

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 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 5:30 p.m. on August 14, 2018, at Isleton Elementary School, Isleton, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Alicia Fernandez, President
 - Don Olson, Vice President
 - Marilyn Riley, Clerk (Absent)
 - Sarah Donnelly, Member
 - Chris Elliott, Member
 - 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 approve the Closed Session Agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:35 pm

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Bettencourt seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Elliott, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Riley)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:35 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken, Member Riley was absent; and 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 Steve Wright, Isleton Elementary School teacher
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 action during closed session:

The Board reviewed Student Case #1819-311-001. A student on a stipulated expulsion is requesting admission into the River Delta Unified School District. A motion was made to allow the student to attend the River Delta Community Day School during the remainder of the expulsion period and to follow the conditions set forth in the expulsion order.

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Olson, Donnelly, Elliott, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 1 (Nays: Fernandez): 1 (Absent: Riley)
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Member Bettencourt moved to approve, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Elliott, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Riley)
8. **Public Comment:** Mr. Delgado, RDUTA President welcomed back all present at the meeting, after the summer break. Mr. Delgado commented that the school year has started with its usual excitement and he feels that all classes seem to be full. Mr. Delgado stated that the district has many new teachers starting this year and is optimistic that it will be a great year for a lot of them. Mr. Delgado encouraged the Board members to visit and or to participate in each of the classrooms districtwide and to talk with the teachers to obtain their prospective on how they feel things are going for them as well at the schools.

Chandra Drury, a parent of district students, requested to have consent item number 10.8 pulled for clarification and discussion.

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 promoted the "Denim and Diamonds" fundraiser. Antonia Slagle announced that only a few tickets were available for the event.

Member Maghoney shared that since the start of school she has made a few visits to Isleton Elementary School visiting the classrooms, talking with teachers, and wishing them luck for the new year.

- 9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report

- 9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s) – Mr. Beno announced that approximately a week and a half ago a Special Board Meeting was held where Marcy Rossi was officially approved as the new principal of Riverview Middle School. The special meeting was necessary so that she could start prior to staff and students returning to school. Mr. Beno commented that she has hit the ground running to accomplish all that was needed to begin the new school year. Day two of the school year was full of excitement for her due to the Bridge Closure. Mr. Beno formally introduced Mrs. Rossi to the members of the Board. Mrs. Rossi announced that although she has worked in the district for many years she is very excited for her new role as principal. She mentioned that at the preservice days teachers were very enthusiastic, they set behavior and expectation norms and they all seemed willing to promote these new norms.

- 9.1.3.1 Recognition of the 2018-19 Teacher of the Year Christina Esperson – Mr. Beno announced the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year Christina Esperson and asked Mr. Casey principal of D.H. White Elementary to make the introduction. Mr. Casey spoke very highly of Mrs. Esperson and of her many accomplishments. He had great pleasure in presenting Christina Esperson as River Delta Unified School District's Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. Mr. Beno announced that Mrs. Esperson would also be honored at the County's Teacher of the Year Banquet on Friday, August 24, 2018, in Sacramento.

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 Craig Hamblin, Director of MOT

- 9.2.1 Monthly Financial Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that the 2018-19 fiscal year is just getting started. She noted that changes to the District's Adopted Budget will be made due to the Governor's 45-day revision. Ms. Keema-Aston also mentioned that in the next few months funds 21, 22 and 23 will be spent down when the facility projects that are currently in progress are completed.

- 9.2.2 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Craig Hamblin, Director of MOT- Mr. Hamblin reported that it was nice to see all the students on the first day of school in their new outfits so excited to be going to school. Mr. Hamblin stated that there are a few pending projects that were not on the submitted report. The maintenance and operations staff have been helping with some of these projects along with the routine maintenance scheduled to prepare for school to begin. Mr. Hamblin reported that most of the roofing projects are completed. The last of the roofing projects is about to begin at Delta High School. During the roofing project at Walnut Grove Elementary, the playground blacktop area was damaged. The contractor will be repairing the area by putting a 2" asphalt overlay. Mr. Hamblin stated that the playground area is fenced off until the repairs have been completed. Mr. Hamblin hopes the playground area will be completed and open after the Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Beno is pleased that over one million dollars' worth of projects have been completed or will soon be completed over the summer throughout the district. He also mentioned that while working on old facilities as we have in the district, there are always surprises that are uncovered which makes these projects more difficult as well as more expensive than planned. Mr. Beno appreciated the work that the maintenance department has completed over the summer and thanked Mr. Hamblin for his hard work keeping track of all the projects.

9.3 Other – Education Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) -

- 9.3.1 Williams' Settlement Public Notification regarding sufficiency of teachers, facilities, and textbook and instructional materials – Second Quarter (April - June) – Kathy Wright reported that the district had not received reports of insufficiencies during the quarter.
- 9.3.2 Presentation of the 2017-2018 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) for the River Delta Unified School District – Kathy Wright explained that the district is the recipient of the Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program (TUPE) grant. The funds from the grant enabled the district to partner with West Ed., who prepared a survey for the district which provided a variety of information through the eyes of the students and staff. The survey was given to 7th, 9th and 11 grade students as well as staff members. The six areas covered in the survey are: school climate, student connectedness, student support, school safety, physical and mental well-being, and social-emotional learning. Mrs. Wright mentioned that staff can analyze the results and provide lessons and presentations that respond to their needs. One area of concern that will be addressed at Leadership is school safety. Mrs. Wright announced that the survey results can be found on the district's website.
- 9.3.3 Catapult Emergency Presentation – Vicky Turk provided a presentation to the Board and audience on how the emergency application Catapult is used. Mrs. Turk explained that Rio Vista High School had performed a drill using the application during the first week of the school year and there was a successful response from teachers, and all students were accounted for. Emergency Preparedness and the safety of staff and students are high priority of the district. This application will be provided by the district as a resource to all school sites and will be implemented this school year.

10. Consent Calendar

President Fernandez made a request to pull consent item numbers 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 for further discussion.

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
 - Regular Meeting of the Board, June 26, 2018
 - Special Meeting of the Board, July 27, 2018
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
 - As of August 14, 2018
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report
 - June and July 2018
- 10.4 Request to approve the interim Reclassification Criteria for English Language Learners – Carrie Norris and Kathy Wright
- 10.5 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Kings County Office of Education to provide support to the District for the state mandated California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2018-2019 school year, not to exceed \$3,000 from Educational Services Funding – Kathy Wright
- 10.6 Request to approve the Independent Contract with Center of Movement for the 2018-2019 school year at Isleton Elementary School to provide yoga and mindfulness for Pre-school through sixth grade students at a cost not to exceed \$6000. – Antonia Slagle
- 10.7 Request to approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Rhiann Eddy for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Kathy Wright
- 10.8 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with the Center of Movement for the 2018-2019 school year at Riverview Middle School, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Educational Services Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.9 Request to approve the out of state travel for Delta High School's FFA members and the FFA Advisor to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 24-28, 2018 with an extended trip to Washington D.C. October 28-30, 2018 – Shanan Spears & Laura Uslan
- 10.10 Request to approve changes in the District's Adopted Budget due to revisions in the Governor's Budget (45 Day Revise) – Elizabeth Keema-Aston
- 10.11 Donations

Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ed and Linda DeMar

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

Member Fernandez asked for clarification on the funding sources of item numbers 10.6 and 10.8, being they are similar services. Ms. Slagle informed the Board that item 10.6 was approved by the site council to use site funds providing a school wide program for the students of Isleton Elementary. Mrs. Wright explained that the services for item 10.8 were put in place as support to the County C.A.R.E program at Riverview Middle School. Now that the C.A.R.E program is run by the district, staff reviewed the program to determine what strategies were successful. The data reviewed supported the decision to use the mindfulness yoga program as it was beneficial and will be continued in the 2018-2019 school year.

Clarification was made regarding 10.7, Mrs. Wright explained that in the past, if a teacher was capable or willing to prepare the WASC report for the school site they were given a prep period to work on the report or review, whichever was due at the time. It is at the school site's discretion on whether to use staff or an outside source to complete the report or review. Rhiann Eddy is a former teacher of Rio Vista High School and prepared the last full WASC report and past review. Mrs. Turk has requested that Ms. Eddy prepare and write the full report due to the WASC committee.

Member Fernandez moved to approve 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Donnelly, Elliott, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Riley)

Mr. Beno asked for a few minutes before the meeting continued. He announced to the Board that Mr. Hamblin has officially announced his retirement that will take effect at the end of October. One of the reasons Mr. Beno made the announcement at this time was to introduce the new Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, Ken Gaston who was approved at this evening's meeting. He will be working closely with Mr. Hamblin until his retirement to learn the uniqueness of the facilities in the district. Mr. Beno welcomed Mr. Gaston to the district team.

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

11. Request to approve the amended Phase 1 contract with Communication Strategies, Inc. not to exceed \$5,850 – One-time funds - Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

12. Request to approve the Actuarial Valuation of Post-Retirement Benefits (GASB 75) prepared by Nicolay Consulting – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

13. Request to approve Resolution #749 to establish Temporary Inter-Fund Transfers of Special or Restricted Monies for FY 2018-2019 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

14. Request to approve Resolution #750 approving reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine – Don Beno

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

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

16. 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.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Linda Vargas a long-time district employee.

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

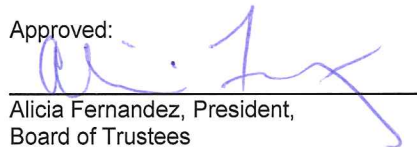
17. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted:



Don Beno, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Alicia Fernandez, President,
Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
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