

MINUTES

RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 27, 2021

Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center

Meeting was held TELEPHONICALLY and available to the public
Via streamlined and audio only

Board Members

Present: Joseph W. Martinez, President
Edgar Montes, Vice President
Stephanie E. Lewis, Clerk
Nancy G. O'Kelley, Member
Dina Walker, Member
Destiny Lopez, Student Board Member

Administrators

Present: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent
Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent: Strategic,
Congruence and Social Justice
Also present was Martha Degortari, Executive Administrative
Agent and Jose Reyes, Interpreter/Translator

A. OPENING

A.1 CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Education, which was held telephonically and available to the public via streamlined audio only, was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

A.2 OPEN SESSION

A.2.1 Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

A.3 CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Montes

Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session.

Time: 6:03 p.m.

Member Walker was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.3.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/REASSIGN MENT OF EMPLOYEES (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957)

A.3.2 STUDENT EXPULSIONS/REINSTATEMENTS/EXPULSION ENROLLMENTS

A.3.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services; and Rhonda Kramer, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services.

Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)

A.3.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Designated Representative: Board President, Joseph W. Martinez

Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

A.3.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Superintendent

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Vote by Board Members to adjourn out of Closed Session:

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Member Walker was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.5 OPEN SESSION RECONVENED - 7:00 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Mr. Joseph W. Martinez, led the pledge of allegiance.

A.7 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board took the following action:

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

The Board of Education accepted the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employees #2660431, from January 19, 2021 through June 3, 2021.

Member Walker was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

The Board of Education accepted the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employee #2633031, from January 19, 2021 through June 3, 2021.

Member Walker was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.8 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Member Walker

Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Presentation by Andrew Park, CPA, Partner, Eide Bailly LLP, regarding Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Audited Financial Report

Diane Romo, Lead Fiscal Services Agent, read out the report on behalf of Andrew Park, CPA, Partner, Eide Bailly, LLP.

B.2 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (G.O.), MEASURE Y, FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Measure Y 2010 Proposition 39 General Obligation Bonds Financial and Performance Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2020 presented by Ms. Paula Bailey, Chairperson of the Measure Y Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Diane Romo, Lead Fiscal Services Agent, read the report on behalf Measure Y Citizens' Oversight Committee Chairperson, Ms. Paula Bailey.

C. COMMENTS

C.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item **not on** the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Rosa Fuentes, Community Member, shared that 2020 was a year where we learned so much and she is hopeful that 2021 will be a year of reflection for all. She thanked all the teachers and support staff who made miracles to help the children and families during these difficult times. She said that it is her hope that Rialto Unified School District administration is working on a safe plan that will make it safe when schools reopen for in-person instruction. She recommended that everyone continue with social distance as much as possible, wearing a mask when in public, and reminded everyone that our behavior can save lives.

Tobin Brinker, Frisbie Middle School Teacher, indicated that it is time to say it, "There will be no live-in person instruction this year!" He shared that parents, students, and staff need to know this school year will end with distance learning. He asked that whatever the decision is, that it is important to let everyone know so that they can have clarity. He asked that the Board make a definitive statement tonight.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Francesca Sweet, Simpson Elementary Teacher, shared her support of Resolution 20-21-18 on the agenda to continuing distance learning through the remainder of the school year. The first reason being that under the continued surge in numbers in our county, the health and safety of students and staff cannot be guaranteed. The county remains in the "Wide Spread" purple tier and has had a very slow and confusing vaccine rollout. She said that as it stands now teachers and children are not included in the eligible group to receive vaccines. She feels this would be a huge disruption for teachers and staff districtwide.

The second reason she said, would be the concern that teachers, staff, and students will suffer if there is a change to our bridge academy program and distance learning this late in the year. She feels that all have just begun to feel secure and settled in with the digital learning process, and to change this now would be very disruptive to families and to students' learning. Additionally, the families within the district have expressed their overwhelming support in remaining with distance learning. She said she is confident our School Board will support this resolution as well, as it is in the best interest of our students, staff, and families.

C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rialto Education Association (REA), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Communications Workers of America (CWA), Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA).

Angela Brantley, Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA) President, shared that the RSMA Board would like to continue to encourage everyone and to thank all department and school site leaders for their hard work in providing amazing leadership. She complimented teachers, staff, students, and families, on the compassion they provide, as stay focused on positive student academic outcomes. She said that they

look forward to seeing all parents at the District's Virtual Parent Summit this Saturday, January 30, 2021. It will be an exciting opportunity to connect our parents to critical information that will support them and their children. Lastly, she reminded everyone to be kind to those around you, especially yourself.

C.4 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

C.5 COMMENTS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

C.6 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. PUBLIC HEARING

D.1 PUBLIC INFORMATION

Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary for October through December 2020.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

All items on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless pulled by Board of Education members or the Superintendent for individual action.

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Vote by Board Members to approve Consent Calendar Items, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Destiny Lopez.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.1 MINUTES

E.1.1 MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2021

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held January 13, 2021.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.2 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS

E.2.1 FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5121(a-c); GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 5121(a-c); Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS

E.3.1 CABE 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PARA-EDUCATORS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve sixty (60) Rialto Unified School District parents/guardians who are District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) representatives and/or parents of English Learners, to attend the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) 2021 Virtual Annual Conference on March 23-27, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$13,500.00, and to be paid from Title III – Limited English Proficient (LEP) Fund.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.2 COURSES FOR APPROVAL

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the new courses that will be utilized by all middle and high schools in the District beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for the cost of the books to be paid by the General Fund.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

E.4.1 WARRANT AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from December 11, 2020 through January 7, 2021. (Sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available in the District's website.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.2 DONATIONS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Accept the listed donations from YourCause Blackbaud Giving Fund; Joseph W. Martinez; Rialto Rotary Noon Club; Rialto Hose Lions Club; Rialto Lions Breakfast Club; Les Schwab Tires; Dan & Lynn Hurtz (Dan's Lawn Mowers); Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Foundation (ARMC); Chick-fil-A; Dora Parham; Feeding America; Macy's; Olive Garden; Rialto Women's Club; and Space 25 Automotive Care, and request that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.3 AGREEMENT WITH CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR STUDENT PRACTICUM/FIELDWORK

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve an agreement with Concordia University for their School Counselor Student Practicum/Fieldwork to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing from January 28, 2021 through January 27, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.4 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY FOR EDUCATIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with La Sierra University for Educational Clinical Practice Experiences to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing from January 28, 2021 through January 27, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.5 FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Accept the Second Allocation for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant from The California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division for the following Elementary Schools: Bemis, Boyd, Casey, Curtis, Dollahan, Dunn, Garcia, Henry, Hughbanks, Kelley, Morgan, Morris, Myers, Preston, Simpson and Werner Elementary for the total amount of \$558,351.25 effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.6 SHARE OUR STRENGTH - NO KID HUNGRY CAMPAIGN GRANT

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Accept the Share our Strength - National No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with an implementation start date of January, 2021, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.7 AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL ON WHEELS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Schools on Wheels to provide tutoring services for McKinney Vento students, effective January 28, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.8 DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENTS FOR THIRD PARTY APPLICATIONS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the Data Privacy Agreements for the following Program/Applications: Balfour Publishing, Walsworth Publishing, Pixton, Scale Education, Teachermade, and Institute of Reading Development, for the term as specified in each agreement, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.5 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS

E.5.1 NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BOGH ENGINEERING, INC.

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Accept the work completed before November 1, 2020 by Bogh Engineering, Inc. in connection with the addition of the three (3) Modular Classrooms at Casey Elementary School for the Full-Day Kindergarten Program, and authorize District personnel to file a Notice of Completion with the San Bernardino County Recorder, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.6 PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

E.6.1 PERSONNEL REPORT NO. 1249 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve Personnel Report No. 1249 for classified and certificated employees.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F.1 ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Vice President Montes

Accept the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Audited Financial Report completed by Eide Bailly LLP, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F.2 ANNUAL AUDITED GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (G.O.), MEASURE Y, FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Vice President Montes

Accept the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual General Obligation (G.O.), Measure Y, Financial and Performance Audit completed by Eide Bailly LLP, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F.3 AGREEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR STRATEGIES

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve an agreement with Alternative Behavior Strategies to provide Applied Behavior Analyst (ABA) aides, effective January 28, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$100,000.00, and to be paid from the General Education Fund - Special Education.

Vote by Board Members.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F.4 RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-17- REMUNERATION

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member Walker

Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-17, excusing the absence of Board Vice President Edgar Montes from the Wednesday, January 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Vote by Board Members.

Ayes (4): President Martinez, Clerk Lewis, Member O'Kelley, and Member Walker

Abstain (1): Vice President Montes

Approved by a Unanimous Vote (4 to 0)

F.5 RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-18 - CONTINUE DISTANCE LEARNING THROUGH 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Vice President Montes

Adopt Resolution No. 20-21-18 authorizing to continue Distance Learning through the 2020-2021 school year to protect students and staff from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Vote by Board Members.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on February 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. **telephonically and via streamlined-audio only.**

Materials distributed or presented to the Board of Education at the Board Meeting are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.

Meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence in honor of Mr. William Kamakawiwoole, a former Custodian at Eisenhower High School, who passed away recently.

Moved By Destiny Lopez, Student Board Member

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Vote by Board Members to adjourn, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Destiny Lopez.

Time: 7:58 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote


Clerk, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education