

RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2015 – 12:30 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

Susan J. Rainey, Ed.D, President	Trustee Area 3
Wendel W. Tucker, Ph.D., Vice President	Trustee Area 2
Jeanie B. Corral	Trustee Area 1
Bruce N. Dennis	Trustee Area 4
Jay N. Hoffman, Ed.D.	Trustee Area 7
Elizabeth F. Romero	Trustee Area 6
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 President Rainey at 12:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Romero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

All members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Romero to approve the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Kottia Spangler, Kathleen Hermsmeyer, and Barbara Hale spoke during Public Comments.

EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING

Subject: Expulsion Appeal #081215

Background Information: The parent requested that the expulsion appeal be heard in Open Session. After meeting in Open Session from 12:30 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. to hear Expulsion Appeal #081215E, participants to the case were excused so that the Board could deliberate in Closed Session. At 1:20 p.m., the Board convened to Open Session and took the following action:

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Dennis to **AFFIRM** the decision of the Governing Board of the Alvord Unified School District.

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

1:21 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 #1516-04 from the Murrieta Valley Unified School District to the Temecula 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 #1516-05 from the Murrieta Valley Unified School District to the Temecula Valley Unified School District - the board took no action. The appeal was resolved prior to the start of the meeting.

3. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-06 from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Dennis to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-16 school year.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, and Tucker.
2 Nays: Members Corral and Villani.
Motion adopted.

4. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-07 from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Villani to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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

5. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-08 from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District - the board took no action. The appellants did not show for the hearing.

6. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-09 from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Hoffman and seconded by Member Romero to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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

7. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-10 from the Menifee Union School District to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District - the board took no action. The appeal was resolved at the start of the hearing.

8. **INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER APPEAL HEARING** In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal hearing #1516-11 from the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to the Menifee Union School District:

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Romero to grant the Inter District Transfer from the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to the Menifee Union School District for the 2015-16 school year.

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

4:13 p.m. - Recess

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT ITEMS

CONSENT ITEM 1

Subject: Revised Minutes of the Riverside County Board of Education (RCBE) Regular Meeting of June 10, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero to approve the June 10 minutes.

Amended Motion: It was moved by Member Dennis and seconded by Member Hoffman to amend the motion and add to the June 10 minutes that Member Dennis did not violate Board Bylaw 9010.

Amended Motion Vote: 2 Ayes: Members Dennis and Hoffman.
5 Nays: Members Corral, Rainey, Romero, Tucker and Villani.
Amended motion failed.

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

CONSENT ITEM 1

Subject: Revised Minutes of the Riverside County Board of Education (RCBE) Regular Meeting of June 24, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero to approve the June 24 minutes.

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

CONSENT ITEM 1

Subject: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2015.

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Corral to approve the July 8 minutes with the amendment of the start time to add the closed session start time of 12:30 p.m.

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

Consent Item 1 Attachment: [RCBE Revised Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015](#); [RCBE Revised Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2015](#); [RCBE Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2015](#)

CONSENT ITEM 2 [\(DOC\)](#)

Subject: Temporary County Certificates

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Romero to approve the Temporary County Certificates #CL-0815.

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

Consent Item 2 Attachment: [Certification List #CL 08-15](#)

CONSENT ITEM 3

Subject: Donations

Subject: \$100 in a book donation by the [Riverside City Teachers Association](#) for students in the Alternative Education division.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero to approve the Donation.

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

Consent Item 3 Attachment: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1

Subject: Certifying Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials for the 2015-16 School-Year for Alternative Education and Special Education Programs

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119, a Public Hearing was opened at 5:21 p.m. 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.

There was no public comment and the hearing closed at 5:22 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM 1 (DOC)

Subject: Resolution No. 01-16 Certifying Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials for the 2015-16 School-Year for Alternative Education and Special Education Programs

Background Information: Riverside County Board of Education Resolution No. 01-16 certifies that students in Riverside County Office of Education classes have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials and that the Board held a public hearing regarding such materials in the time frame and manner prescribed by statute.

Motion: It was moved by Member Corral and seconded by Member Dennis to approve Resolution Number 01-16 as presented.

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

ACTION ITEM 2 (DOC)

Subject: New Mathematics Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Background Information: The Division of Student Programs and Services is requesting approval for new textbook and instructional materials. These textbooks and instructional materials meet Riverside County Office of Education and California Department of Education standards.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero to approve the new mathematics textbooks and instructional materials as presented.

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

ACTION ITEM 3 (DOC)

Subject: Riverside County Office of Education Single Plan for Student Achievement (Community Schools and Court Schools)

Background Information: State law requires that school-level plans (developed by school site councils with the advice of any applicable school advisory committees) for programs funded through the Consolidated Application be integrated into a Single Plan for Student Achievement. Local Education Agencies (LEA's) allocate NCLB funds to schools through the Consolidated Application for Title I, Part A (Basic), Title III (Limited English Proficient), and Title V (Innovative Programs/Parental Choice). LEA's may elect to allocate other funds to schools for inclusion in school plans. The content of the school plan includes school goals, activities, and expenditures for improving the academic performance of students to the proficient level and above. The plan delineates the actions that are required for program implementation and serves as the school's guide in evaluating progress toward meeting the goals.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero to approve the Riverside County Office of Education Single Plan for Student Achievement in Community Schools and Court Schools as presented.

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

ACTION ITEM 4 (DOC)

Subject: Consolidated Application

Background Information: The Consolidated Application reflects state and federal funding for Title I Part A (Basic Grant), Title I Part D (Delinquent), Title II Part A (Teacher Quality), and Title III (Limited English Proficiency) for Alternative and Special Education programs administered by the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. Board approval is required for submission to the California Department of Education and subsequent California State Board of Education approval. Submission verifies to California Department of Education adherence to all legal assurances associated with state and federal categorical programs. Funds are used to support improved student achievement.

Motion: It was moved by Member Dennis and seconded by Member Romero to approve the Consolidated Application as presented.

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

ACTION ITEM 5 (DOC)

Subject: Budget Revisions, July 1 through July 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 July 1 through July 31, 2015 will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Education for discussion and approval.

Motion: It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Corral to approve the Budget Revisions as presented.

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

ACTION ITEM 6 (DOC)

Subject: 2015-16 County Board Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Background Information: President Rainey presented the appointments to the various Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees.

STANDING:

1. POLICY AND LEGISLATION: Members Romero and Hoffman.
2. BUDGET AND FACILITIES: Members Tucker, Villani and Dennis.
3. CURRICULUM AND APPELLATE: Members Corral and Hoffman.
4. CHARTER SCHOOLS: Members Romero, Tucker and Dennis.

AD HOC:

1. SUPERINTENDENTS COMPENSATION: Members Tucker and Villani.
2. UNIQUE PROJECTS: Members Hoffman and Corral.
3. MILO P. JOHNSON: Members Hoffman and Corral.

Motion: It was moved by Member Dennis and seconded by Member Romero to approve the Subcommittee Appointments as proposed.

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

ACTION ITEM 7 (DOC)

Subject: 2015-16 Meeting Start Time

Background Information: Member Dennis requested that the Board reconsider the meeting start time.

Motion: It was moved by Member Dennis and seconded by Member Romero to change the meeting start time back to 4 p.m.

Vote: 3 Ayes: Members Dennis, Hoffman and Romero.
4 Nays: Members Corral, Rainey, Tucker and Villani.
Motion failed.

Motion: It was then moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Dennis to begin the regular meetings at 9 a.m. and closed session at 11 a.m. Any regular meeting items not finished before the closed session time will continue after closed session is adjourned. Every year the August meeting will be held at 5 p.m.

Vote: 5 Ayes: Members Corral, Hoffman, Rainey, Tucker and Villani.
2 Nays: Member Dennis and Romero.
Motion adopted.

ACTION ITEM 8

Subject: Resolution No. 02-16, Remuneration of the Board, Bruce Dennis

Background Information: Member Dennis was absent from the July 8, 2015 meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Member Romero and seconded by Member Tucker to approve Resolution No. 02-16 as presented.

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

1 Nay: Member Villani.

2 Abstentions: Member Corral and Dennis.

Motion adopted.

INFORMATION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM 1

Subject: Legislative Update

The Board received a Legislative Update.

INFORMATION ITEM 2

Subject: Materials/Articles Provided by Board Members

A Los Angeles Times article was shared at Member Villani's request.

INFORMATION ITEM 3

Subject: Board President and Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Member Tucker expressed appreciation to his colleagues for the open dialogue they had at the meeting. He feels it's important that individual members are able to express opinions and take appropriate actions and shouldn't always agree.

Dr. Villani wanted to clarify that the reason the minutes from the June meetings were revised is because some board members wanted an accurate report of what really transpired during the meetings to be noted in the minutes. He felt that Member Dennis abused his authority as board president by attempting to suppress the information.

Member Hoffman agreed with Member Tucker's comments and added that tonight's discussions were healthy because there is no fear amongst members to deal with difficult issues. He feels it speaks to the professionalism on the Board.

Member Dennis said he agreed with Member Hoffman's comments and appreciated them. He said his reason for changing the minutes of the June meetings was because he went through three years of minutes and found that in the past, board comments during information items were minimal. He feels that adding personal comments on agenda items creates an opportunity for personal attacks. He submitted a response to the article submitted by Member

Villani written by Steven Michael Levin titled, “CCSA Response to the Los Angeles Times Op-Ed by Diane Ravitch” and asked that the title be added to the minutes.

Member Romero wished all educators a great start to the new school year. She attended the Riverside County School Boards Association’s meeting and they will be having a workshop for developing highly impactful governance teams and how to work more effectively as boards on August 29 at RCOE. She also mentioned California Latino School Boards Association is having their conference on October 1 in Del Mar and encouraged any and all board members to attend.

President Rainey announced that Board Docs will provide an in-service at the October meeting and that the Board will be paperless in November. The Board retreat will be in November and she asked members to submit their suggestions on discussion topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.