

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

December 12, 2012

9:00 a.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 47-336 Oasis Street, Indio, 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 Colapinto at 9:05 a.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Dennis.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

County Board of Education Members

a. **County Board of Education Members**

Mr. Gerald Colapinto, President, Trustee Area 1

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Toledo, Vice President, Trustee Area 6

Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Trustee Area 2

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Trustee Area 4

Dr. Jay Hoffman, Trustee Area 7

Dr. Susan J. Rainey, Trustee Area 3 (Arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Dr. Ralph R. Villani, Trustee Area 5

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.

Assemblyman Brian Nestande presented information in support of Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) No. 29 which is related to education finance: payment of state apportionments. Member Craig requested that a legal opinion be requested from counsel on the amendment and consider placing a resolution on the next board agenda in support of ACA 29. Member Rainey requested that the resolution include language that funding not be cut.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Craig that the agenda be approved.

5 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Toledo and Villani

2 Absent: Members Colapinto and Rainey

Motion adopted.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING 1 – RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL**

*Chairperson:* Elizabeth Toledo, Vice President, Riverside County Board of Education

*Staff Representative:* Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools

*Petitioner:* Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Executive Director, River Springs Charter School

Pursuant to Education Code Section 47605.6 (b), a Public Hearing was opened at 9:09 a.m. on the provisions of the River Springs Charter School renewal. At that time the county board of education considered the level of support for the petition by teachers, parents or guardians, and the school districts where the charter school is operational.

Member Craig asked if all facilities are owned. Dr. Hermsmeyer answered that all facilities are leased. Member Villani requested additional information regarding assessments such as STAR testing. Dr. Hermsmeyer noted that all sites perform STAR, CAHSEE, and benchmark testing. Member Villani noted that he had additional questions that he will provide to Patti Crawford. Member Dennis requested updated information on AYP Math proficiency. Members Dennis, Craig and Rainey requested data comparisons to Riverside County and school district students. Superintendent Young noted that staff are analyzing student data and shared that a new law will go into effect January 1, 2013 that changes the parameters of charter school approval by the board. School boards will be required to consider student performance based on academic data when approving or renewing a charter. Superintendent Young also commended parents and students for showing their support of River Springs Charter School.

Individuals who spoke in support of the charter school renewal were: Tamara Rose, Karl Yoder, Rose Garcis, Michelle Sullivan, Karleia Murillo, Kathy Hernandez, Sabrina Hijazi, Michelle Lowell, Heidi Clan, Judy Adair, Dorian Crutcher, Victoria Bambach, Bailee Ellis, Allison McNeel, Janine Betancourt-Martinez, Jacqueline Hike, Michelle Maguire, and Lauren Wilson.

The hearing was closed at 11:00 a.m..

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Consent Agenda Items #1-2 are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Dennis that the consent agenda items be approved with following corrections to the minutes:

6 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Toledo and Villani

1 Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, November 14, 2012

### **2. PERSONNEL SERVICES**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 12-12 (Temporary County Certificates) as prepared by Mr. Steve Hovey, Chief Personnel Officer.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. ACTION ITEM 1 – GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR INDIO REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER INTERIM HOUSING PROJECT**

*Presented By:* Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools

The Riverside County Office of Education requested approval to perform modernization improvements on RCOE's property located on the Oasis campus as a lease-leaseback project with Erickson-Hall. The Guaranteed Maximum Price for the construction of the "Interim Housing" is \$642,534.

It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Craig that the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Indio Regional Learning Center Interim Housing project be approved as presented.

6 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Toledo and Villani  
1 Absent: Member Colapinto  
Motion adopted.

2. **ACTION ITEM 2 – FIRST INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Presented by:** Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools

The First Interim Financial Report is the first of two financial reports required to be reviewed by the Board between the adoption of the annual budget and the end of the fiscal year. The report indicates that the Riverside County Office of Education will meet all its financial obligations in the current and two subsequent fiscal years.

It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Rainey that the First Interim Report be approved as presented.

6 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Toledo and Villani  
1 Absent: Member Colapinto  
Motion adopted.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Alternative Education Update: Come Back Kids  
Ms. Joyce Grafton introduced former students of the Come Back Kids program; Ms. Irma Vasquez and Mr. Rudy Valdez shared their success stories and expressed their appreciation to the Riverside County Office of Education.
2. Fiscal Update  
This item was tabled to the January 16, 2013 meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education.
5. Facility Report  
This item was tabled to the January 16, 2013 meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education.
6. Legislative Update  
This item was tabled to the January 16, 2013 meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education.
7. Introduction of Issues That May Be Addressed at Future Meetings  
No issues were addressed.
8. Board Member Comments  
There were no comments by the board.

**EXPULSION APPEAL HEARINGS – CLOSED SESSION**

1. **CLOSED SESSION – EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING NO. 110812E**  
After meeting in Closed Session from 11:50 a.m. to 12:36 pm to hear Expulsion Appeal **110812E**, Open Session was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Dennis that the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education in Expulsion Appeal Case No. **110812E** is to **AFFIRM** the decision of the Governing Board of the Perris Union High School District.

6 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Toledo and Villani  
1 Absent: Member Colapinto  
Motion adopted.

**EXPULSION APPEAL HEARINGS – CLOSED SESSION, *Continued***

2. **CLOSED SESSION – EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING NO. 120912E**

After meeting in Closed Session from 1:04 p.m. to 1:52 pm to hear Expulsion Appeal 120912E, Open Session was called to order at 2:12 p.m.

It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Dennis that the decision of the Riverside County Board of Education in Expulsion Appeal Case No. 120912E is to **REVERSE** the decision of the Governing Board of the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

6 Ayes: Members Craig, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Toledo and Villani

1 Absent: Member Colapinto

Motion adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – Board Room, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside, CA

**RCBE MEETINGS:**

February 13, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
March 13, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
April 10, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
May 8, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
June 12, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
June 26, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.
July 10, 2013	Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside	9 a.m.

**RCOE EVENTS:**

February 2, 2013 - Academic Decathlon Awards Ceremony, Romoland  
March 2, 2013 - Mock Trial Awards Ceremony, Moreno Valley  
March 9, 2013 - Riverside County History Day Competition, Riverside  
March 20, 2013 – Spelling Bee, Moreno Valley

**OTHER EVENTS:**

April 13-15, 2013 – National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference, San Diego  
December 5-7, 2013 – California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference, San Diego