

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

Riverside County Office of Education – 4th Floor Board Room
3939 Thirteenth Street
Riverside, CA 92502

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Riverside County Board of Education

Bruce N. Dennis, President	Trustee Area 4
Susan J. Rainey, Ed.D, Vice President	Trustee Area 3
Jeanie B. Corral	Trustee Area 1
Jay N. Hoffman, Ed.D.	Trustee Area 7
Elizabeth F. Romero	Trustee Area 6
Wendel W. Tucker, Ph.D.	Trustee Area 2
Ralph R. Villani, Ed.D.	Trustee Area 5

Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

Kenneth M. Young, ex officio secretary and executive officer of the Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rainey at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Members Rainey, Corral, Hoffman, Tucker and Villani were present. Member Romero arrived at 4:03 p.m. and President Dennis arrived at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Tucker that the agenda be approved.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Tucker, and Villani.

2 Absent: Members Dennis and Romero.

Motion adopted.

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 required 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.

Kathy Cox, Special Education Director, River Springs Charter School, introduced herself to the board and gave an update on the special education investigation at River Springs. Barbara Hale shared information on charter schools in Riverside County. Mike Tracy introduced himself as the new headmaster at Temecula Preparatory School.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – MILO P. JOHNSON AWARD OF DISTINCTION

In 1999, the Riverside County Board of Education 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. Joan Patrick, Financial Manager, Fiscal Services is this year’s recipient.

AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Motion: It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Romero that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes: Members Corral, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.
Motion adopted.

CONSENT ITEM 1

Subject: Minutes of the Riverside County Board of Education (RCBE) Regular Meeting of March 11, 2015.

Consent Item 1 Attachment: RCBE Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2015

CONSENT ITEM 2

Subject: Temporary County Certificates

Consent Item 2 Attachment: Certification List #CL 04-15

CONSENT ITEM 3

Subject: Donations

- \$1,465.00 for INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). (From 22 combined donors)
- \$7,000.00 from *A Foundation for Kids* and *Loft 84* to host a prom night on May 9, 2015 for Arlington Regional Learning Center Students.

Consent Item 3 Attachment: None

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM 1

Subject: Notice of Violation – River Springs Charter School

Background Information: In October and November of 2013, the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) received written and oral complaints regarding several areas of operations of River Springs Charter School (River Springs). The Complaints were made by former River Springs employees as well as parents of current River Springs students. RCOE staff followed up with the complainants to obtain additional information and determine the credibility of the complainants, and staff ultimately determined that a formal investigation was warranted. Best, Best & Krieger, LLP, conducted the investigation as an outside party. In response to the investigation report, the Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) conducted a special education audit and confirmed findings of noncompliance at River Springs Charter School. As a result of those findings, the superintendent's staff has drafted a Notice of Violation for the Board's review and consideration.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero that the Notice of Violation be issued to River Springs Charter School as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes: Members Corral, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.
Motion adopted.

ACTION ITEM 2

Subject: Budget Revisions, March 1 through March 31, 2015

Background Information: Per the provisions of California Education Code Section 1280, revision in excess of \$25,000 to the annual county school services fund budget of the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools reflecting the period of March 1 through March 31, 2015 will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Education for discussion and approval.

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Hoffman that the Budget Revisions be approved as presented.

Vote: 7 Ayes: Members Corral, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.
Motion adopted.

ACTION ITEM 3

Subject: Appoint an *Ex Officio* to the Riverside County Education Academy Board of Directors

Background Information: The Riverside County Board of Education approved Riverside County Education Academy's petition to form a nonprofit public benefit charter school on October 12, 2011. The governing board that authorizes a charter for the formation of a charter school is entitled to a single *ex officio* representative to serve on the board of directors of the nonprofit public benefit corporation. Dr. Bill Hendrick, *ex officio* appointee, resigned in December 2014, leaving a vacancy on the Riverside County Education Academy Board of Directors which the Board will be asked to fill.

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Dennis that Alejandro Espinosa be appointed to the Riverside County Education Academy Board of Directors and that Sergeant Daniel Contreras serve as his alternate.

Vote: 6 Ayes: Members Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.
1 Nay: Member Corral.
Motion adopted.

INFORMATION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM 1

Subject: Alternative Education LCAP Update

The Board received an update of Alternative Education's LCAP.

INFORMATION ITEM 2

Subject: Budget Development Update

The Board received an update on the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools 2015-2016 budget being developed to provide direct services to district schools and staff.

INFORMATION ITEM 3

Subject: Legislative Update

The Board received its monthly update of legislative activity.

INFORMATION ITEM 4

Subject: Quarterly Facility Update

The Board received its Quarterly Facility Update.

INFORMATION ITEM 5

Subject: Quarterly Surplus Report

The Board received its Quarterly Surplus Report.

INFORMATION ITEM 6

Subject: Board President and Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Member Corral enjoyed attending History Day and loved seeing the student's presentations. She also enjoyed attending the Groundbreaking of RCC's Student Services Administration Building.

Member Romero attended NALEO's School Governance Educational Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. She said she attended a few presentations on smarter balance, common care and a slew of governance related issues. She recommended having Parliamentary Procedures as a study topic for a future study session or retreat.

Member Tucker appreciates the ongoing changes with board documents at meetings. He also appreciates the changes made on the board website to add trustee maps and e-mail addresses.

Member Rainey enjoyed the NSBA session by the current Nashville superintendent who replaced Pedro Garcia. He prided himself on the fact that when he started with the district there were only four charter schools and now there are twenty-one. She found his work and the strong feelings his work has brought from both parties in support of and against them, to be very interesting. She said the politics involved with charters at the local level are currently overpowering that school district. She learned that in Nashville, a school board didn't approve a charter school application in a higher income area and the state approved it, and then fined the district \$3.5 million dollars for not approving it. She said the Board needs to continue to be mindful of the implications intended and unintended of what they are doing in some states and districts. She isn't opposed to charters; she reiterated that the Board needs to remain mindful.

President Dennis attended the Charter Schools Conference with staff members. He said they had really good sessions about what to pay attention to in MOU's. One of the things he learned was about charter schools 1090 compliance issues - conflict of interest codes. He thought it was insightful to hear it from their lawyer. He also attended NSBA and his favorite session was on LGBTQ, he found it to be the most educational. He learned that charter policies vary greatly across the nation, especially in Ohio. He said CSBA Policy updates have fallen by the way side on the agendas. He would like to see them put back on three times per year. He said he continues to be impressed with the way the Santa Clara County Board of Education operates. He provided members with a print out of Santa Clara Board's website pages. Online agenda –

he would like Board docs to be implemented. He would like staff to hear a 60 minute presentation then a 15 minute presentation at a board meeting. Member Romero recommended the Board hear 3 presentations in an RFP-like manner during a study session and bring a recommendation to staff at a future board meeting for vote.

6:06 p.m. RECESS.

CLOSED SESSION

INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARINGS

1. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-25, from the Perris Union High School District to the Val Verde Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

The Board took no action on this matter. It was settled between all parties.

2. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-26, from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

The Board took no action on this matter. It was continued to the May 13, 2015 meeting.

3. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-27, from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

The Board took no action on this matter. It was settled between all parties.

4. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-28, from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Dennis to grant an Inter District Transfer Appeal from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

Vote: 7 Ayes: Members Corral, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker and Villani.
Motion adopted.

5. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-29, from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Corral to grant an Inter District Transfer Appeal from the Perris Union High School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

Vote: 4 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Romero, and Tucker.

3 Nays: Member Dennis, Rainey, and Villani.

Motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.