

MINUTES

RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 21, 2021

Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center

Meeting was held virtually and available to the public

Via YouTube stream

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:

Cauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent

**Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent: Strategics,
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 virtually and available to the public via YouTube, 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 Member O'Kelley

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. Board Vice President, Mr. Edgar Montes, was not present during this vote.

Time: 6:05 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.3.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code
Section 54957.6)**

Designated Representative: Board President, Joseph W. Martinez

Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent, Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D.

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

Title: Superintendent, Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D.

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Vote by Board Members to move out of Closed Session.

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

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

Open session reconvened at 7:05 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 of Education took the following action:

Moved By Vice President Montes

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

The Board of Education accepted the Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Employee #2056821.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Member Walker

The Board of Education accepted the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employee #2302821, from July 1, 2021 through December 1, 2021.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

A.8 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Member O'Kelley

Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 OUR DISTRICT'S YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

Presentation of a year-at-a-glance in our District, by Patricia Chavez, Ed.D., Lead Academic Agent: Secondary Literacy, Learning and Innovation, and Elizabeth Curtiss, Lead Academic Agent: Interdisciplinary Studies and Humanities.

Patricia Chavez, Ed.D., Lead Academic Agent: Secondary Literacy, Learning and Innovation, and Elizabeth Curtiss, Lead Academic Agent: Interdisciplinary Studies and Humanities provided a presentation entitled "Education Services - Highlights of District Accomplishments During the Pandemic".

C. COMMENTS

C.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.

None.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

None.

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).

Lisa Lindberg, President of Rialto Education Association (REA) which represents close to 1300 teachers, nurses, counselors and speech therapists, shared that she has been in the Rialto Unified School District for 31 years. During that time, she has worked with seven different superintendents and a variety of assistant superintendents, directors, coordinators, and agents of Instructional and Education Services. She has seen countless programs adopted and put forth to address student learning and achievement, and has seen multi-million dollar computer programs, various hired consultants, expensive curriculums, professional development, and coaches for teachers. She indicated that in all these years of working for Rialto, administration has decided what is best for students and their teachers, and many solutions have been tested and often times abandoned. She said that here we are again, struggling to address student needs with a pandemic compounding the issue.

Ms. Lindberg commented that after observing these cycles for 31 years, and at this critical moment when the District will receive millions of dollars from the state and federal government, she is urging the Board to do something novel, and listen to the teachers, the instructional practitioners and the people in the classroom, who know their students. She indicated that they love their students and want what's best for their students every single day. She asked that at this pivotal moment in Rialto USD history, the Board try something different and allow the teachers to come up with a plan, as this is an opportunity to do something very rare in education, which is to listen to the teachers.

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 – None

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 Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

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

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS - None

E.2 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS

E.2.1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve exemption from all physical activities for student 5635331 for the entire 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

E.3.1 WARRANT AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from March 19, 2021 through March 31, 2021 (Sent under separate cover to the Board Members). A copy for public review will be available in the District's website.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.2 DONATIONS

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Accept the listed donations from Gloria & William Harrison; Harry Obiako; and DonorsChoose, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.3 ACCEPT SHARE OUR STRENGTH AND NATIONAL NO KID HUNGRY CAMPAIGN PROJECT TO SPOTLIGHT SCHOOLS

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Accept the Share our Strength and National No Kid Hungry Campaign Project compensation for a total of \$30,000.00 to be distributed in the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.4 AGREEMENT WITH ALL FOR KIDZ INC - TRAPP ELEMENTARY

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with All for Kidz, Inc. to provide a virtual assembly on NED's Kindness Adventure at Trapp Elementary School, effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$1,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund - Title I.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.5 AGREEMENT WITH COHERENT EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS – BEMIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an affiliation/service agreement with Coherent Educational Solutions to provide professional development and a literacy education program/Literacy eToolkit for the EmpowerED Summer Session at Bemis Elementary School, effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$15,600.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.6 AGREEMENT WITH ART SPECIALTIES, INC. - MORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Art Specialties, Inc. to provide and install digitally printed signage with Morgan Elementary School and PBIS expectations on the campus at Morgan Elementary School, effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$31,058.95, and to be paid from the General Fund - Site Budget.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.7 AGREEMENT WITH ART SPECIALTIES INC. - WERNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Art Specialties, Inc. to provide and install digitally printed signage for Werner Elementary School including school wide expectations and social-emotional supportive slogans, effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$16,181.93, and to be paid from the General Fund - Site Budget.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.8 AGREEMENT WITH ART BY TERESSA

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Art by Teresa to provide in-services to teachers on how to conduct a painting class for students as a calming method for social-emotional support at Werner Elementary School, effective April 22, 2021 through June 3, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$7,385.00, and to be paid from the General Fund – Site Title I.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.9 AGREEMENT WITH FROST ICED (INVESTIGATION, CONSULTATION, EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT) – CURTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Frost ICED to provide 4 two-hour virtual trainings focused on foundational concepts and education offered to the teaching staff at Curtis Elementary School, effective April 26, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund – Site Budget.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.10 AGREEMENT WITH CURLS, COILS, AND CROWNS – CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Curls, Coils, and Crowns to provide an enrichment program at Carter High School for twenty-five (25) African American girls and parent workshops, effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$6,500.00, and to be paid from the General Fund - Site Title I.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.11 AGREEMENT WITH GARNER HOLT EDUCATION THROUGH IMAGINATION - MORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Garner Holt Education through Imagination to provide training and the purchase of a Laser Cutter/Engraver and Filter at Morgan Elementary School, effective April 22, 2021, through June 30, 2021, at a cost not-to-exceed \$29,712.42, and to be paid from the General Fund – Site Budget.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.12 AGREEMENT WITH INTERVENTION SOLUTIONS GROUP FOR READ 180 PROGRAM – CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Intervention Solutions Group to provide the READ 180 Universal intervention program at Carter High School, effective April 22, 2021 through April 22, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,027.11, and to be paid from General Fund - Site Title I.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.3.13 MOU WITH SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE CAMPUS

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Bernardino Valley College known as Valley Now! to offer both College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) and non-CCAP courses beginning July 2022 until June 2023. Costs of textbooks needed for the courses will be paid from the General Fund and Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) Fund, and costs to transport students to the concurrent courses after school will be paid from CTEIG Fund. **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

E.4 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS

E.4.1 RATIFY AGREEMENT TERM WITH MILLER ARCHITECTS FOR THE SHADE STRUCTURE PROJECT AT CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Ratify Amendment No. 1 for the term of the agreement with Miller Architects to provide Architectural Engineering Services for the Shade Structure project at Carter High School, at no cost to the District.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.4.2 NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR IVL CONTRACTORS, INC.

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Accept the work completed March 31, 2021 by IVL Contractors, Inc. for all work required in connection with the shade structure project at Carter High School, 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.4.3 AGREEMENT WITH RUHNAU CLARKE ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE A PRE-DESIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE TWO-STORY CLASSROOM BUILDING AT EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Ruhнау Clarke Architects to provide pre-design feasibility study for a two-story classroom building at Eisenhower High School effective April 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, including reimbursables, at a cost not-to-exceed \$27,000.00, and to be paid from Fund 21 – General Obligation Bond, Measure Y, Series D.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.5 PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

E.5.1 PERSONNEL REPORT NO. 1255 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve Personnel Report No. 1255 for classified and certificated employees.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.6 MINUTES

E.6.1 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2021

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held April 7, 2021.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

E.6.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2021

Moved By Member Walker

Seconded By Clerk Lewis

Approve the minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting held April 14, 2021.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F.1 AGREEMENT WITH ONYX RENEWABLE PARTNERS L.P. FOR EMERGENCY BACK-UP BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) AT FITZGERALD AND KORDYAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, KUCERA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By Member O'Kelley

Seconded By Member Walker

Approve an Agreement with Onyx Renewables Partners L.P. for Emergency Back-up Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) at Fitzgerald and Kordyak Elementary Schools, Kucera Middle School and Carter High School for a ten (10) year lease beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2032. The fixed cost of the lease for ten (10) years is not-to-exceed \$792,000 (\$79,200 annually). The total projected savings over the ten (10) years is \$1,270,740 and the net savings are \$478,740, at no cost to the District.

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 May 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. **and available to the public via YouTube stream.**

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

Moved By Destiny Lopez, Student Board
Member


Seconded By Member O'Kelley

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

Time: 7:47 p.m.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote


Clerk, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education