

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

July 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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THE AGENDA ON THE DAY OF THE NOTICED MEETING**

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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 Villani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Member Dennis was absent, all other members were present.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Villani that the order of the agenda be changed and that the Annual Organizational Meeting be held prior to the regular agenda.

Vote: 6 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion adopted.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

A. ELECTION OF 2015-2016 OFFICERS:

a. President

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Corral that Member Rainey serve as President for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Vote: 6 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion adopted.

b. Vice-President

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Hoffman that Member Tucker serve as Vice-President for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Vote: 6 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion adopted.

B. 2015-16 MEETING DATES and START TIME

a. Meeting Dates and Start Time

Motion: It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Romero to postpone the vote on the meeting start time to the August meeting.

Vote: 2 Ayes: Members Hoffman and Romero

4 Nays: Members Corral, Rainey, Tucker and Villani

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion failed.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Corral that the meetings be held the second Wednesday of each month, except November which will be held on a Thursday due to the Veteran's Day Holiday. The regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Closed Session items starting at 12:30 p.m. The August meeting will begin at 5 p.m. due to the Ed Code requirement to hold the meeting in the evening.

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

1 Nay: Member Romero.

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion adopted.

C. SELECTION OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (RCSBA) REPRESENTATIVE

a. RCSBA Representative

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Corral that Member Romero serve as the RCSBA Representative for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Vote: 6 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.

1 Absent: Member Dennis.

Motion adopted.

D. SELECTION OF STANDING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

a. Standing Subcommittees

1. Policy and Legislation
2. Budget and Facilities
3. Curriculum and Appellate
4. Charter Schools

President Rainey added a fourth subcommittee and requested that members submit their first and second interest in standing subcommittees to the board secretary so that action can be taken at the August meeting to ratify their appointments.

E. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT DENNIS

This item was moved to the August agenda due to Member Dennis' absence.

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 items, 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.

Barbara Hale, David Coates and Fatima Cristerna-Adame spoke during Public Comments.

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 Tucker and seconded by Member Villani that the Minutes of the June 10 and June 24 meetings be separated from the consent agenda items and voted on separately.

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

CONSENT ITEM 2 (DOC)

Subject: Temporary County Certificates

Consent Item 2 Attachment: [Certification List #CL 07-15](#)

CONSENT ITEM 3

Subject: Donations

- \$270 donation from [The Community Foundation](#) to be used to purchase art supplies in teaching arts by the Alternative Education and Correction Education teachers.
- \$5,795 donation from [Altura Credit Union](#) used for the Employee Recognition Event that occurred on May 5, 2015.

Consent Item 3 Attachment: None

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Corral that the Temporary County Certificates and Donations be approved as presented.

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

CONSENT ITEM 1

Subject: Minutes of the Riverside County Board of Education (RCBE) Regular Meetings in June, 2015.

Consent Item 1 Attachment: [RCBE Minutes June 10, 2015](#); [RCBE Minutes June 24, 2015](#)

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Corral that the June 10 and June 24 Minutes be tabled to the August 12 meeting and be revised to reflect additional member comments.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Tucker, and Villani.
1 Nay: Member Romero.
1 Absent: Member Dennis.
Motion adopted.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM 1 (DOC)

Subject: Budget Revisions, June 1 through June 30, 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 June 1 through June 30, 2015 will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Education for discussion and approval.

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

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

ACTION ITEM 2 (DOC)

Subject: Board Docs

Background Information: The Board received a video presentation from BoardDocs at the June 24, 2015 meeting. It will vote to either begin using the BoardDocs system and go completely paperless or to continue using the current paper method.

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Romero that the BoardDocs System be approved for use as presented.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM 1 (DOC)

Subject: Charter Schools LCAP Presentations

The Board received Charter Schools LCAP Presentations.

INFORMATION ITEM 2 (DOC)

Subject: Historical Charter Decisions Report

The Board received a Historical Charter Decisions Report. Member Villani requested the historical information because he felt there was a perception that the Board is anti-charter. He declared that this board is not anti-charter. He read from EC 476011, the Charter Schools Act of 1992, and said that his votes are solely based on the Charter Schools Act. Member Romero said that the board needs to move away from the perception vs. reality and focus back on quality education and that the mission as a board is that all students will receive a quality education. The board needs to look to the future, look to improve process and abide by the Charter Schools Act and also see what's in the best interest of the students and families in Riverside County. Member Tucker said he supports Member Romero's

comments and that he believes the topic of charters needs to have a broader dialogue. He would like to see the districts, the county board and the county office have serious dialogue about what it really means to provide for parent choice and to discuss the real intent of the 1992 act. He has commended staff in the past and he continues to commend staff about the metric they created based on the guidelines of education code and the act. District appeals that come to the board are rejected and recent staff recommendations have upheld those district rejections. He would like to have discussions held across various county meetings to create an environment where charters are welcome but only if they are going to better the education of students. He would like charters to be a key agenda item on the November Study Session. President Rainey said that charters need to be a dialogue not a finger pointing and that she has been for and against charters on a case by case basis. As a superintendent she helped create a good charter ten years ago that is still successful today in a different form. She has also seen a charter that hasn't been good for kids and was revoked. Not all charters are really outstanding, not all public school systems are outstanding and not all schools are outstanding. She agrees with Members Tucker and Romero that this needs to be a broader dialogue so that the Board can be as knowledgeable as possible on charter law. The board needs to accept the fact that its individuals will not always agree but should agree to focus on the education of the kids.

INFORMATION ITEM 3 [\(DOC\)](#)

Subject: Quarterly Surplus Update

The Board received its Quarterly Surplus Update.

INFORMATION ITEM 4 [\(DOC\)](#)

Subject: Quarterly Facility Update

The Board received its Quarterly Facility Update.

INFORMATION ITEM 5 [\(DOC\)](#)

Subject: Legislative Update

The Board received its monthly update of legislative activity. Dr. Rainey requested future updates on the possible elimination of the CAHSEE.

INFORMATION ITEM 6

Subject: Board President and Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Member Hoffman shared that he's concerned about access to parents and students due to the new start time. He feels it will be a challenge to families to participate in future meetings. President Rainey shared Diana Asseier's comments during the break that families who have come to IDT hearings have generally complained about the late appointments for hearings because they usually have young children at home and have to find evening child care in order to attend. They also complain about the difficulty in handling traffic to arrive on time from all parts of the county, especially during evening rush hours.

President Rainey shared that Superintendent Young is planning on attending the CSBA Annual Conference and that he would like to schedule a Board dinner on December 3.

6:02 p.m. Recess

CLOSED SESSION

1. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-01 from the Perris Union High School District to Murrieta Valley Unified School District - the board took no action. The appeal was resolved prior to the start of the meeting.
2. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-02 from the Banning Unified School District to Beaumont Unified School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Corral to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Banning Unified School District to Beaumont Unified School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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

3. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-03 from the Banning Unified School District to Beaumont Unified School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Corral to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Banning Unified School District to Beaumont Unified School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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

After reporting closed session actions in open session, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.