

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 2018

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Fernandez called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 p.m. on October 9, 2018, at Bates Elementary School, Courtland, California.

2. **Roll Call of Members:**

Alicia Fernandez, President
Don Olson, Vice President
Marilyn Riley, Clerk
Sarah Donnelly, Member
Chris Elliott, Member (Absent)
Katy Maghoney, Member
David Bettencourt, Member (Absent)

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 approve the Closed Session Agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:35 pm

Member Donnelly moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:38 pm**

- 5.1 Roll was retaken, Members Elliott and Bettencourt were absent; and all members were present.

Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent; Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Kitchens, Recorder.

- 5.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lucille Lester, student from Bates Elementary and Monica Barriga, student from Walnut Grove Elementary School

6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session** (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Board President Fernandez reported that the Board did not take any actions during closed session.

7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Member Donnelly moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

8. **Public Comment:** Aiden Mayhood, a student from Rio Vista High School spoke on behalf of the student body of Rio Vista High School, requesting an open campus during their 35-minute lunch break. He feels the student have plenty of time to leave campus, get lunch and get back to campus during this time. He also feels that the local businesses would benefit from the open campus policy. He would like to see the Board vote on the policy at the next Board meeting.

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 Donnelly spoke of the Teacher of Year Banquet held in Sacramento. She stated that each teacher nominated is introduced by one of their current or former students. The student talks about what an impact the teacher has made in their life. Member Donnelly noted that it is a great event and encourages other Board members to attend next year.

Member Olson reported that the PWA Diversity in Action Grant received last year allowed a few Rio Vista High School Ag. students to take a fieldtrip to a local farm, speak to the farmer, pick pears from the orchard, and received an instructional session at the high school with USDA

colleagues of Member Olson. The students made their first visit to the USDA facility as well as touring a processing facility watching the state of the art equipment in use. The students spoke with the CEO of the facility learning of his background, and where he went to college. The fieldtrip was a great experience for the students, and they will have another opportunity to visit the facility once more during the program.

Member Fernandez reported that the class of 1968 were celebrating their 50th class reunion. Member Fernandez had received many compliments from the alumni of the wonderful tour given of the campus, and they were impressed with the positive information given and that the old facilities were in such good condition. Member Fernandez commended Mrs. Uslan for her efforts putting together the successful event and she was very happy she was able to attend.

Member Fernandez announced that Homecoming for Delta High School is planned for this week and that Disney is the school's theme for spirit week.

Member Maghoney commented that she had stopped by Isleton Elementary School to visit with the teachers. She had also attended a Rio Vista High School football game.

Member Riley attended the Homecoming football game at Rio Vista High School. She mentioned that the floats were great this year and her granddaughter was one of the nominees for homecoming queen.

9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report

9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s) –

9.1.3.1 CSEA Employee of the Year – Ray Camacho

Mr. Beno had the great pleasure to introduce the CSEA Employee of the Year Ray Camacho. Mr. Beno, principals Maria Elena Becerra and Carrie Norris thanked Ray for his professionalism, his hard work in keeping the children safe and the campuses clean. They all were honored in recognizing him as the CSEA Employee of the Year. Mrs. Turk added a fond memory of Ray from when she was principal of Bates Elementary School. Mr. Camacho thanked the principals and former students for his wonderful 29 years in the district.

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 and Ken Gaston, Director of MOT

9.2.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that the elementary level ADA had an increase of seven, the high school had an increase of three ADA and the alternative had an increase of three ADA in the month of September. At the last Board meeting a question was asked regarding the numbers used for ADA during budget development. In response to this question Mrs. Keema-Aston reported that last year's Enrollment and ADA at P-2 were 1910 and 1816 respectively. As of September, of this year the Enrollment and ADA are 1945 and 1857 respectively, which are higher than anticipated during budget development. Keeping in mind that these numbers will change prior to this year's P-2 reporting.

9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that the beginning balance has been posted by SCOE. Currently the business office is posting budget revisions and carry over to the budget. She hopes to have all these adjustments completed by this coming Friday.

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Directors of MOT – Mr. Gaston reported that this has been a busy month. The drop-off asphalt and sidewalk repair at D.H. White School has been completed and are hoping to file the Notice of Completion (NOC). However, the roofing project still needs gutter and downspout work as well as a warranty inspection before a NOC can be filed. The phone project has only a few more items on the punch list. Mr. Gaston noted that they are assessing district vehicles to determine if they are repairable or will need to be deemed as surplus. Mr. Gaston was pleased to announce another bus driver has been hired. Member Olson thanked Mr. Gaston for the porta potty at the Rio Vista stadium for the football game.

9.3 Education Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) - Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services and Special Education

9.3.1 Williams' Settlement Public Notification regarding sufficiency of teachers, facilities, and textbook and instructional materials – Third Quarter (July - September) – Kathy Wright reported that the district had no insufficiencies reported during the quarter.

9.3.2 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Presentation – Kathy Wright provided the results of the assessments from the Smarter Balanced testing, showing where we stand as a district compared to the county and state. She mentioned that the district has an initiative to focus on academic conversation with the students to provide instructional improvement.

Each elementary school has increased in the ELA level of proficiency, two of our elementary schools are out performing the states average. Three of our four elementary schools had an increase in proficiency in Mathematics the other has remained the same. Both middle schools have shown an increase in ELA level of proficiency. In Mathematics, one middle school had an increase in proficiency and the other remained the same. One high school had a decrease in proficiency in ELA however they still are out performing the states average. In Mathematic they have a small increase in proficiency. Unfortunately, the other high school had a significant decrease from last year's testing in ELA and Mathematics. Special Education proficiencies in ELA had an increase but remains lower than expected. Mathematics has an increase and is on target. As a district, some celebrations are warranted, however, we have a lot of work to be done starting with professional development and instructional strategies.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update: Mr. Delgado feels Mr. Wright will be an excellent TOSA this year. Mr. Delgado has noticed the efforts at the elementary school sites trying to give the teachers prep time. Mr. Delgado understands that this is a negotiable item and there are many things to take into consideration. Mr. Delgado is proud of the membership of the RDUTA union. They are trying to get the new teachers the support they need to succeed.

9.5 California State Employees' Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update:

10 Consent Calendar

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board, September 11, 2018
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
As of October 9, 2018
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report
September 2018
- 10.4 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sacramento Theatre Company for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$4,176 – Arts Grant – Antonia Slagle
- 10.5 Request to approve the overnight field trip for Bates Elementary 5th and 6th grade students to attend the Sly Park Environmental Education Center from May 28-31, 2019 – Maria Elena Becerra
- 10.6 Request to approve the Delta High School Heavenly Boosters fundraising events "Carmazzi Caramel Corn" to benefit the Cross Country and Track teams, and the "Winter and Spring Music Concert Dinner Programs" to benefit the Music Program – Laura Uslan
- 10.7 Request to approve the Delta High School FFA Boosters fundraising event "Texas Hold 'Em Game Night" to benefit the students attending the National FFA Convention fieldtrip to Indiana and to Washington DC – Laura Uslan
- 10.8 Request to approve the additional funding to the current General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School or agency (Learning Solutions) for the 2018-2019 school year – Not to exceed \$30,000 – Special Education Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.9 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:
 - Isleton Elementary School – 6th grade Sly Park Educational Fieldtrip**
 - Pat Teisseire - \$200
 - Oilwell Materials & Hardware Co., Inc. - \$100
 - Reamer Farms, Inc. - \$235
 - Rogelios, Inc. - \$20
 - Lira's Supermarket - \$235
 - Rio Vista High, Riverview Middle and D.H. White Elementary School**
 - Rio Vista Lions Club – Catapult EMS License - \$1902
 - Rio Vista High School – Deven Davis Scholarship Fund**
 - Dana Halbrook - \$100
 - Rio Vista High School – Elizabeth McCormack Library**
 - Harvey L. and Maud C. Sorensen Foundation - \$85,000

Member Riley moved to approve. Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

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

- 11. Request to approve the second and final reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits due to new legislation, mandated language and/or citation revisions as of July 2018 – Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve. Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

12. County of Sacramento – Treasury Oversight Committee, School and Community College District Representative Election 2018 Ballot (Ballots must be received by the Department of Finance no later than October 22, 2018) – Don Beno

Member Fernandez moved to approve electing to vote for Mario Rodriguez, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

13. Request to approve the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Student Drop-off Loop Repairs at D.H. White Elementary School – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

14. Request to approve the job description Supervisor of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

15. Request of Resolution # 754 Giving Notice of Intent to Grant Easements to Sacramento Area Sewer District and intent to hold a Public Hearing and vote at the regularly scheduled November 13, 2018 meeting. – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

After discussion by the Board, a request was made to have a representative from the Sacramento Area Sewer District attend the November 13, 2018 meeting to answer questions. Action Item 15. was tabled and will be brought before the Board at the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)

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

17. Re-Adjourning to continue Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to adjourn.

Member Maghoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Bettencourt)


18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Submitted:



Don Beno, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Kitchens and Jennifer Gaston, Recorders
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