

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

November 13, 2013

9 a.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 Vice-President Dennis at 9:03 a.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Craig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Members in attendance:

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

Mr. Gerald Colapinto, Trustee Area 1

Mrs. Lynne D. Craig, Trustee Area 2

Dr. Susan J. Rainey, Trustee Area 3

Dr. Ralph R. Villani, Trustee Area 5

Absent:

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

Dr. Jay Hoffman, Trustee Area 7

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** without the ability to transfer the time to another speaker. 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.

Jill Marks, Gateway to College and Career Academy Charter, gave a brief update on the Gateway Charter progress and informed the Board that she has taken a position with the Gateway to College National Network. She introduced her Riverside replacement, Miguel Contreras, as the new school leader.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Villani that the agenda be approved as presented.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Craig, Dennis, Rainey, and Villani.
2 Absent: Member Hoffman and President Romero
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda Items #1-3 are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion.

Motion: It was moved by Member Colapinto and seconded by Member Craig to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Craig, Dennis, Rainey, and Villani.
2 Absent: Member Hoffman and President Romero
Motion carried.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Board of Education, October 9, 2013.

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board approve the Certification List #CL 11-13 (Temporary County Certificates) as prepared by Mr. Steve Hovey, Chief Personnel Officer.

3. **DONATION(S)**

- \$25,000 check from Schools First Federal Credit Union to sponsor the Riverside County Office of Education's Education Summit and Models of Excellence Program held on October 24, 2013 in Palm Springs at the Palm Springs Convention Center.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held regarding the charter school petition appeal presented by the petitioners for the Menifee Valley Preparatory School, the petition having been previously denied by the Menifee Union School District on August 13, 2013.

The hearing was called to order at 9:09 a.m. and was conducted pursuant to Board Policy 0421.41 and Education Code section 47605 j (1).

A presentation on the Menifee Valley Preparatory School Charter Petition was provided by Mr. Scott Phillips, lead petitioner.

Dr. Steve Kennedy, Superintendent, and Dr. Karen Valdes, Assistant Superintendent, Menifee Union School District, spoke on behalf of the district and shared the district's and Governing Board's opposition to the petition.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the charter petition: Karen Henson, DiAnne McClenahan, Bryanna Vaughn, Chrissy Sandoval, Yolanda Tanner, Julie Paulie, Danielle Coats, Blessing Rellias, Phil Paulie, Bill Stephens, and Scott Levesque.

The hearing was closed at 10:14 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. ACTION ITEM 1 – RESOLUTION NO 06-14 - TRANSFER OF TITLE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES TO PALO VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

California Education Code Section 17071.75 permits adjustment of eligibility for state funding of new school construction in connection with the transfer of title of special education facilities from a county office of education to a school district. Riverside County Board of Education Resolution No. 06-14 would authorize such a transfer between the Riverside County Office of Education and the Palo Verde Unified School District.

Motion: It was moved by Member Craig and seconded by Member Colapinto to approve Resolution No. 06-14 as presented.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Colapinto, Craig, Dennis, Rainey, and Villani.
2 Absent: Member Hoffman and President Romero
Motion carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Imagine Schools Update

Mr. Monte Lange and Imagine Riverside staff gave the Board a presentation on the progress of the Coachella campus. They gave an overview of the school's operations and shared their curriculum plans. Their current struggle is finding qualified and certificated dual immersion teachers. Member Villani said he was very concerned with the \$266,912 deficit that was noted as forgiven debt on their presentation. He requested an accounting itemizing their expenses with details about how their funds have been spent. Mr. Lange said he would share a report with Dr. Villani from Galaxy. Mr. Lange invited the Board to attend a Grand Opening on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 p.m.

2. Williams and Valenzuela Settlements – Annual Report

Dr. Russell Frank, Director, presented the 2012-13 Williams and Valenzuela Annual Reports.

3. Governmental Relations

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Governmental Relations Services. Vice-President Dennis presented Education Code section 1042 for discussion on the authority of the County Board. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Board's Policy and Legislation Sub-Committee will review the Board's authority with legal counsel.

4. Fiscal Update

The fiscal update was presented by Teresa Hyden, Chief Business Official.

5. Facility Update

The facility update was presented by Teresa Hyden, Chief Business Official.

6. Legislative Update

The report was submitted and received as information. Member Craig requested that the Board be included in LCAP meetings with community members and the public.

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

8. President and Board Member Comments

Member Craig encouraged the Board to attend Twin Pines' upcoming Horse Rodeo and BBQ Lunch. She said the students do a wonderful job of raising the cattle and caring for the horses. She recently attended the RCSBA Fall Joint Meeting in San Bernardino and said the collaborations with Cal State San Bernardino and schools in Riverside and San Bernardino counties with regards to the A-G requirements are fantastic. She congratulated Charles Brew, a former RCBE Board Member, he was recently recognized. She commended RCOE for being the recipient of a Golden Bell Award. There were a total of 9 Golden Bell Awards given to Riverside County schools.

She thanked Deputy Superintendent Jessup for distributing information on the Brown Act and Form 700 reporting information. She also requested that more Form 700 reporting information be a topic for a future Board meeting.

Member Colapinto said that in the 30 years that he's served on this Board, cooperation between the Administration and Board has always been a wonderful thing. He said it isn't happening anymore and he hopes the Policy and Legislative Committee is able to work out some of the differences for the benefit of the organization because little issues like today's shouldn't come up and wouldn't come up if there was a healthy relationship. He said the current relationship isn't healthy and that it should change.

Member Rainey said she appreciated her second opportunity to attend Operation Recognition. She also enjoyed the presentations from districts at Ed Summit. She doesn't know the process for selecting winners for Models of Excellence but she found it interesting that some districts had several award winners and some districts had 1-2 or none. Without knowing the process, there seemed to be an imbalance.

Member Dennis suggested that if we know of a good program at a district, we should recruit them to apply for an award. He added that Riverside County won 25% of the total Golden Bell Awards that were given out statewide. He said it's something to be proud of. He looks forward to the Riverside Convention Center re-opening.

Member Rainey suggested that the Board invite Golden Bell winners to be recognized at one of the Board meetings; perhaps spread the winners out at different meetings. Member Craig said RCSBA also has plans to do that.

CLOSED SESSION – INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEALS

1. Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing: Nobles – San Jacinto USD to Hemet USD 11:30 a.m.

The Hearing began in closed session at 11:59 a.m. At 12:20 p.m. the Appellants withdrew their appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 - 9:00 a.m., 47-110 Calhoun St., Indio, CA

RCBE MEETINGS

9 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.

January 8, 2014
February 12, 2014
March 12, 2014
April 9, 2014
May 14, 2014
June 11, 2014
June 25, 2014

RCOE EVENTS:

November 12, 2013 – Operation Recognition, 2 p.m., Moreno Valley Conference Center
February 1, 2014 – Academic Decathlon (Written Tests, SQ, Awards Ceremony), 7 a.m., Perris High School
March 1, 2014 – Mock Trial (Finals, Awards Ceremony), 9 a.m., 3:30 p.m., Riverside Historic Courthouse
March 12, 2014 - Spelling Bee, 9 a.m., Moreno Valley Conference Center
March 15, 2014 – History Day (Competition, Awards Ceremony), 7 a.m., 4 p.m., Ramona High School

April 2, 2014 – RIMS Inland Science Fair Awards, 6 p.m., Riverside Municipal Auditorium

May 6, 2014 – Celebrating Educators, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Convention Center

May 8, 2014 – Employee Recognition, 5:30 p.m., Location TBD

RCSS EVENTS:

March 11, 2014 – Riverside County State of Education Address, 11:30 a.m., Renaissance Esmeralda

March 18, 2014 – Riverside County State of Education Address, 11:30 a.m., Riverside Convention Center

April 23, 2014 – Ninth Annual Student Academic Awards Dinner, 6 p.m., Riverside Convention Center

OTHER EVENTS:

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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