

MINUTES
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 20, 2021
Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center
182 East Walnut Avenue
Rialto, California

Board Members

Present:

- Joseph W. Martinez, President**
- Edgar Montes, Vice President**
- Stephanie E. Lewis, Clerk**
- Nancy G. O'Kelley, Member**
- Dina Walker, Member**
- Julian Hunter, Student Board Member**

Administrators

Present:

- Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent**
- Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent: Strategics, Congruence, and Social Justice**
- Patricia Chavez, Ed.D., Lead Innovation Agent**
- Diane Romo, Lead Business Services Agent**
- Rhonda Kramer, Lead Personnel Agent**

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 of the Rialto Unified School District was called to order at 6:10 p.m., by Board President Martinez at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, at 182 E. Walnut Avenue, Rialto, California 92376.

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 Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session. Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Time: 6:12 p.m.

Majority 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.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Edgar Montes, Vice President, joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Nancy G. O'Kelley, Member, joined the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Vote by Board Members to adjourn out of Closed Session. Member Walker and Member O'Kelley were not present during this vote.

Time: 7:16 p.m.

Majority Vote

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

Open session reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Marcus Fuller, Rialto City Manager, led the pledge of allegiance.

A.7 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By President Martinez

The Board of Education accepted the Termination Agreement for Classified Employee #2325011.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member Walker

The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Skyler Daniel, Student Success Strategist, Student Services.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

The Board of Education accepted the Resignation agreement for Certificated Employee #2056821.

Vote by Board Members. Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

A.8 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member Walker

Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda. Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

B. COMMENTS

B.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

None.

C. PUBLIC HEARING - None

D. 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 Clerk Lewis

Vote by Board Members to approve Consent Calendar Items, with a preferential vote by Student Board Member, Julian Hunter.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS

**D.1.1 SECOND READING OF REVISED BOARD BYLAW 9670;
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the second reading of revised Board Bylaw 9670, Conflict of Interest.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.2 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS - None

D.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

D.3.1 WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from September 17, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (Sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available on the District's website.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.2 DONATIONS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Accept the listed donations from PPM Group, Inc.; Pepe's Inc.; Ms. Paula Bailey, and request that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.3 APPROVE AMENDMENT NO.1 TO STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT #1298 WITH CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Amendment No.1 to Student Teaching and Internship Agreement #1298 with California State Polytechnic University, Pomona to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, at no cost to the District.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.4 SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR STATE/COUNTY DOCUMENTS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the signature authorization of Ricardo Salazar Jr., Agent: Purchasing Services, to sign Purchase Orders and Contracts with a monetary limitation of \$60,000.00, effective October 21, 2021, until revoked, at no cost to the District.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.5 NEW BANK ACCOUNT – NUTRITION SERVICES

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Nutrition Services to open a new bank account at JP Morgan Chase for online payments for school site purchases. The authorized bank account signers will be: Fausat Rahman-Davies,

Lead Nutrition Services Agent; Maria Rangel, Assistant Agent: Nutrition Services; Diane Romo, Lead Business Services Agent; Nicole Albiso, Lead Fiscal Services Agent.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.6 AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the agreement with the American Red Cross and the District from November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, to provide First Aid and CPR training for up to 900 employees during the three-year term, at a cost not-to-exceed \$28,800.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.7 AGREEMENT WITH ART SPECIALTIES, INC.

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve a renewal agreement with Art Specialties, Inc. to provide murals at Dollahan Elementary School, including design and installation services, effective October 21, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$9,000.00, and to be paid from the site General Fund.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.8 AGREEMENT WITH GREENLEAF SERVICES, LLC.

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Greenleaf Services, LLC. for the Fly Little Butterfly Program to provide Social Emotional Learning support for 25 young women during lunch and after school in addition to individual parent/student and group sessions at Milor Continuation High School effective November 1, 2021 through June 1, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$9,000.00, and to be paid from Title I.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.9 AGREEMENT WITH INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with the Institute for Behavioral Health to provide behavior intervention services and social skills instruction during the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost not-to-exceed \$12,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Special Education Budget).

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.10 AGREEMENT WITH MURALS BY JONATHAN BRYAN

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Murals by Jonathan Brian to paint a mural on the Trapp Elementary kindergarten building wall, effective October 21, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$800.00, and to be paid from the Site General Fund.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.11 AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TUTORS OF AMERICA

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an amendment to the original agreement with Professional Tutors of America Inc. for tutoring and related services for \$15,000.00, to be increased by an additional \$40,000.00, not-to-exceed a total cost of \$55,000.00 for the remainder of 2021-2022 school year, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.3.12 APPROVAL OF SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (SPSA) 2021-2022

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the 2021-2022 Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the following schools: Bemis, Boyd, Casey, Curtis, Dollahan, Garcia, Henry, Kelley, Hughbanks, Kordyak, Morris, Myers, Simpson, Trapp, Werner Elementary Schools, Frisbie, Jehue, Kolb, Kucera, Rialto Middle Schools, Carter, Eisenhower, Milor, and Zupanic High Schools, at no cost to the District.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.4 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS – None

D.5 PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

D.5.1 PERSONNEL REPORT NO. 1266 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Personnel Report No. 1266 for classified and certificated employees.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

D.6 MINUTES

D.6.1 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2021

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held October 6, 2021.

Member O'Kelley was not present during this vote.

Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote

E. OTHER COMMENTS

E.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

Marcus Fuller, introduced himself as the Rialto City Manager who was appointed on June 21, 2021 and comes with a background in engineering and has worked in the public sector for 27 years. He has had the opportunity to work directly with school districts. He wanted to come and introduce himself and indicated that he looks forward to working with the District and Dr. Avila.

Kim Watson, Adult Education Principal, shared that she is honored to also serve as the liaison for the District African-American Parent Advisory

Council (DAAPAC). As the DAAPAC liaison, she is looking forward to working and supporting the African-American students and parents and continuing the long work and progress to enhance and include more student involvement.

Erika Gibbs-Cochran, introduced the newly appointed, active District African-American Parent Advisory Council (DAAPAC) Board: Matthew Peters, Historian; LaReina Whatley, Parliamentarian; Leslie Evans, Secretary; Gina Hammond, Vice President, and herself, DAAPAC President, Erika Gibbs-Cochran. She indicated that they look forward to serving the African-American families and students and they invite everyone to their next DAAPAC meeting on November 9, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Tobin Brinker, Teacher at Frisbie Middle School, shared that he teaches seventh grade World History. He talked about a recent teaching on proverbs. He specifically he spoke on one that says a man is not dead until he is gone. He shared that a former student of his passed away in September. The student was amazing; whose name was Angel Green. He was a student with a big smile and a heart full of kindness. He ran with him and the other students on the "Students Run L.A." team. He coached him and his sister and shared that their mother was also an employee at Frisbie Middle School. He indicated that Angel had joined the Army and served in Afghanistan. When he returned home, he took his own life. He wanted to come and share his memory because Angel touched a lot of lives. He said that a couple of weeks ago they attended his service and there were so many people there to speak about Angel.

Mr. Brinker has said that they are going to do a run in honor of Angel and he will come back and share more information on that. He indicated that there are so many people, out there, who are suffering: and we never know what people are struggling with.

Rhonda Scott, General Manager for Think Together, shared an invitation to the After School Alliance annual event. This year Dr. Moreland was invited to showcase the event at her site with the VAPA program. She invited everyone to come out and support the students on October 28, 2021, at 3:45 p.m.

E.2 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).

Miesha Calloway, Rialto Education Association (REA) President, gave a special welcome to Student Board Member, Julian. She did not get a chance to do this at the last Board meeting. She told him that she is excited for his journey and excited that he accepted to take on this seat. She wished him a wonderful year. She also thanked the teachers and everyone at the sites for all their hard work.

Chris Cordasco, California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 203 President, shared that they are working on an MOU regarding COVID Testing and appreciates the District working with CSEA on getting that done. They are also working on the Compensation Study and he thanked Dr. Avila for giving Rhonda Kramer the time to work on this. He continues to hear from workers on the hard work they are doing at the sites. He also indicated that he appreciates the announcements on new jobs being flown.

Mr. Cordasco also congratulated Student Board Member, Julian Hunter on his appointment and is very excited for him.

Heather Estruch, Chief Steward for Communications Workers of America (CWA) shared that she has been enjoying subbing in person.

E.3 COMMENTS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

E.4 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

E.5 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

F. PRESENTATIONS – None

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

G.1 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member Walker

Accept the second allocation of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$602,887.44 for the following schools: Bemis, Boyd, Casey, Curtis, Dollahan, Dunn, Fitzgerald, Garcia, Henry, Hughbanks, Kelley, Morgan, Morris, Myers, Preston, Simpson, and Werner Elementary Schools, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members: **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

G.2 AGREEMENT WITH COVID CLINIC, INC.

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with Covid Clinic, Inc. to administer weekly testing as required by the State Public Health Officer's Order on August 11, 2021, requiring all K-12 local educational agencies to verify the vaccination status or provide weekly diagnostic testing of all employees, volunteers, and other adult individuals who work in district facilities no later than October 15, 2021. Additionally, the agreement would allow for screening testing of student athletes. Agreement to be effective October 7, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for a total not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G.3 AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve a renewal agreement with the Riverside County Office of Education, effective October 21, 2021, through July 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$66,000.00, and to be paid from the District General Fund.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G.4 APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER III) FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Moved By Clerk Lewis

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Approve the ESSER III Expenditure Plan for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G.5 RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-17 - CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS WEEK

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Member Walker

Adopt Resolution No 21-22-17 declaring October 18 - 22, 2021 as Cybersecurity Awareness Week and encourage all staff to become aware and decrease cybersecurity risks and protect themselves online.

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

G.6 STIPULATED EXPULSION

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Member Walker

Case Number:

21-22-14

Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on November 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Ave, Rialto, California.

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

Moved By Member Walker

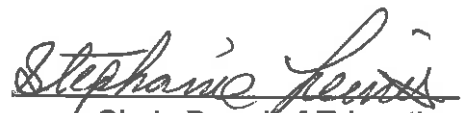
Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Ms. Victoria Baca, Mayor Pro Tem of Moreno Valley and Godmother of Board Vice President, Edgar Montes, who passed away on October 6, 2021.

Vote by Board Members to adjourn. Preferential vote by Student Board Member, Julian Hunter.

Time: 8:18 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote


Clerk, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education