

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

December 17, 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 December 17, 2019 at Rio Vista High School, Rio Vista, 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
  - Dan Mahoney, Member

Also present: Katherine Wright, 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*
4. **Board President Fernandez asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:32 pm**

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Elliott)*
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:42pm**
  - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Elliott was absent. All other members were present.  
Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
  - 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vicky Turk, Principal 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 the Board received information; and took action to immediately dismiss a Senior Food Service Worker during Closed Session.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Member Fernandez asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda

*Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Elliott)*
8. **Public Comment:** River Delta Unified School District parent, Meredith Bird-Marinucci, thanked Principal Casey for his leadership and two teachers from D.H. White Elementary School, Christina Esperson and Christina Snyder, for their dedication to the Art Program at their school site. She asked the Board of Trustees, school site leaders, staff, parents, community member and the Superintendent to “Dream Big” to build a Visual and Performing Arts Integration districtwide and to develop a K-12music program. Mrs. Bird-Marinucci provided the Board with variety of resources.
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 Stone reported that she attended a Special Olympics Planning Committee meeting at Walnut Grove Elementary. A few more members have joined the planning committee at this last meeting. A lot of brainstorming and input has led to great ideas. Member Stone is looking forward to the event and feels it will be very successful. Member Stone thanked Walnut Grove Elementary for allowing the planning committee the use of their site for the planning sessions as well as the

event in the Spring. Follow up Special Olympic Planning Committee meetings will be held in January. Dates and times will be determined in the near future.

Member Fernandez reported that she has received notification that Superintendent Steve Lewis, of the River Charter Schools, operator of Delta Elementary Charter School has resigned his position and will be leaving June 30, 2020.

- 9.1.2 Committee Report(s): Member Fernandez commented that she would like a sub-committee created to work on a five-year plan for the growth of student enrollment in Rio Vista, including a facility plan to accommodate this enrollment increase.

Mrs. Wright commented that the criteria of creating a Board Sub Committee would require that no more than three members of the Board sit on the committee. The committee may include administration, parents, community members, staff and other stakeholders. However, per the Brown Act, any additional Board members may attend the meetings as a non-acting members for observation purposes only.

Member Mahoney stated that he feels that more developments will be built; therefore, the district needs to be proactive to accommodate the increased student enrollment.

- 9.1.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) – Katherine Wright
  - 9.1.3.1 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year Recognition: Mrs. Wright commended Brandi Gomes for her nine years of dedication to the District. Mrs. Wright stated that Mrs. Gomes has built and maintained positive relationships with her students and has received feedback from former students on the valuable instruction they received while in her class. Mrs. Wright was honored to present Mrs. Gomes with a personalized book clock as a small token of the District's appreciation for her dedication and hard work.

- 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; Ken Gaston, Director of MOT

- 9.2.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that from this time last month the District has seen a decrease in enrollment of eleven students and a decrease in ADA of 24. The total enrollment for November is 1953 with an ADA of 1852 yielding an average of 94.8%. The estimated P2 ADA used for First Interim is 1883.73.
- 9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported as submitted.
- 9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT reported that his department has finally started to slow down due to weather conditions. He announced that three of his employees, Angela Berry, Danny Alexander and Lindsay Hironoto will be retiring at the end of the December. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Gaston explained that the spots on the sides of the buildings at Delta High School are spiderwebs that have had dust attach to them. They have been power washed and cleaned and, in just a few days, the spots have returned. These same spots are visible throughout the district.
- 9.2.4 Present the Annual Developer Fee Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported that within 180 days after closing of prior year, a report must be completed and presented to the Board stating how the developer fees have been spent during the prior fiscal year. This information is open to the public and will be brought to the Board for discussion at the January 2020 Board meeting. This reporting is in accordance with Government Code 66006 (b). Total funds collected were \$1,079,847. Of those fees \$966,321 were collected from Encore/Liberty (LGI Homes) and set aside. Total funds expended were \$257,903 and a contribution from the General Funds for Shea Home repayment and portable rentals were \$128,857. Mrs. Keema-Aston noted that the Commercial Developer Fees collected at the .47 cents per square foot were collected prior to the current adjustment of .61 cents per square foot, which took effect November 12, 2018.



Member Mahoney reiterated that the subcommittee is instrumental in planning for the future. Also stating that the portables we have in the District need to be removed and replaced with a permeant structures.

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

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer provided the Board with a presentation focused on “Red for Ed”. The presentation included testimonials from students at each school site high lighting an outstanding teacher.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher’s Association (RDUTA) Update – Mr. Bill Hodges, RUDTA President, was pleased that the District was supporting “Red for Ed”. However, he stated that the slogan originated as a social movement among educators. Mr. Hodges mentioned that he met with Superintendent Wright and is pleased that the District is moving forward with the Labor Management Initiative.

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update: None to report

9.6 Public Hearing regarding the dedication and naming of the Courtland High School Auditorium after Dr. Henry Go – Maria Elena Becerra

**Public Hearing Opened:** 7:28 pm

**Public Comment:** A member of the Courtland Town Association, Mike Pavao, addressed the Board in support of renaming the Courtland Auditorium after the longtime resident and physician, Dr. Henry Go. To honor Dr. Go, the Courtland Town Association would like to rename the auditorium and purchase a plaque or sign to place on the building. The Association will pick all costs in completing this project. Mrs. Wright mentioned that Ms. Becerra received input from several stakeholder groups, and that the requested approval will be brought to the Board at the January meeting. Principal Becerra gave the historical background of Dr. Henry Go and she mentioned that all stakeholder groups were in favor of honoring Dr. Go by naming the auditorium after him and encourages the Board for its consideration.

**Public Hearing Closed:** 7:34 pm

9.7 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of intent to initiate the process to change the Election Method from “Hybrid At-Large” to “Trustee-Area” – Katherine Wright

**Public Hearing Opened:** 7:34 pm

**Public Comment:** Katherine Wright gave a brief explanation of the process used when a Board is considering changing the method used when electing its members. Mr. Hodges shared his opinion that it would be his suggestion to have a teacher on the Board to ensure the teacher’s priorities are fully represented. Anna Swenson, parent, requested for the definitions of the two election methods. Mrs. Wright gave the explanation of the two methods.

**Public Hearing Closed:** 7:38 pm

10. **Consent Calendar**

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, November 12, 2019

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of December 17, 2019

10.3 District’s Monthly Expenditure Report

November 2019

10.4 Request approval to purchase a 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan in the amount of \$18,436 to provide mandated Special Education transportation to District students– Ken Gaston

10.5 Request to approve the D.H. White PTC “Gala Event” fundraiser at Belle Vie Vineyard on February 29, 2020 – Nick Casey

10.6 Donations

**Isleton Elementary School – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sly Park Science Camp**

Korth's Pirates Lair Marina - \$235

B & W Resort Marina - \$2350

**D.H. White Elementary School – Water filtration systems**

Rio Vista Youth Services - \$2,245.28

**Rio Vista High School**

Cheryle Apple – In memory of Jerry Rubier

The Turk Family - \$2500 Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

Member Fernandes acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their continuing support.

Action Items -- Individual speakers shall be allowed two minutes to address the Board on any agenda item. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each agenda item to 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. The Board is to conduct reorganizational duties including the election of Officers for 2020. The Board must elect the President, Vice President and Clerk positions as well as the SCOE Board representative. Upon the election of the new or returning officers, the Officers will be "seated" to conduct the balance of the meeting – Katherine Wright

President: Alicia Fernandez; Vice President: Don Olson; Clerk: Marilyn Riley; and SCOE Representative: Jennifer Stone

*Member Riley made a motion by nominating the 2020 Board of Trustees Officers to remain the same as in 2019, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

12. The Board is to complete their reorganization duties (under the provisions of Ed Code 35143 and 50171) by setting and approving a schedule of Regular Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2020 - Katherine Wright

*Member Stone moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

13. Request the approval of the First Interim Financial Report for 2019-2020 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

*Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

14. Request the approval to reconfigure D.H. White Elementary School to grade levels TK-6 and Riverview Middle School to grade levels 7-8 – Katherine Wright

*Member Fernandez moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

15. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits due to new legislation, mandated language and/or citation revisions as of October 2019 – Katherine Wright

*Member Stone moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

16. During Closed Session the Board reviewed the Student Suspended Stipulated Expulsion Case #1920-311-001. The Board's decision is as follows – Board President Fernandez

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*



17. Request to adopt Resolution #774 Initiating the Process of changing the method of electing members of the Board to a "By Trustee-Area", to take effect commencing with the November 2020 Elections - Katherine Wright

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

18. Request to approve the purchase of two Chevrolet Silverado C3500 to be used as maintenance trucks, not to exceed \$80,000 with Maintenance and Operations Funds – Ken Gaston

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

19. Request to approve the purchase of a passenger van to provide transportation for District students, not to exceed \$15,000 with Transportation Funds – Ken Gaston

*Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

20. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President reported that re-adjourning to Closed Session was not necessary.

21. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) - Board President Fernandez reported Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report.

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

*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Fernandez seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent Elliott)*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder  
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