

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DR. JOHN R. KAZALUNAS EDUCATION CENTER
182 EAST WALNUT AVENUE, RIALTO, CA 92376**

October 21, 2015

A. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Montes at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376.

Members present: Edgar Montes, President; Nancy G. O’Kelley, Vice President; Dina Walker, Clerk; Joseph Ayala, Member; and Joseph W. Martinez, Member.

Administrators present: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Edward D’Souza, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent, Secondary Instruction; Jasmin Valenzuela, Associate Superintendent, Elementary Instruction; Tom Haldorsen, Associate Superintendent, Personnel Services; and Mohammad Z. Islam, Associate Superintendent, Business Services. Also present was Rosie Williams, Executive Secretary.

OPEN SESSION

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.

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Vice President O’Kelley, seconded by Clerk Walker, and approved by a 5-0 vote, the Board of Education entered into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. to consider and discuss the following items:

1. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/
Reassignment of Employees (Government Code section 54957)
Administrative Appointment
 - High School Assistant Principal

(Ref. E 1.1)

2. Student Expulsions/Reinstatements/Expulsion Enrollments
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent, and Tom Haldorsen, Associate Superintendent, Personnel Services
Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation**
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)(4).)
Significant exposure to litigation: 1 Case

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Avila reported that no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion of Member Ayala, seconded by Vice President O’Kelley, and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote, Closed Session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED – 7:15 P.M.

Members present: Edgar Montes, President; Nancy G. O’Kelley, Vice President; Dina Walker, Clerk; Joseph Ayala, Member; Joseph W. Martinez, Member; and Natalie Baca, Student Board Member.

Administrators present: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Edward D’Souza, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent, Secondary Instruction; Jasmin Valenzuela, Associate Superintendent, Elementary Instruction; Tom Haldorsen, Associate Superintendent, Personnel Services; and Mohammad Z. Islam, Associate Superintendent, Business Services. Also present was Rosie Williams, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, and Luz Carson, Interpreter, American Language Services.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vanessa Vaca, 5th grade Casey Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY CASEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Luis Vidana, from Mrs. Lynn Chapman's 5th grade class performed the song, *Never Gone*, by Colton Dixon.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez, the Agenda was adopted by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Jasmin Valenzuela, Associate Superintendent, Elementary Instruction – Key to the District from Board Vice President, Nancy G. O'Kelley

Board Vice President Nancy G. O'Kelley presented Jasmin Valenzuela, Associate Superintendent, Elementary Instruction, with a Key to the District for her outstanding service to the Rialto Unified School District.

C. COMMENTS

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.

Joanne Gilbert, former Board Member, asked for support with the San Bernardino Chapter of The Link, Inc., t-shirt drive. Mrs. Gilbert and a group of Link members will be in the Great Hall at Rialto High School during the Parent Summit on Saturday to collect t-shirts. The t-shirts will be sent to third world countries to be made into diapers for under privileged children.

Stacy Culpepper, former RUSD student, shared that she has written a few culturally diverse children's books and is hoping they will be included in RUSD libraries. She provided a copy of her books for several Board Members.

Russel Silva, Rialto resident, thanked Board Members and staff members who attended the Special Education meeting that was held at St. Catherine's to hear concerns from some of the parents. He expressed his appreciation that the parent's concerns will be looked into and Special Education students will be helped.

Carla Luis, Mayahuel Olguin, Rodney Thomas, Renika Gravette, Theresa Cunningham, and Sharon Lonon, all spoke in support of Hughbanks Elementary School Principal, Dr. Monte Stewart, and the Hughbanks staff.

Celia Zelaya, coordinator of a group supporting students with special needs, thanked Board members, staff and parents that attended the Special Education meeting at St. Catherine's on October 19, 2015, to hear their concerns. She hopes to see them in the near future to hear the solutions to their concerns. She also invited the rest of the Board that were not able to attend, especially Clerk Walker.

Cherlynn Scott, Werner Elementary School Principal, and Rachel Garvin, ASB Teacher Advisor, invited everyone to an event, "Lefty's Drive-In Movie Night and Car Show" at Werner Elementary School on Friday, October 30, 2015, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Paula Bailey, parent, shared that she was excited to see all the participation from the schools for the "Run Around the Rocks" event sponsored by Mayor Robertson's office on Sunday, October 11, 2015. She thanked the staff that supported the ROTC pancake breakfast on Saturday. She also spoke in support of Hughbanks Elementary School Principal, Dr. Monte Stewart, and the Hughbanks staff.

Josephine Banuelos, parent, expressed her disappointment with the opening of the back gate at Werner Elementary School. She stated that she is having problems with unsupervised African-American students. She asked that Security Officers be placed at the back gate to monitor students.

Mirna Ruiz, her daughter and her niece, shared memories of retired teacher Mrs. Kathy Blalock who passed away Monday, October 12, 2015.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Any person wishing to speak on any item **on** the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

There were no comments.

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, REA President, thanked the Board for acknowledging retired teacher Mrs. Kathy Blalock. She also spoke in support of Principal Dr. Monte Stewart and the staff at Highbanks Elementary School. Lastly, she extended an invitation to the Board to attend a Meet and Greet reception in honor of Dr. Avila from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., October 22, 2015, at the REA office.

Ron Fletcher, CWA President, thanked Mr. Haldorsen for the 2nd training for substitutes on Common Core issues. He shared that he will be attending the next scheduled LCAP meeting.

4. Comments from the Superintendent
5. Comments from Members of the Board of Education

D. PUBLIC HEARING - None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Ayala, Items E – J were approved by Student Board Members preferential vote, and a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

E. MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on October 7, 2015.

F. GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS

1. Second reading of revised Board Policy 5131.62(a-d); Students: Tobacco.
2. Second reading of revised Board Policy 5144(a-e); Students: Discipline.
3. Second reading of revised Board Policy 6151(a-c); Instruction: Class Size.
4. Second reading of revised Board Policy 6162.5(a-d); Instruction: Student Assessment.
5. First reading of revised Board Policy 4115(a-c); Certificated Personnel: Evaluation/Supervision.

6. First reading of revised Board Policy 6173.1(a-d); Instruction: Education for Foster Youth.

G. INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Adopt Resolution No. 15-16-23 declaring the month of November 2015 as National Native American Heritage Month.
2. Ratify the approval of the recommendation made by the Senior Director, Student Services, to grant an exemption from all physical activities for Student No. 570031 for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Approve a trip to the Dublin High School Irish Band Show in Dublin, California, on October 30 – November 1, 2015, for fifty-five (55) students, four (4) advisors, and five (5) parents from Eisenhower High School Golden Marching Regiment Band.
4. Approve a trip to Riverside, California, on November 14-15, 2015, so that six (6) students, and one (1) adult supervisor from the Eisenhower High School FBLA Club can attend the FBLA Leadership Development Institute 2015.
5. Adopt Resolution No. 15-16-24 declaring November 9-13, 2015, as School Psychology Awareness Week.

H. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from September 21, 2015 through October 5, 2015 (sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available at the Board Meeting.
2. Accept the donations from The Way Bible Fellowship, Hello World, Kona Ice of Hemet, Lifetouch National School Studios, Target Corporation, and Wells Fargo Matching Gifts Program.
3. Approve an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Dawn M. Moyle to transfer the property to the "Moyle Family Trust."
4. Approve an agreement with PlaceWorks to provide environmental technical studies for the new Theater Arts Building at Eisenhower High School.

5. Approve the use of the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract No. 7-15-70-34-003 and California Multiple Awards Schedules (CMAS) Contract No. 3-94-70-0012, for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
6. Renew an agreement with Public Works to serve as the state and local evaluator for the Rialto Unified School District Partnership for the CaMSP Cohort 10 Grant during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.
7. Approve an agreement with Study Smart Tutors, Inc., to provide the services of Mr. Jack Friedman, as the trainer for SAT Training on November 17, 2015.

I. FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS - None

J. PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

- 1-3. Approve Personnel Report No. 1142 for classified and certificated employees.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Upon a motion by Clerk Walker, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K1 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

1. Approve entering into an addendum with WestEd for Continuous Improvement (CI) of the Preschool Portion of the i3 Early Math project, the Validation of the Effectiveness of an Innovative Early Mathematics Intervention for High-Need Students that is part of the Investing in Innovation (i3) Early Math, for school years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018.

Upon a motion by Clerk Walker, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K2 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

2. Ratify an agreement with MCF Consulting, Incorporated, for services related to claims for reimbursement for Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS), effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, with an option to renew for two (2) subsequent years.

Upon a motion by Clerk Walker, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K3 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

3. Ratify an agreement with Practi-Cal for Medi-Cal Local Education Agency (LEA) Billing Option Services, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, with an option to renew for two (2) subsequent years.

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Ayala, Item K4 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

4. Approve an agreement with Young Visionaries Youth and Leadership Academy to bring their SMAART program to Carter High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K5 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

5. Approve an agreement with Pivot Learning Partners to provide principals four (4) four-hour professional development trainings focusing on leadership, and four (4) three-hour cohort coaching sessions to support the implementation of the professional development trainings and a project management lead to support the project for the 2015-2016 school year.

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K6 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

6. Approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel (AHP):

STIPULATED

Case Number:
15-16-2

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Student Board Member Baca, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, and approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. with a moment of silence in memory of retired teacher Mrs. Kathy Blalock who passed away Monday, October 12, 2015.



Clerk, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education