

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2015

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Donnelly called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 14, 2015, at Bates Elementary School, Courtland, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Sarah Donnelly, President
 - Alicia Fernandez, Vice President
 - Don Olson, Clerk
 - Seann Rooney, Member (Absent)
 - Marilyn Riley, Member
 - Katy Maghoney, Member
 - David Bettencourt

Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent,
3. **Review, Approve Closed Agenda and Adjourn to the Closed Session**
 - 3.1 Board President Donnelly announced items on the Closed Session Agenda.
 - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – *None*
4. **Board President Donnelly asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:36pm**
Member Fernandez moved to approve. Member Olson seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt); 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:45 p.m.**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken, all members were present.
Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent; Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer, and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
 - 5.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabino Perez, School to Career Coordinator
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1)**
 - 6.1 Board President Donnelly reported the Board took the following actions: In closed session the Board received information regarding the RDUTA and CSEA negotiations and provided direction to the Superintendent. The Board members Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney and Bettencourt voted in favor of approving the stipulated expulsion (case # 1415-321-002) Member Rooney was absent. The Board received information regarding possible or pending litigation. No action was taken and direction was provided to the Superintendent. Information regarding public employee complaints, discipline and dismissal was received. No action was taken.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Prior to approving the Open Session Agenda a request was made to receive an amended personnel transaction report Board President Donnelly requested a motion to approve the revised Open Session Agenda.
Member Fernandez moved to approve. Member Olson seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt); 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)
8. **Public Comment:** Mr. Paul Delgado, CTA president shared his views with the Board regarding an upcoming teachers' shortage and that some of the district teachers are attending job fairs and applying for positions closer to their homes. He urges the Board to talk to teachers, especially the new hires and ask them how they are doing and if they are happy in the district. Mr. Delgado hopes the Board will take measures to keep the teachers in our district.
9. **Reports, Presentations, Information**
 - 9.1 Board Member(s) and Superintendent Report(s) and/or Presentation(s) –
 - 9.1.1 Board Members' report(s): Member Mahoney spent an enjoyable day at the Sheep Dog Trials in the Montezuma Hills, at the McCormack Ranch and enjoyed spending time with Josh Vieira and another student from Rio Vista High School who were videotaping the event.
Member Olson made school site visit to Ileton, Walnut Grove and Bates Elementary Schools.
 - 9.1.2 Committee Report(s):- None to report
 - 9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s): Mr. Beno briefly gave an update regarding the district's LCAP progress. The goal is to modify the current plan to reflect this year's stakeholders input and to add an addition year to the LCAP reaching the three year requirement.

The district is working on its facilities plan and setting priorities of projects to be completed during the summer. One of the highest priority will be to repair the support beams in the gym at Rio Vista High School.

A paving project at Walnut Grove Elementary School is also scheduled to take place during the summer break.

The district will be reestablishing the Bond committee to finalize and close out all Bond funds and projects.

Mr. Beno gave kudos to Mrs. Bettencourt and her staff for the preparation for the SBAC testing.

9.2 Business Services' Reports and/or Presentations on: Routine Restricted Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, Maintenance and Operations, Transportation Department, Food Services Department, District Technology, and District Budget – Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer; Craig Hamblin, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

9.2.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported the enrollment for the month of March has increased due to the students returning from illnesses.

9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported as submitted.

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Report – Craig Hamblin gave clarification on the Rio Vista High School beam repair project. Mr. Hamblin reported the gate has been repaired at Bates Elementary School.

9.3 Educational and Special Education Services Reports and/or Presentations – Amy Bettencourt, Director of Educational Services – Amy Bettencourt

9.3.1 Williams Settlement Public Notification regarding sufficiency of teachers, facilities, CAHSEE, and textbook and instructional materials, quarterly report – Amy Bettencourt reported the district has not received any complaints during this quarter.

9.3.2 Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Testing Update – Amy Bettencourt reported the SBAC window has been opened and testing has started with 80 students at Clarksburg Middle School and seems to be running smoothly. Due to the new testing platform students have gone from paper and pencil to computerized testing, and as a result the students are much more engaged and are adapting well. The new testing provides security allowing the district to mass test a large group of students at one time in a single testing space for the software generates questions randomly giving students sitting side by side questions in a different order. The SBAC testing will also provide the district with student results within three weeks of testing which will help tremendously in planning learning strategies. Smarter Balance testing currently provides English Language Arts and Math and plans to have History and Science in the future.

9.4 Other:

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Open Public Hearing: 7:22 pm Comments: None Close Public Hearing: 7:23 pm

10. Consent Calendar

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, March 10, 2015

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of April 14, 2015

10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report

March 2015

10.4 Request to approve the overnight travel for Bates Elementary 4th grade class to Coloma, CA on May 27-28, 2015 for Social Studies and California History related to the California Gold Rush - David Nelson

10.5 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost not exceed \$12,000, Special Education Funds – Amy Bettencourt

10.6 Request to approve the 2014-2015 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Foundations Therapy Service Inc.), to provide occupational therapy services for district students at a cost not to exceed \$609.00, Special Education Funds – Amy Bettencourt

10.7 Request to approve the out of state travel for Donnie Surla, teacher from Rio Vista High School to attend the Clarice Smith National Teacher Institute from June 28-July 3, 2015, \$1500 Educational Services – Amy Bettencourt

10.8 Request to approve the 2014-2015 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (ProCare Therapy, Inc.) to provide occupational therapy services for district students at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 Special Education Funds – Amy Bettencourt

10.9 Request to approve the purchase of a Bailleigh WBS-22 Vertical Band Saw for the Agriculture Construction Career Technical Education Pathway at Delta High School, cost not to exceed \$4,756 – CRANE funds – Gabino

- Perez
- 10.10 Request to approve the purchase of a CNC Router Table for the Agriculture Construction Career Technical Education pathway at Delta High School, cost not to exceed \$20,000, CRANE funds – Gabino Perez
- 10.11 Request to approve the purchase of the Kaduceus Veterinary Assistant curriculum for the Agriculture Career Technical Education at Delta High School, cost not to exceed \$16,000, CRANE funds – Gabino Perez
- 10.12 Request the approval to apply for a new district credit card with Bank of America – Elizabeth Keema-Aston
- 10.13 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:
- Riverview Middle School**
- Dan & Christine Mahoney - \$642.64 – Art Supplies, Rosetta Stone Software
Elizabeth Brockhouse & PG & E Corp. Foundation - \$384.60
Lira's Supermarket - \$648 – College visits
- Rio Vista High School**
- Trilogy at Rio Vista - \$450 – Culinary Arts Program
Mr. Jim Copley - \$450 – Art Department
Foster's Bighorn - \$250 – Girls Softball Team
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Awender - \$850 – Girls Softball Team
Montezuma Volunteer Firefighters Association - \$250 – Girls Softball Team
Seroptimist International of Rio Vista - \$250.00 – Girls Softball Team
- Delta High School**
- American Steel - \$2000 – Ag Mechanics Department
- D. H. White Elementary School**
- Elizabeth Brockhouse & PG & E Corp. Foundation - \$192.30

Items 10.7 and 10.12 by member Fernandez for further discussion all other items approved as follows:

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

Board President Donnelly acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their support.

Discussion and clarification was made on Consent Agenda Item 10.7 and was approved as follows:

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

Discussion and clarification was made on Consent Agenda Items 10.12 and was approved as follows:

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

11. Request to acknowledge California School Employees' Association (CSEA)'s Sunshined proposals for negotiation with River Delta Unified School District for 2014-2015 – Don Beno

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

12. Request to “Sunshine” the River Delta Unified School District's initial negotiation proposals to the California School Employees' Association (CSEA) River Delta Chapter #319 for 2014-2015 – Don Beno

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Bettencourt seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

13. Request to approve the purchase of 36 Chromebooks and 1 Chromebook cart for Delta High School at a cost not to exceed \$15,773.76, CRANE funds – Amy Bettencourt

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Maghoney seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

14. Request to approve the purchase of 72 Chromebooks and 2 Chromebook carts for Riverview Middle and D. H. White Elementary Schools' at a cost not to exceed \$31,457.52, Common Core Funding – Amy Bettencourt

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

15. Request to approve the purchase of teacher's assessment and resource guides from Curriculum Associates for Common Core State Standards (CCSS) assessment for grades K-6 for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost not to exceed \$18,986.66 – General fund (Education Services) – Amy Bettencourt

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

16. Request to approve the creation of a new Agricultural Science Course "Agriculture Environmental Science" for the 2015-2016 school year at Rio Vista and Delta High Schools – Amy Bettencourt

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried: 5 (Ayes: Donnelly, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 1 (Nays: Fernandez): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

17. Request to approve the elimination of Instructional Assistant IIIA at Walnut Grove Elementary – Carrie Norris

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

18. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits due to new legislation, mandated language and/or citation revisions as of December 2014 – Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

19. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session was not necessary.

20. There was nothing to report for Closed Session was not necessary.

21. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board President Donnelly asked for a motion to adjourn.

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried: 6 (Ayes: Donnelly, Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Rooney)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted:



Don Beno, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Don Olson, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
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