

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 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 June 12, 2018 at Walnut Grove Elementary School, Walnut Grove, 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

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 @ 5:32 pm

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

5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:41 pm**

5.1 Roll was retaken, Member Elliott 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 Carrie Norris, Principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School

5.3 Retirement recognition – Although the retirees were not in attendance, Mr. Don Beno recognized four district employees who have retired in the 2017-2018 school year. Don Farrell, bus driver; Annette Hastings, bus driver; Barbara Moriearty, teacher at Bates Elementary School and Anita Mitchell, an instructional aide.

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.

The Board has reviewed the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and rehabilitation plan for student case #1718-311-004.

Member Bettencourt moved to approve the stipulated expulsion agreement and rehabilitation plan, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Elliott)

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The Board reviewed and amended section XIII Fringe Benefits of the Superintendent's contract with no additional costs to the district's budget.

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

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

Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda

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

8. **Public Comment:** Jennifer Stone, a parent of a Walnut Grove Elementary School student, made comment that she would like hot water available throughout the school site for health and safety reasons.

Chandra Drury, a parent who has students attending Rio Vista High School and Riverview Middle School, has concern with the lack of discipline structure at Riverview Middle School. She feels that this lack of discipline is affecting the performances of the students. She would like to see resources added to the budget, such as a vice principal or a counselor on campus to "Right the Sinking Ship" prior to the budget being approved.

Kylie Meints, a parent of a D.H. White Elementary School student, expressed concern that the district was planning to convert the current D.H. White Elementary from a K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade school to a K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade school in the near future. She is strongly against the idea of a K-8 school and would like to see extracurricular activities such as Art, and PE offered with the current configuration.

## **9. Reports, Presentations, Information**

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

- 9.1.1 Board Members' report(s): Katy Maghoney reported that she had attended several promotions and graduations. She also attended Isleton's Elementary awards ceremony. Member Maghoney volunteered at Isleton Elementary playing kickball with the students and stated it was nice to see them so enthusiastic.

Member Donnelly Reported that she had attended the promotion at Riverview Middle School and that she was fortunate to hand out diplomas at Rio Vista High School's graduation. Member Donnelly felt a special connection with this graduating class, for she was a regular substitute teacher when they attended D.H. White School. Member Donnelly mentioned that she was pleased with the new format incorporating the historians section within the different speeches.

Member Riley attended the Alternative Education graduation and Rio Vista High School's graduation ceremonies.

Member Olson attended several graduation ceremonies. While attending Isleton's promotion he was impressed with the way the students sang, he stated they're a real musical group. He mentioned the speeches at Riverview Middle School were exceptional, considering how young the students were. Member Olson said that as a Board member, handing out the diplomas at graduation is one of the best days of the year.

Member Fernandez reported that she was unable to attend any the ceremonies this year.

Member Bettencourt announced that he would not be running for re-election this year and would be moving to Elk Grove. He hopes that a Walnut Grove resident will step up and fill the open position. Member Bettencourt said that this has been a rewarding job.

- 9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report

- 9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s) – Mr. Beno reported that due to social media it hadn't come as a complete surprise of some of the public comments made this evening and had planned on addressing a few of these topics during his superintendent's reports. Regarding the K-8 reconfiguration, Mr. Beno stated that research has shown that a K-8 structure is highly successful academically and socially. He has witnessed this first hand during his tenure in a former district. He mentioned that this reconfiguration will depend on the developments in Rio Vista, and how many children it generates. The majority of the homes in the new development will be designated as senior living (over 55) with approximately 220 homes designated for single families. The original plan some 20 years ago was to develop a significantly larger number of single family homes (approximately 1700) and would include the developer building a new K-8 grade school in the area of the development. Moving forward, the new developer has decreased the number of single family homes to 220 which will not generate the number of students it would take to fill a new K-8 school. However, the students generated by these 220 new homes will need to be absorbed in our current K-12 schools in Rio Vista. Mr. Beno stated the decision has not yet been made on what configuration will be used, and the process will take a long time, most likely it would not take effect until 2023 or slightly sooner possibly 2022 depending on how fast the development moves. The district is having discussions with administrators and other staff member so the thought process will begin. Mr. Beno thanked the parents for feedback and assured them that decision will not be made in the near future.

Mr. Beno addresses concerns at Riverview Middle School, he stated that he has meet with the principal on many occasions during this year and has had a few meetings with the principal and parents who are requesting of hiring addition staffing to support the school. Mr. Beno advised the parents that the district has hired an extra teacher, which has been in place for two years to run the CARE program. This program is designed to specifically address the needs of students who are at risk and or who are not performing academically. This additional staffing is beyond ratios within the district. An additional instruction aide for supervision has also been in place at Riverview, there is not another school site in the district to have both positions available to them. The district has been providing support leading up to this year and during this year to help with this issue. Mr. Beno stated there is still work to be done to address and mitigate these issues and he will be working on them during the



summer. Mr. Beno said that other personnel actions have been taken, however, he is not at liberty to discuss them.

Mr. Beno reported that he attended eight graduations this year; all of them were wonderful. He enjoys all grade levels from Kinder promotions to the high school graduations. He has calculated that he as attended over 100 graduation ceremonies over his career and has never tired of attending them. As a former high school principal, he finds these graduations near and dear to his heart, because it's not only that they have reach the end of what we can offer them, but they are off on their own.

Tom Torlakson, the Superintendent of California Schools was a guest speaker at Riverview Middle School's promotion ceremony. Mr. Torlakson presented a certificate of recognition to the district for having a large number of students graduation from our high schools, obtain a teaching credential and return to teach within the district. Mr. Beno along with other staff members made a list of students who returned to the district to teach and or became part of the administration team. He believes there are 29 current certificated employees who were home grown. Mr. Beno thanks all of those who came back to teach in our district. He finds it a great joy to be part of it.

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 ADA/Enrollment Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that the district's ADA for May compared to prior year has increased by 11. The annual ADA figures will be reported at the next Board meeting. Ms. Keema-Aston informed the Board that Special Education funding is based on the annual ADA.

9.2.2 Financial Updates – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

9.2.2.1 May Revise Update – Ms. Keema-Aston gave an update received at the May Revise meeting. The COLA has gone from 2.5% to 2.71%. The LCFF funding will be fully funded in FY 2018-19. One-time discretionary funds have increased to \$344 per ADA.

9.2.2.2 GASB 75 Discussion – Ms. Keema-Aston noted that the GASB 45 is not called the GASB 75. Currently the district is using 1% of the monthly payroll plus ad hoc contributions. In FY 2017-2018 the district made a one-time additional contribution of \$250,000. Regulations in GASB 75 a portion of the monthly 1% contribution will now be allocated to future employees, not just funding for retirees. The change will affect the funding level of our unfunded OPEB liability. This change affects all districts and each district will be reviewing their funding plans. Ms. Keema-Aston will be reviewing options and models for possible changes to our funding policy and will bring these options to the Board for consideration at a later time.

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update - Craig Hamblin, report that this is the time of year they are very busy cleaning out the rooms and preparing for the next school year. There are several employees on vacation which is making a cleaning schedule difficult. Mr. Hamblin added that there are currently two vacancies in the MOT department, the supervisor of transportation and a gardener position.

Mr. Beno thanked all of those who have attended this evening's meeting. While the parents were in attendance he explained how the bond funds are obtained and spent. He mentioned that the bond funds were spent on facility projects and some of the projects qualified for reimbursable Emergency Repair Funds (ERP funding). Approximately one million dollars of ERP funds are being spend on roof repairs this summer as well as asphalt projects. Mr. Beno thanked Mr. Hamblin for all his efforts in getting the projects through the bidding process and now in the implementation phase.

9.3 Educational and Special Education Services Reports and/or Presentations Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services: Mrs. Wright reported that data was included in the district's newsletter sent home at the end of the school year and then introduced the principals.

9.3.1 Receive presentations of the District Schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement for school year 2018-2019 presented by Maria Elena Becerra, principal of Bates Elementary School; Antonia Slagle, principal of Isleton Elementary School; Carrie Norris, principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School; and Nick Casey, Principal of D.H. White Elementary School

Presentations were given by site principals on their individual school site's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) identifying programs and strategies that were successful in the 2017-2018 school year. The principals were excited to share which programs will be continuing and described areas of focus to be implemented to achieve the goals set forth in the SPSA for the 2018-2019 school year. Two positive aspects of the

presentations were the AVID program, either in the current year or for the upcoming year. The other was a decrease in the suspension rate at each school.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update: Mr. Delgado mentioned that after hearing the principal's presentation he was pleased with the collaboration and professional development time the elementary teachers have been provided. Mr. Delgado also commented that he was happy to see the parent involvement during the Board meeting in support of the school sites and teachers.

9.5 California State Employee's Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update: None to report

9.6 Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2018-2019 LCAP, LCAP adoption will be held at the Regular June 26, 2018 Board Meeting at Rio Vista High School – 5:30 pm – Don Beno

**Public Hearing Opened: 7:57 pm**

**Comments:** Board President Fernandez mentioned that the Board will take action approving the LCAP at the next Board meeting June 26, 2018 she then asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns. Chandra Drury asked for clarification between the LCAP and the Budget. Mr. Beno explained the difference between the LCAP and Budget. He also passed out business cards to the parents and asked them to either email him or call Jennifer Gaston, his assistant, to schedule a meeting to answer further questions.

**Public Hearing Closed: 8:02 pm**

9.7 Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2018-2019 District Budget, adoption will be held at the Regular June 26, 2018 Board Meeting at Rio Vista High School – 5:30 pm – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

**Public Hearing Opened: 8:02 pm**

**Public Comment:** Ms. Keema-Aston gave highlight in this year proposed budget and asked if there were any comments or questions – None to report

**Public Hearing Closed: 8:04 pm**

9.8 Receive information on the Title III LEA Plan for the 2018-2019 school year – Kathy Wright informed the Board that every year at this time she brings a Title III LEA Plan to the Board. However, we are now required to have a plan for Titles I, II, III & IV. The LCAP will now have an addendum which will include Title I, II, III. Mrs. Wright will be working on this addendum in the next few weeks.

## 10. Consent Calendar

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board - May 8, 2018
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports  
As of June 12, 2018
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report  
May 2018
- 10.4 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$220,000. (Non-public school students) – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.5 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$65,000. (Instructional assistant) – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.6 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.7 Request to approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Jeff Simpson to provide speech therapy services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2018-2019 school year – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.8 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Capital Autism Services) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.9 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Hand in Hand Therapeutics for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$45,000– Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.10 Request to approve the Professional Expert Consultation Agreement with Linda Mitchell for Adapted Physical Education Services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.11 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Meladee McCarty to provide program specialist services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright



- 10.12 Request to approve the 2018-2019 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Pristine Rehab Care) to provide speech therapy services for district students at a cost not to exceed \$240,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.13 Request to approve the Expert Agreement with Hancoch McCarty for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.14 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Maxim Staffing Solutions for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.15 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Seto Educational Support Services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.16 Request permission to apply for the Agricultural Grant for the 2018-2019 school year – Kathy Wright
- 10.17 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (CCHAT Center) for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.18 Request to approve the Independent Contract for services Agreement with Elaine H. Talley, M.Ed., J.D. for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.19 Request to Approve Independent Contract with Jeff Brown as the designated Chief Engineer for KRVH, at a cost not exceed \$6,000 Fund 49 Blended Learning– Elizabeth Keema-Aston
- 10.20 Request to approve the Title I Plan for Mokelumne High School – Maria Elena Becerra
- 10.21 Request the approval of D.H. White Elementary, Isleton Elementary, Bates Elementary and Walnut Grove Elementary Schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement for school year 2018-2019 as presented – Site Principals
- 10.22 Request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for district participation in the Sly Park program for the 2018-2019 school year – Don Beno
- 10.23 Request to approve an overnight filed trip for Isleton Elementary 6th grade students to the Sly Park Environmental Education Center from February 4th-8th, 2019 – Antonia Slagle
- 10.24 Request to approve an overnight filed trip for Walnut Grove Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th grade students to the Sly Park Environmental Education Center from May 13 – May 17, 2019 – Carrie Norris
- 10.25 Request approval to apply for the FY 2018 PWA Diversity in Action (PWA-DIA) Pilot Project Grant – Don Beno & Vicky Turk
- 10.26 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:
  - Rio Vista High School – Incentive Fund**  
Will & Tina Heryford
  - Rio Vista High School – Class of 1968**  
Ajay Avery - \$100  
L & S Del Chiaro - \$150  
Ellen and Gary Price - \$100  
James Woodruff - \$250  
Rose M. Lyon - \$100  
Alan and Mary Shearer - \$50  
Marcy Coglianese - \$100 in memory of "Mr. Cog."  
Kathryn Tussy - \$50  
Cynthia and Robert Perazzo - \$100  
Clark Tepella - \$500
  - Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship**  
Nancy Holt
  - Rio Vista High School – 2018 Scholarship Fund**  
Katy Maghoney  
Do Morrow
  - Riverview Middle School**  
Beth Brockhouse - \$51.28
  - Isleton Elementary School – Cross Country Supplies**  
Isleton Lions Club - \$150  
Robinsons on the Run, LLC - \$100
  - Isleton Elementary School**  
Box Tops for Education - \$57.40

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

Board President Fernandez acknowledged those who donated 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 or Exhibits due to new legislations or mandated language and citation revisions as of March 2018 – Don Beno

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

12. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and or Exhibits due to new legislations or mandated language and citation revisions as of May 2018 – Don Beno

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

13. Request to approve Resolution #748 CDE Child Development Services Contract – CSPP-8405 California State Preschool naming Don Beno, Elizabeth Keema-Aston and Antonia Slagle as authorized signees to sign transactions for the Governing Board – Antonia Slagle

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

14. Request to approve the "Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators" for the 2018-2019 schoolyear – Don Beno

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

15. Request to approve the amended SETA Head Start Contract with River Delta USD for FY 2018-2019 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

16. Request to approve the consulting agreement with Communication Strategies to provide technical support for the implementation of district wide phone system, not to exceed \$27,885 - One Time Funds – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

17. Request to approve the contract to purchase and the installation of a District wide phone system with Maverick Communications, in the amount of \$243,400. – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

18. Request to approve the agreement with TPx Communications to provide telecommunication services for the implementation of district wide phone system and to be the district primary telecommunication carrier - General Fund – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

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

20. 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.

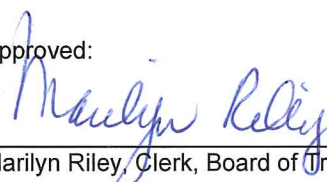
Member Maghoney moved to approve, Member Donnelly seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Donnelly, Maghoney, Bettencourt): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Elliott)

21. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted:

  
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Don Beno, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

  
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Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder  
End