counsel, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
Maria Bravo, Director, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Patti Crawford, Director, Safe Schools Unit, Educational Services
Cami Berry, Director, Safe Schools Unit, Educational Services

Information was provided to the county board in regards to the authority that the Education Code gives them in respect to:

- Interdistrict transfers appeals
- Expulsion appeals
- Charter school petitions and appeals

The Board requested:

- That Board policies relating to K-12 Interdistrict Attendance Appeal and Expulsion Appeals be updated to reflect current education codes.
- A legal opinion as to whether Interdistrict Transfer Appeals can be held in either open or closed session to assist with confidentiality of sensitive issues relating to the appeal.
- To form Ad Hoc Committee to:
 1. Review policies (after they have been updated by Dr. Kenney)
 2. Establish a guiding principal/statement for the updated policies (IDT and Expulsion)
 3. Align our Interdistrict Attendance Appeal policies with the five key criteria that school district currently use for approving transfers.
 4. Based on the legal opinion, include whether an Interdistrict Attendance Appeal can be heard in closed session.

The charter school petition and appeals process was reviewed. The topic of Cyber Bullying was not addressed and was tabled for a future workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – Board Room, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA

RCBE MEETINGS:

March 14, 2012 – 9 a.m., Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
April 11, 2012 – 9 a.m., Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
May 9, 2012 – 9 a.m., Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside
June 13, 2012 – 9 a.m., Riverside County Board of Education Meeting – Riverside

RCOE EVENTS:

March 17, 2012 – History Day Competition and Awards – Riverside
March 21, 2012 – Spelling Bee and Awards – Moreno Valley
April 11, 2012 – Riverside County Student Academic Awards Dinner – Riverside
April 26, 2012 – Professional Development Conference – Moreno Valley
May 8, 2012 – Celebrating Educators – Palm Springs
May 17, 2012 – Employee Recognition – Moreno Valley

OTHER EVENTS:

December 1-3, 2011 – CSBA Conference – San Diego, CA
April 21-23, 2012 – NSBA Conference – Boston, MA