

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2017

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Fernandez called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on February 21, 2017, at Isleton Elementary School, Rio Vista, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Alicia Fernandez, President
 - Don Olson, Vice President
 - Marilyn Riley, Clerk (absent)
 - Sarah Donnelly, Member
 - Chris Elliott, Member (arrived 6:15pm)
 - Katy Maghoney, Member
 - David Bettencourt, Member

Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent
3. **Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to Closed Session**
 - 3.1 Board President Fernandez announced items on the Closed Session Agenda.
 - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – *None to report*
 - 3.3 Approve Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to the **Closed Session**
4. Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:36 pm
Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Riley, Elliott)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:38 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken, Member Riley was absent and all other 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 Delta High School's FFA students
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session** (Government Code Section 54957.1)
Board President Fernandez reported that the Board took the following actions during closed session:
 - 4.1.1 The stipulated expulsion case number 1617-321-005 was approve as recommended.
Motion carried by roll call vote: 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Riley, Elliott)
 - 4.2 The Board received information regarding possible or pending litigation, no action was taken.
 - 4.3 **Personnel Evaluation, Searches, Appointment, Employment, Complaint, Discipline, Dismissal, Non-reelects and Releases** [Government Code Section 54957]
 - 4.3.4 Complaint, Discipline, Dismissal, Non-Reelects, & Releases
 - 4.3.4.1 Resolution #726 Release and Non-Reelect of certificated employees hired under temporary contracts for the 2016-2017 school year – Don Beno
Motion carried by roll call vote: 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Riley, Elliott)
 - 4.3.4.2 Resolution #727 non-re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year for Probationary 0, I & II Certificated Staff – Don Beno
Motion carried by roll call vote: 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Riley, Elliott)
 - 4.3.5 Employee/Employer Negotiation – The Board received information - no action was taken.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**
Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Elliott, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Riley)

8. **Public Comment:** Cecille Giacoma, reporter for the River News Herald, although the Board couldn't answer any of her questions, she asked if the district was thinking of leasing or selling its licenses, and would this decision affect the students and the radio club. She has hopes that Radio Rio continues not only for the students but because the community members rely on it as an emergency outreach in case of disasters in the delta.

Susan Whitesell, a concerned citizen, thanked many for their support of the radio station. Ms. Whitesell feels the district has taken a few steps in the right direction but would like to know what are the district's long term plans for the radio station and would be willing to help a committee, if organized, to research and draft a long term plan for the survival of Radio Rio that benefits the students and the community.

Loretta Abbott, the counselor at Rio Vista High School, has met with many students one on one and they have confided to her that they feel the radio station is their place where they feel comfortable, at home and are very passionate about its existence. She said that the students feel like a part of the school where they hadn't felt that way before they were involved with the radio station. Ms. Abbott feels that the Radio Rio is invaluable to the students and hopes that we could find a way to sustain the station and program.

9. **Reports, Presentations, Information**

9.1 Board Member(s) and Superintendent Report(s) and/or Presentation(s) –

- 9.1.1 Board Members' report(s): None to report
- 9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report
- 9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s) – Mr. Beno asked for those who spoke in support of the radio station to make sure that they leave their contact information so that he may contact them in regards to some of their questions.

Mr. Beno thanked the bargaining units, tentative agreements have been reached. Before the Board can action upon and approve the agreements the county office will need to approve the agreements. The negotiated items will be brought to the Board for approval in March.

Mr. Beno thanked Shirley Owens, the transportation assistant and acknowledge the exceptional work she has provided in obtain a grant that will provide 100% funding to purchase a new school bus. The grant funds should hopefully be received in June so that a bus can be purchased early next year.

Mr. Beno addressed an item that has been brought up at several board meetings, which is redistricting the trustee boundary areas. Mr. Beno worked with a sub committee consisting of himself and two board members, Member Fernandez and Member Donnelly, on re-districting of the trustee areas and how they are allocated. Mr. Beno stated that six years ago the Board was presented with information and a suggestion on how to redistrict and reallocate new trustee areas. It was mentioned at a board meeting recently that the Board was in violation from not redistricting at that time. Mr. Beno made clarification that the Board has not violated any laws by not redistricting at that time. River Delta Unified School District has an option to redraw the trustee boundary areas after each census but it's not mandated. Mr. Beno gave scenarios of the different kinds of districts, who must redistrict by law and which districts have a choice to redistrict or not. There are three kinds of districts, Mr. Beno gave a scenario for each kind. First scenario; one board member per trustee area, citizens in each trustee area can only vote for a member in their defined area. This scenario must redistrict after each census. Second scenario; an at large district where anyone within the district's boundaries can be voted in as a Board member even if all members live in the same area, there are not trustee boundaries. This scenario is not required to redistrict after each census. Third scenario, a hybrid district, which is what River Delta USD falls under, were a Board member lives a trustee area but is voted at large by all areas. Since the district falls under the hybrid district structure it is not required to redistrict after each census, therefore a violation has not occurred. Mr. Beno asked for direction from the Board on whether to move forward or not to start the process of redistricting as this time. The Board's direction to Superintendent Beno was to not move forward in redistricting at this time.

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 that the district will be applying for an emergency waiver for the absences in December due to the flu and the local area flooding and road closures.
- 9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report - Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that the tax revenues were received.

- 9.2.3 Summary of the Governor's Budget Report – Ms. Keema-Aston summarized a few items from the Governor's Budget Report. Ms. Keema-Aston mentioned that the COLA is significantly lower than anticipated and will be reflected in the multiyear projection in the Second Interim Report what will be presented at the March board meeting.
- 9.2.4 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update - Craig Hamblin, acknowledged Shirley Owens for the work she has been providing in the transportation department. Mr. Hamblin also wanted to thank the drivers for working and adapting during the all the weather related issues on the roads. The drivers have been working on the fly, adapting their routes to insure students were transported to and from school. Mr. Hamblin reported that modifications were made to the new school bus that crosses the ferry to keep it from scraping the ramp while loading. California Highway Patrol will need to certify the bus before it can be put into service. Mr. Hamblin also reported that there has been vandalism on some of the busses.

Mr. Hamblin mention that maintenance staff has been very busy dealing with weather related issues.

- 9.3 Other – Educational Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) – Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services
 - 9.3.1 Educational Services and Special Education Updates – Kathy Wright was not in attendance.
 - 9.3.2 TOSA Technology presentation – Marcy Rossi the district's teacher on special assignment (TOSA) thanked the Board, Mr. Beno, Amy Bettencourt and Kathy Wright for creating and supporting this position. The presentation showed some of the new programs that are vital components that are used each day (Aeries.net, Aeries gradebook, google classroom, Smarter Balance Digital Library etc.). Ms. Rossi has provided technical support and districtwide trainings to the district's staff and students as well as one on one workshops. Ms. Rossi demonstrated some of the new resources available to the teachers and how they can access components for the new curriculum. The resources are unlimited but getting comfortable with technology in the classroom maybe a challenge for some. Ms. Rossi is dedicated to making this endeavor fun as well as educational, technology is a focus for the future.
 - 9.3.3 Shanana Spears introduced the Delta High School's FFA officers who made a presentation to the Board of trustees, PROSPER was the area of focus. Delta High School's online floral shop provided flowers to the Board and panel.

10. **Consent Calendar**

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
 - Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
 - As of February 21, 2017
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report
 - January 2017
- 10.4 Request to approve the overnight travel for Rio Vista High and Delta High School's FFA students to attend the Annual California State FFA Convention April 22-25, 2017 in Fresno, CA – Vicky Turk and Laura Uslan
- 10.5 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with April Seto to provide psychological services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, Special Educational Funds – Sue Moehlenbrock
- 10.6 Request approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Panorama Education to provide LCAP aligned surveys for teachers, parents and students for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost not to exceed \$4,000, Education Service funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.7 Request to approve the 2016-2017 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Jane Johnson Speech Therapy to provide speech therapy services for a district student at a cost not to exceed \$1000 – Sue Moehlenbrock
- 10.8 Request to approve the 2016-2017 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency BECA to provide a functional behavior assessment and coaching at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, Special Educational Funds – Sue Moehlenbrock
- 10.9 Request to approve the 2016-2017 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Building Blocks Behavior Consultants, Inc. to provide a functional behavior assessment for a district student at a cost not to exceed \$4,000, Special Educational Funds – Sue Moehlenbrock
- 10.10 Request to approve the Rio Vista High School fundraising event "Swim-A-Thon" to benefit the Rio Vista High School's swim team – Vicky Turk
- 10.11 Request to Approve the Rio Vista High School fundraising event "Chocolate Bar Sale" to benefit RVHS Dance Crew – Vicky Turk

10.12 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

Rio Vista High School – Girls Soccer Team

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista - \$300

Susan D. La Hargoue - \$50

Nancy A. McClelland - \$25

Susan Davidson Schaefer - \$100

Tammy Trujillo - \$75

Moreno Trenching LTD. - \$300

Rio Vista High School – Incentive Fund

Raymond and Cosette Oneto

Dan and Delinda Bowers

Tony and Amy Bettencourt

Jerry and Nadine Penick

Kaz Omoto

Jerry and Nadine Penick – Beans for Booster Club Dinner and their \$100 winnings back to RVHS

Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Scholarship Fund

Kyle Turk

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

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

11. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulation and Exhibits due to new legislation or mandated language and citation revisions as of October 2016 including miscellaneous mandated and conditionally mandated policies – Don Beno

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

12. Request the Board to take whatever action they deem necessary to respond to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Elections: Official 2017 Delegate Assembly Ballot for Sub-Region 6-B (Postmarked by March 15, 2017; results to be released by April 3, 2017) – Don Beno

Member Bettencourt moved not to place a vote for the Official 2017 Delegate Assembly Ballot for Sub-Region 6-B, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Abstained: Elliott): 1 (Absent: Riley)

13. Request to approve the agreement with Nicolay Consulting Group to conduct an Actuarial Valuation of Post Retirement Benefits for an amount not to exceed \$6,800 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

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

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

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

16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:



Don Beno, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
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