

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2019

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 May 14, 2019 at Clarksburg Middle School, Clarksburg, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Alicia Fernandez, President
 - Don Olson, Vice President
 - Marilyn Riley, Clerk
 - Jennifer Stone, Member
 - Chris Elliott, Member (Absent)
 - Rafaela Casillas, Member (Arrived 5:36)
 - Dan Mahoney, 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 and requested to move agenda item number 11. For consideration and approval of the Superintendent Employee Agreement to agenda item number 6.1.
 - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – *None to report*
 - 3.3 Approve Closed Session Agenda and changes in the Open Session Agenda as submitted and Adjourn to the **Closed Session**
4. Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:38 pm
Member Olson moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:32 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Members Elliott and Mahoney were absent. All other members were present. Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent; Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
 - 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jameson Torres, a student of Rio Vista High School.
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session** (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Board President Fernandez reported that prior to closed session there was a request to move agenda item number 11. to be placed as item 6.1. During Closed Session the Board took the following action. Member Riley made a motion and Member Olson seconded a motion to appoint Katherine Wright as the Superintendent of the River Delta Unified School District for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, subject to approval of an employment contract.

Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney).

 - 6.1 Member Fernandez called for a motion to approve and ratify an employment contract for Katherine Wright to serve as River Delta Unified School District's new Superintendent. The proposed compensation for this position is \$169,987 per year. This amount includes an annual salary of \$165,187, and an automobile allowance of \$400 per month. The proposed contract also provides for the Superintendent to receive the same health, welfare, and employment benefits received by certificated management employees in the district.

Member Olson moved to approve, and Member Riley seconded the motion to approve and ratify the proposed employment contract for Katherine Wright to serve as the Superintendent of the River Delta Unified School District for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 at an annual compensation of \$169,987, plus the same health, welfare, and employment benefits as the District's certificated management employees.

Motion carried by roll call vote: 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney).

Ms. Wright thanked the Board and introduced herself to the audience. To familiarize herself to the community she gave a brief history of her background and career accomplishments. Katherine Wright is currently the Director of Educational Services for the River Delta Unified School District. She is the fifth generation in Rio Vista, CA. She first served the district as a second-grade teacher at D.H. White Elementary School, then taught Kindergarten for the next eleven years. The following year, she served as a vice principal in the Lodi Unified School District. She then returned to the River Delta Unified School District as the vice principal of Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools. She then had four wonderful years as the principal of Isleton Elementary School. Career opportunities took her to WestEd where she was selected as a school turn-around facilitator for many schools nationwide. Mrs. Wright was then selected by WestEd to work internationally, evaluating the military programs and the educational systems on the military bases. At that time, she did not feel it was the best choice for her family. Mrs. Wright then returned to River Delta Unified School District to her current position as the Director of Educational Services. She is honored and humbled by all the support she has received during this process and is looking forward in becoming the district's new superintendent. Mrs. Wright is confident that her vast experience in education and her passion for the district's improvement along with the community-based partnerships will be what the district needs to continue the work in progress and to move forward.

Member Fernandez thanked Mr. Gordon and his staff for facilitating all aspects of the Superintendent Search.

7. Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda

Board President Fernandez announced there was a request from Superintendent, Don Beno, to amend item number 10.2 Monthly Personnel Report on the consent calendar of tonight's agenda. Rationale is that personnel transactions have taken place after the Friday, May 10th posting. Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda .

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

8. **Public Comment:** Chris Folk, a student at Delta High School expressed his concerns regarding the academic climate of Delta High School. He feels the culture at the high school is disappointing, and the students do not have the stride to learn. He feels the dismal culture is due to staff turnover and the unprofessionalism of the administration. Member Fernandez thank Chris for his courage in speaking before the Board and offering his feedback.

Montana Olson, a senior at Rio Vista High School shared her involvement and the success of the NAMI Club (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The club began with the vision in creating a safe place for students with mental illness to come to have privacy while decompressing, or finding support services they are in need of. Montana asked the Board to seek funding for mental health awareness and support. Mr. Beno and Member Fernandez thanked her for her involvement and looking ahead for the student's welfare who will be at the high school after she has graduated.

Heather Dolk, teacher at Isleton Elementary School shared with the Board that last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. The students and their families made them feel very appreciated. She extended the appreciation to the Board, thanking them for their time and hard work they put in for the district. Member Fernandez was pleasantly surprised by the show of support for the Board and thanked Mrs. Dolk.

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 Fernandez announced that graduation ceremonies will be taking place soon. Jennifer Gaston had provided a ceremony schedule for the Board members to indicate which ceremonies they will be attending.

Member Olson reported that he attended the College Signing Day Assembly at Rio Vista High School. He mentioned that Isleton Elementary, D.H. White Elementary and Riverview

Middle attended the assembly for the first time this year and he felt it was a great way to introduce the thought of college to the younger students.

9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report

9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s): Mr. Beno introduced Amanda Beck and Ana Ogilvie of Friends of Clarksburg Services and Recreation.

9.1.3.1 Friends of Clarksburg Services and Recreation – Amanda Beck, a resident of Clarksburg introduced herself and gave a brief background of her history in Clarksburg and what it was like to grow up in Clarksburg as a child. She shared that Clarksburg had a track, baseball fields, softball fields, and a community swimming pool. Mrs. Beck shared that a group of community members have come together and formed a non-profit organization called the Friends of Clarksburg Services and Recreation. Their goal is to establish a community park and aquatic center. Mrs. Beck contacted Yolo County and found grant opportunities through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program as well as another community who made their same vision a reality. Esparto Unified School District and the Yolo County have partnered together entering into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) and joint use agreement to develop a community park and aquatic center, including a plan to maintain and operate the facility. Mrs. Beck and the Friends of Clarksburg Services & Recreation are purposing a partnership with a similar MOU be established with River Delta Unified School District to create the Clarksburg Community Park and Aquatic Center on the district's property.

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 changes in enrollment from prior month had an increase of three students and an increase of 19 ADA. The April enrollment was 1960 with an ADA of 1854 with a yield of 94.6%.

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

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update – Ken Gaston reported that the field's water levels on several of the campuses have subsided enough for the grounds to dry enough to mow. The field at Bates Elementary School had grown past the height allowable to mow and had to be harvested. Mr. Gaston mentioned that the change in weather is promoting many of the heaters being turned off and switching to air conditioning. Mr. Gaston noted that a survey has been completed on all heating and air-conditioning units to ascertain what brands, models and age of each unit throughout the district which will help with a maintenance schedule for repairs. Mr. Gaston thank Mr. Gomes for his help completing one of the district's projects.

9.3 Other – Educational Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) – Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Kathy Wright reported that the Educational Services Department is working diligently on the LCAP, reviewing and analyzing the data making sure the district is making sound decisions based on the data collected.

9.3.2 Outstanding Achievement in Attendance Awards 2018-2019 – Kathy Wright mentioned that one of the district's LCAP goals and action items is to dedicate and prioritize our attention towards improved attendance. Several students were honored who have shown an exemplary example of dedication toward their attendance. The students that were honored are from Rio Vista High School, Jameson Torres; Riverview Middle School, Bryan Garcia; D.H. White Elementary School, Jesse Zucha; Isleton Elementary School, Lesly Garcia; Walnut Grove Elementary School, Carolina Medina; Bates Elementary School, Vicente Becerra III; Delta High School, Stephanie Estrada; and from Clarksburg Middle School, Jordan Patterson. Mrs. Wright thanked all the students and their parents for their

dedication to school and told them that as a district we are honored to have them as our students.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Paul Delgado commended the students and their families for their dedication. On behalf of the River Delta Teachers, Mr. Delgado congratulated Kathy Wright on her appointment as the next Superintendent for River Delta Unified School District. Mr. Delgado reported to the Board that the students and their parents were fantastic to the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. He thanked them for being so generous with kind words and treats. Regarding the tentative agreement, Mr. Delgado announced that it was presented to the Executive Board earlier in the evening and will be presented to the membership later in the week. He should have an answer to the district by the end of the week if the tentative agreement has been ratified. He mentioned that the negotiation team is exhausted and still has concerns. However, they will leave it in the membership's hands and see where it goes.

9.5 California State Employee's Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update - No report given

10. **Consent Calendar**

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, April 9, 2019

Special Meeting of the Board, April 13, 2019

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of May 14, 2019

10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report

April 2019

10.4 Request approval for site principals at Delta High and Rio Vista High Schools to authorize and approve overnight travel within the State of California for athletic and academic programs for the 2019-2020 school year – Vicky Turk and Laura Uslan

10.5 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with STAR Autism Support to provide training to district staff at a cost not to exceed \$9,950 – Special Educational Funds– Kathy Wright

10.6 Request to approve the contract with Ryland School Business Consulting to provide assistance on various projects for FY 2019-2020 – not to exceed \$8,000 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

10.7 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 \$30,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright

10.8 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

Delta High School

Courtland Town Association \$1000

Clarksburg Middle School

Courtland Town Association \$1000

Walnut Grove Elementary School – Summer STREAM Camp/Swim Lessons

Harvey and Josephine Memorial Fund and Grow West \$12,500

Courtland Town Association \$1000

Les McMullen \$800

Victoria Turk \$80

Katrina Spradling \$80

Klytia & Steve Burcham \$160

Bailey House \$160

Antoinette Draxler \$160

Dale Lillak \$80

Larry Gorham \$150

Amy Bettencourt \$160

Antonia Slagle \$80

Holly Pauls \$80

Norman Spalding \$100

Ned Estill \$160

Linda Van Loben Sels \$200

Walnut Grove Elementary School – Sly Park for 5th/6th Grade Students

Harvey and Josephine Lyman Memorial Fund and Grow West \$3,661

Walnut Grove Rotary \$1,200

Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nancy Holt

Rio Vista High School – 2019 “Night at the Gatsby” Prom

Rio Vista Rotary Club

Robert & Susan Hickey

Joseph & Patricia Huyssoon

Leon Guzenda

James McPherson

Hector & Stefanie De La Rosa

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

Member Fernandez noted that the donations received this month were overwhelming. She acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their continuing support.

Action Items -- Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on any agenda item. The Board shall limit the *total time* for public presentation and input on *all items* to a maximum of 20 minutes. With Board consent, the Board President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard and the overall length of the agenda. The Board President may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add. (BB 9323) Anyone may appear at the Board meeting to testify in support of, or in opposition to, any item on this agenda being presented to the Board for consideration.

~~11. For consideration and approval of the Superintendent Employee Agreement – Board President Fernandez~~

Moved to Board agenda item 6.1

12. Request to approve the creation of a Spanish for Native Speakers course for the 2019-2020 school year at Delta High School – Laura Uslan

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

13. Request to approve and adopt the tentative agreement between California School Employees Association Chapter #319 and the River Delta Unified School District for 2018-2019– Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

14. Request to approve the agreement with RGM and Associates for preparation and administration of the Bid and Award Process of the District’s Asphalt Paving Repairs – \$15,350 - Emergency Repair Program (ERP) Funds - Ken Gaston

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

15. Request to approve the Notice of Award for the Rio Vista High School Access Road Asphalt Paving Repairs to Warren E. Gomes Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$52,970 – ERP Funds– Ken Gaston

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

16. Request to approve the Notice of Award for the Walnut Grove Elementary School Playground Asphalt Paving Repairs to Warren E. Gomes Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$89,100 – ERP Funds Ken Gaston

Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

17. Request to approve the Notice of Award for the Delta High School Parking Lot Asphalt Paving Repairs to Warren E. Gomes Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$104,890.50 - ERP Funds– Ken Gaston

Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

18. Request to approve Resolution #761 Authorizing FY 2018-2019 expenditures from Educational Protection Act Funds (Prop. 30) – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

19. Request to approve Resolution #762 River Delta Unified School District declaring official intent to reimburse certain project costs and expenditures from future potential Bond proceeds – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

20. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulations or Exhibits due to new legislation or mandated language and citations revisions as of March 2019 – Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

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

22. Re-Adjourning to continue Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report.

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

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Elliott, Mahoney)

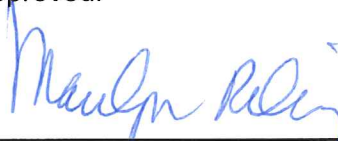
24. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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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