

# **RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 10, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.**

Riverside County Office of Education – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (arrived at 4:06 p.m.)
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 President Dennis at 4:02 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Villani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

All members were in attendance with Member Romero arriving at 4:06 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Vote: 7 Ayes: Members Corral, Dennis, Hoffman, Rainey, Romero, Tucker, and Villani.  
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 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, Nancy McCall and Terri Marek spoke during Public Comments.

## **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 Corral that the consent agenda be approved.

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 May 13, 2015.

Consent Item 1 Attachment: [RCBE Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015](#)

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### **CONSENT ITEM 2**

Subject: Temporary County Certificates

Consent Item 2 Attachment: [Certification List #CL 06-15](#)

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### **CONSENT ITEM 3**

Subject: Donations

- Donation of 212 new pairs of athletic shoes valued at \$25 per pair for a total donation value of [\\$5,300 by Shoes that Fit](#) for students served by the Student Programs and Services and Children and Family Services Divisions.

Consent Item 3 Attachment: None

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve consent agenda items 1, 2 and 3 as presented.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1**

Subject: Riverside County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Plan  
Pursuant to Education Code section 1620, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the 2015-2016 Riverside County Office of Education Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Public Notice on the hearing was posted on May 29, 2015. Public comments were solicited. No members of the public came forward.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2**

Subject: 2015-2016 Riverside County Office of Education Budget  
Pursuant to Education Code Section 1620, a public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the 2015-2016 Riverside County Office of Education Annual Budget. Public Notice on the hearing was published in the Friday, May 29, 2015 edition of the Press Enterprise newspaper. The proposed budget was made available for public inspection at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside, California. Public comments were solicited. No members of the public came forward.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3**

Subject: Material Revision – River Springs  
A public hearing was held on the provisions of the approved River Springs Charter within 30 days of the May 29, 2015, receipt of the material revision. The purpose of the hearing was to consider the level of support for the material revision by teachers, parents or guardians, and to inform stakeholders of the proposed charter revisions. Public comments were solicited. No members of the public came forward.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ACTION ITEM 1**

Subject: River Springs Charter School Notice of Violation

Background Information: At its regularly scheduled April, 2015 meeting, the RCBE adopted a Notice of Violation regarding River Springs Charter School. That notice was delivered to the Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer. The Notice of Violation was based on an investigation conducted by Best, Best and Krieger, LLP. This investigation confirmed findings of noncompliance at River Springs Charter School.

Motion: It was moved by Member Rainey and seconded by Member Romero that the Board accept the remedies offered by River Springs Charter School in response to the Board adopted Notice of Violation and terminate the revocation process.

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

**ACTION ITEM 2**

Subject: 2015-16 Career Technical Education Course Adoption

Background Information: Regional Occupational Centers/Programs (ROC/Ps) are established to provide vocational education opportunities to students. The county superintendent, with the consent of the State Board of Education, has discretionary authority to establish and maintain an ROC/P for vocational education purposes. (NOTE - ROC/Ps may also be established by school districts under a joint powers agreement, in which case the county superintendent is not involved.) However, when an ROC/P is established by the county superintendent, as is the case in Riverside County, the county Board of Education is the governing board of that program.

Motion: It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Tucker that the 2015-16 CTE courses be approved as presented.

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

**ACTION ITEM 3**

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

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Rainey that the budget revisions be approved as presented.

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

**ACTION ITEM 4**

Subject: Resolution No. 15-15, Resolution to Establish Temporary Inter Fund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies

Background Information: Resolution No. 15-15 authorizes the temporary transfer of funds as may be necessary during the 2015-2016 fiscal year to meet cash needs. Any funds transferred would be repaid as specified in Education Code section 42603.

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Romero that Resolution No. 15-15 be approved as presented.

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

**ACTION ITEM 5**

Subject: Resolution No. 16-15, Education Protection Act

Background Information: Proposition 30 created a new account within the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee entitled the Education Protection Account (EPA). These funds are distributed quarterly to the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) as well as the Riverside County Education Academy (RCEA) and Come Back Kids (CBK) charter schools. Upon adoption of Resolution 16-15, the Superintendent would allocate the specified funds for teacher salaries and benefits in all three programs.

Motion: It was moved by Member Villani and seconded by Member Hoffman that Resolution No. 16-15 be approved as presented.

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**INFORMATION ITEM 1**

Subject: BoardDocs Presentation

This item was postponed until the June 24 meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEM 2**

Subject: 2015-2016 Draft of Meeting Dates

The Board received a draft of the 2015-2016 Meeting Dates.

**INFORMATION ITEM 3**

Subject: Board Bylaw 9010 – Public Statements

Member Villani commented that he thought President Dennis was inappropriate in writing a letter of support to the Baypoint Charter appeal that went to the State Board after the Board voted against it. He said that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to publicly support every board decision. He read an excerpt from the book, “The School Board Fieldbook: Leading with Vision” about a healthy school board backing the majority decision of its Board and not speaking further about items with split votes. The article suggested that commenting about the disagreement destabilizes an entire organization and that board members should publicly support all of their board’s decisions to provide a united front. President Dennis disagreed that his letter violated Board Bylaw 9010 because it only requires that board members identify themselves and individuals. Member Rainey added that identifying oneself as an individual in support, then signing a letter and identifying oneself as the president of the board of education makes those mutually exclusive. President Dennis disagreed and said that he rarely does this and that it hasn’t been an ongoing problem.

**INFORMATION ITEM 4**

Subject: Board President and Member Comments and Future Agenda Items

Member Villani shared that he recently did a site visit with Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss at the Palm Springs Community Day School. He said it was a very interesting visit and was well organized. Their tour was hosted by two student ambassadors who did an excellent job and that it was a joyful experience. He recommended that his colleagues read the Common Core article in their monthly CSBA magazine.

Member Corral recently attended Sycamore Academy Charter School's Art Showcase. She was impressed with the integration of arts into their curriculum and was pleased and impressed with the level of parental involvement. She also attended the retirement of Temecula's band director. She enjoyed speaking at the dedication of the Gonzales Science Building Dedication at Elsinore High School in Lake Elsinore.

Member Romero attended the Employee Recognition event with Member Corral and enjoyed participating in the celebration of staff and retirees. She attended a few graduations in the desert this year and said they're always enjoyable. She emphasized how meaningful it is to have incarcerated youth participate in the graduation ceremonies and appreciates the extra work for staff to accommodate them. She asked if they could be scheduled around board meetings next year so board members can participate. Next week she is attending the NALEO conference.

Member Tucker agreed with Member Romero on how enjoyable it is to attend those graduations with incarcerated students even though they have a higher than normal police presence. He is also supportive of the CSEA conference being held in Las Vegas and fully understands the reason for holding it there. He said River Springs deserves to be commended on the detailed analysis in their Response to the Notice of Violation. The material was easy to follow and understand and he liked the format in which the response tied together. He asked if there are protocols for visiting charter schools and would like a future discussion on this topic.

Member Rainey suggested that the visitation of charters be discussed at a future board retreat. She also enjoys attending the graduations and complemented Diana Walsh-Reuss on her graduation speech and said it was the best she's heard. She congratulated Susan Levine on her board presentations today and said she's succinct and clear and that they clearly understand her.

President Dennis said he wasn't able to attend any graduations this year and that he appreciated Member Rainey filling in for him. He would like to have all of the county charter's graduations scheduled around board meetings so members can participate. He loved hearing the wonderful comments about the incarcerated students being able to attend graduations.

6:35 p.m. RECESS

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-34, 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 Hoffman 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.

2. **Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing** – In the matter of Inter District Transfer Appeal Hearing #1415-35, from the Perris Union High School District to the Val Verde Unified School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

Motion: It was moved by Member Tucker and seconded by Member Rainey to deny an Inter District Transfer Appeal from the Perris Union High School District to the Val Verde Unified School District.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.