

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

August 21, 2013

**3:30 p.m., Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA 92501**

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**OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Romero at 3:33 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Colapinto.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Members in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth F. Romero, President, Trustee Area 6

Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Trustee Area 1

Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Trustee Area 2

Dr. Susan J. Rainey, Trustee Area 3

Dr. Jay Hoffman, Trustee Area 7

Absent:

Mr. Bruce Dennis, Vice-President, Trustee Area 4

Dr. Ralph R. Villani, Trustee Area 5

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It is moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Rainey that the agenda be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Craig, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Dennis and Villani.

Motion adopted.

**INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARINGS**

**Inter District Transfer Appeal #1 Hayley Clay – Riverside USD to Alvord USD**

The appellants did not show for the Hearing. The matter was resolved between the school districts prior to the meeting.

**Inter District Transfer Appeal #2 Riley Lynch – Romoland SD to Menifee SD**

The appellants did not show for the Hearing. The matter was resolved between the school districts prior to the meeting.

**4:40 P.M. RECESS**

**5:30 P.M. MEETING RECONVENED**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Romero called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and established a quorum, noting that Member Dennis had arrived and that Member Craig went home ill unexpectedly.

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Members in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth F. Romero, President, Trustee Area 6  
Mr. Bruce Dennis, Vice-President, Trustee Area 4  
Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Trustee Area 1  
Dr. Susan J. Rainey, Trustee Area 3  
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There was a request to address the Board by Mr. David Spindler and Ms. Patricia Delgado. They stated that they were sub-contractors on the construction of the Murrieta Regional Learning Center in Murrieta and that they completed their work approximately one year ago and still have not been paid their 10% retention fee by the Construction Manager. They requested assistance from staff in getting their final payment. Deputy Superintendent Jessup forwarded their request to Mr. Tom Johnson, Director II, OSS and asked that he assist them.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Consent Agenda Items #1-2 are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Rainey to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.  
2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.  
Motion adopted.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, July 10, 2013.

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 8-13 (Temporary County Certificates) as prepared by Mr. Steve Hovey, Chief Personnel Officer.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rachel Priebe, a student at Earhart Middle School in the Riverside Unified School District, placed first in the nation in the Junior Individual Documentary Category at National History Day held in June, 2013 at the University of Maryland at College Park in Baltimore, Maryland. She presented her winning documentary to the Riverside County Board of Education. The Board was in awe of Rachel's brilliant documentary and commended her for her hard work and diligence. She was presented with a Proclamation from President Romero honoring and recognizing her exceptional talent and the Board thanked her for her excellent presentation.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1 - CERTIFYING SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL-YEAR FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:52 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 Education Code 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, foreign language and health courses. The governing board shall also make a written determination as to whether each pupil enrolled in a foreign language or health course has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials that area consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the state board for those subjects. The governing board shall also determine the availability of laboratory science equipment as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

A Public Hearing Notice was posted on August 11, 2013, to notify and cordially invite the Public to attend and participate in the review of this determination.

There were no members of public who addressed the Board and the Hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m..

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. ACTION ITEM 1 - RESOLUTION NO. 02-14 CERTIFYING SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL-YEAR FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Education Code Section 60119 specifies that the governing boards of school districts and/or county office of education shall hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution determining that each pupil in county-operated programs receiving state instructional materials funds has or will have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in the following areas:

1. Mathematics
2. Science and laboratory equipment in science laboratory courses in grades 9-12
3. History-Social Science
4. Reading/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program
5. Health
6. Foreign Language

The textbooks and instructional materials must be consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education. During the 2012-2013 school year, Alternative Education and Special

Education programs conducted a complete inventory of instructional materials and a review of the expenditures for Alternative Education and Special Education K-12 textbooks and/or instructional materials. A Public Hearing was held prior to the presentation of this Action Item and no members of the public came forward to address the Board.

The textbooks and instructional materials were reviewed by the Board's Curriculum and Appellate Sub-Committee on August 19, 2013 attended by Member Rainey, Member Hoffman (via tele-conference) and Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss. The sub-committee agreed that the materials were important and sufficiently covered.

It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Dennis that Resolution No. 02-14 be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

## 2. **ACTION ITEM 2 – ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION COURSES**

Alternative Education requested approval of 28 courses by the Riverside County Board of Education. Each course is designed to meet the Riverside County Office of Education's and the California Department of Education's graduation requirements in English Language Arts, Mathematics, U.S. History, and Electives.

It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Dennis that Resolution No. 03-14 be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

## 3. **ACTION ITEM 3 – ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND U.S. HISTORY TEXTBOOKS**

Alternative Education requested approval for new textbooks and instructional materials by the Riverside County Board of Education. The textbooks and instructional materials meet the Riverside County Office of Education's and California Department of Education's standards and are designed as high interest classes for students.

Students were surveyed during the 2012-2013 school year to determine their interests in courses. Member Rainey noted that the textbooks meet the Common Core Standards.

It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Colapinto that new textbooks and instructional materials be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

## 4. **ACTION ITEM 4 – UNIQUE PROJECTS GRANT**

In 1981, the Riverside County Board of Education approved and established the Unique Projects Grant for teachers and instructional support staff to apply for special funding to finance unique projects outside of existing program funds. Grants are funded on a year-to-year basis with no guarantee for continued funding in subsequent years, must align with the Riverside County Office of Education's Mission/Vision/Goals and Pledge, and be designed to improve student achievement. The merit of all applications and grant awards are at the discretion of the Riverside County Board of

Education. Staff awarded funding projects are required to submit an End of Year Project report on the outcome and student's achievement from the grant.

The Grant applications were reviewed by the Board's Curriculum and Appellate Sub-Committee on August 19, 2013 attended by Member Rainey, Member Hoffman (via tele-conference) and Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss. The finalists were selected during that meeting and brought to the Board for final decision.

It was moved by Member Dennis and seconded by Member Hoffman that the Unique Projects Grant be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

5. **ACTION ITEM 5 – RESOLUTION NO. 03-14, CaPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD FOR A RETIREE – DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Currently under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) a 180-day waiting period is required for all employees who retire from a public employer before a retiree can return to work without reinstating from retirement, except under certain specified circumstances. The 180-day waiting period starts from the date of retirement.

The Desert Community College District had two vacant payroll specialist positions, out of three, in the Fiscal Service payroll department due to promotion and retirement. Desert Community College requested that Cecilia Woodward, who retired May 2, 2013, be hired to perform temporary emergency payroll duties and assist where necessary in the technical duties in preparation, processing of payroll, and other documents as retired.

Deputy Superintendent Jessup explained that the reason this item is on the Board's agenda is that CalPERS and Cal STRS are still figuring out the Reform Acts. There's an obscure government code that makes, for retirement purposes, all county employees, employees of the County Superintendent. Whenever there is a request to waive the 180 day wait period, the action must be taken in a public meeting. CalPERS has told us that for now, these requests will be held at the County Board of Education level. Member Rainey shared that prior to Member Craig leaving ill, she had many questions about why these two resolutions came to the County Board and she felt Deputy Superintendent Jessup's explanation would answer Member Craig's questions. President Romero requested that Deputy Superintendent Jessup follow up with Member Craig.

It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Dennis that Resolution No. 03-14 be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

6. **ACTION ITEM 6 – RESOLUTION NO. 04-14, CaPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD FOR A RETIREE – JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Currently under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) a 180-day waiting period is required for all employees who retire from a public employer before a retiree can return to work without reinstating from retirement, except under certain specified circumstances. The 180-day waiting period starts from the date of retirement.

Jurupa Unified School District had a board member resign and Donna Johnston was appointed to fill the vacancy from August, 2013 through December, 2014. Jurupa Unified School District requested that Donna Johnston, who retired from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on August 7, 2013, be appointed to the Jurupa Board of Education. Although a board member is an

exempt official, CalPERS required this action prior to Ms. Johnston assuming her duties or face possible pension adjustment.

Deputy Superintendent Jessup explained that this is an elected official who retired as an employee of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and was appointed to the Jurupa Unified School District. CalPERS said that because she is a county employee who will now be receiving compensation for her services as a Board Member, this action needs to be taken. CalPERS said that they didn't contemplate a retired county employee coming back to service as an elected official and while they figure things out, they have asked that the County Board approve the resolution. If the resolution was not approved, Ms. Johnston's retirement compensation could potentially be penalized by CalPERS. Deputy Superintendent recommended approving the resolution.

It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Dennis that Resolution No. 04-14 be approved as presented.

5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, and Romero.

2 Absent: Members Craig and Villani.

Motion adopted.

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CTE Update

Mr. Ron Vito, Executive Director, Career Technical Education, gave an update on the CTE program.

2. Surplus Property Report

Mrs. Teresa Hyden, Chief Business Official, reviewed the Surplus Property Report for the period of April 1, 2013 through June 28, 2013. Per Education Code Section 1279, all items on the report were valued at less than \$25,000 and they were disposed through an outside vendor auction.

3. Fiscal Update

The Fiscal Update Report was accepted as submitted.

4. Facility Update

The Facility Update Report was accepted as submitted. Member Rainey asked, without getting into privacy issues, if Deputy Superintendent Jessup saw a possible resolution to the Public Comment issue brought forth by Mr. David Spindler and Ms. Patricia Delgado. Deputy Superintendent Jessup shared the information that the Murrieta RLC is a lease, lease-back project and that the contract with the sub-contractor, Mr. Spindler, is through the Construction Manager (CM). RCOE will be working with the CM to resolve whatever issues that exist to resolve this as soon as possible. Mr. Tom Johnson, Director II, OSS, will be following up with the CM.

County Superintendent Young noted that the Indio Office was called the Don F. Kenny Service Center and that we are planning on having that called the Don F. Kenny Regional Learning Center. President Romero requested that the re-naming of the Indio Regional Learning Center be brought back to the Board as an action item at a future meeting.

5. First Reading Board Bylaws - Presented by Paul Jessup, Riverside County Deputy Superintendent of Schools

First Reading of Board Bylaw 9320 was presented to reflect the change in the meeting start times from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. as voted at the Board's July Organizational Meeting.

First Reading of Board Bylaw 9621 was presented at the Board's request to hear Inter District Transfer (IDT) appeals in closed session. Language was taken from Education Code about expulsions and inserted into Bylaw 9621 on IDT appeals that will now be held in closed session unless the person requesting the appeal requests, in writing, that the Hearing be held in open session.

Member Rainey commented that an unintended consequence of the Board's vote to change the meeting start time from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. has had an impact on staff that concerns her. It also concerns her than an unintended

consequence of the change in start time will result in Member Hoffman having to resign from his seat on the board with First Five and he's been a strong person in guiding that organization. She said that, if given the opportunity to revisit this item, she would ask more questions. She recommended that when the item is reconsidered in the future, calendars are checked. At the request of other board members, President Romero requested that the item be reconsidered immediately at the next meeting rather than wait the entire year to re-vote and to reassure the Board that the intent of changing the meeting time is actually accomplishing the goal of being more accessible to the public. President Romero requested that the board secretary take an informal survey of members to determine what time each member feels is best and to place it on the September meeting agenda as an action item.

Member Dennis commented that the form used by districts for submitting IDT appeals reads at the top that it is Riverside County's appeal process and he would like that form revised to reflect that it is the agreement amongst school districts and not give the impression that it is a regulation of the county. Deputy Superintendent Jessup will ask Patti Crawford to review the document.

6. Legislative Update –

Deputy Superintendent Jessup reviewed the Legislative Update highlighting the LCAP funding and the role that the County Superintendent and County Board will have.

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

Member Dennis requested that the start times item be placed on the agenda before the vote on the Bylaws, Member Rainey agreed that we might not have a need for the vote on Bylaw 9320.

8. President/Board Member/Superintendent Comments

There were no additional member comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - 11:00 a.m., Board Room, 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA

**RCBE MEETINGS:**

11 a.m. start time, all remaining meetings. All meetings will be held at 3939 Thirteenth St., Riverside, CA, Board Room except December, which will be held in Indio.

October 9, 2013	March 12, 2014
November 13, 2013	April 9, 2014
December 11, 2013 - Indio	May 14, 2014
January 15, 2014	June 11, 2014
February 12, 2014	June 25, 2014

### **RCOE EVENTS:**

September 11, 2013 – Patriot Day, RCOE, Downtown Riverside, 9 a.m.  
September 19, 2013 - Fourth Annual Parent and Family Engagement Summit, Palm Springs Convention Center  
October 24, 2013 – Eleventh Annual Riverside County Education Summit, Palm Springs Convention Center  
February 1, 2014 – Academic Decathlon (Written Tests, SQ, Awards Ceremony), Perris High School  
March 1, 2014 – Mock Trial (Finals, Awards Ceremony), Riverside Historic Courthouse  
March 12, 2014 - Spelling Bee, Moreno Valley Conference Center  
March 15, 2014 – History Day (Competition, Awards Ceremony), Ramona High School  
April, 2014 – RIMS Inland Science Fair Awards, Location TBD  
May, 2014 – Celebrating Educators, Palm Springs Convention Center  
May, 2014 – Employee Recognition, Location TBD

### **RCSS EVENTS:**

March, 2014 – Riverside County State of Education Address, Palm Springs Convention Center  
April, 2014 – Ninth Annual Student Academic Awards Dinner, Palm Springs Convention Center

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

September 27-29, 2013 – California County Boards of Education Fall Conference, Monterey  
October, 2013 – Riverside County School Boards Association (RCSBA) Fall Joint Meeting  
December 4-5, 2013 – California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly (CSBA), San Diego  
December 5-7, 2013 – California School Boards Association Annual Conference (CSBA), San Diego  
April 5-7, 2014 – National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

### **PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS**

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