

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 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 5:33 p.m. on February 19, 2019 at Isleton Elementary School, Isleton, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Alicia Fernandez, President
 - Don Olson, Vice President
 - Marilyn Riley, Clerk
 - Jennifer Stone, Member
 - Chris Elliott, Member
 - Rafaela Casillas, Member
 - Dan Mahoney, Member

Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent
3. **Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to Closed Session**
 - 3.1 Board Vice President Olson 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 @ 5:35 pm
Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:38 pm**
 - 5.1 Board President shall announce that the meeting is being recorded by the direction of the Board and the recording may capture sounds of those attending the meeting.
 - 5.2 Roll was retaken. All members were present.
Also present: Don Beno, Superintendent; Elizabeth Keema-Aston, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
 - 5.3 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Delta High School's Agricultural Leadership.
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session** (Government Code Section 54957.1)
Board President Fernandez reported that during closed session the Board received information and, by roll call vote (7:0:0), passed Closed Session item 4.3.5.1 Resolution 758 Release and non-reelects of certificated employees hired under temporary contracts for the 2018-2019 school year. The Board also passed by roll call vote (7:0:0) Closed Session item 4.3.5.2 Resolution #759 non-reemployment for the 2019-2020 school year for Probationary 0, I & II Certificated Staff.
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 Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)
8. **Public Comment:** Kendall Murphy, a teacher from Walnut Grove Elementary School, had a few items that she shared with the Board of Trustees. She stated that most of the blacktop area on the playground is fenced off with a big hole in the middle where there was a water leak. Ms. Murphy mention that, as a former PE teacher, exercise is important for students. She also mentioned that there is a leaky faucet that needed to be fixed so the students could get a drink and get back to class in timely manner. Ms. Murphy stated that the teachers staff room does not have hot water, which makes it difficult to wash their hand and sanitize dishes. Most importantly, she wanted to express her feelings regarding prep time for elementary school teachers. Her estimation of allotted prep time within the district for secondary teachers is one period of prep time per day. The high school level teachers receive approximately 50-90 per day. Middle school teachers receive approximately 50 minutes per day. The elementary school teachers receive zero minutes

per day for prep time. Ms. Murphy noted that some elementary school principals arrange prep time for their teachers, but most teachers must prep for their classes on their own time such as after school, weekends, holidays and school breaks. As Ms. Murphy was speaking with friends, she wondered which professions, with the same level of education as a teacher, worked without getting paid compensation. The only profession she could think of was a priest. She asked for the Board to consider prep time funding for elementary school teachers.

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 reported that the Clarksburg Country Run that is normally held in the Fall was postpone due to the air quality. It was rescheduled and held in January. She reported that it was a beautiful day. Unfortunately, due to the rescheduling, many of the participants were unable to attend. The Isleton Tigers participated in the run and many student volunteers joined in making it a successful and fun event.
- 9.1.2 Committee Report(s): Member Mahoney reported that a 2 X 2 meeting was held in Rio Vista. Those who attended representing the City were Donald Roos, Hope Cohn, and Rob Hickey. Representing the District was Mr. Beno and Member Mahoney. The City members asked the District of their plans on potential Bond measures, stating they did not want to compete with the District during the elections. The City believes that if a Bond was passed for the District, it would be beneficial for both the City and the District. In which, the schools could receive needed repairs and updates to their facilities. These facility upgrades would potentially raise the prices of the neighboring homes in turn bringing the possibility of further development in the community. Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the raising opioid epidemic and the prospect of adding a wheelchair access ramp at So. Second Street and Hamilton Avenue in front of Riverview Middle School.
- 9.1.3 Superintendent Beno's report(s): Mr. Beno stated that he would forego his report allowing ample time for the presentation by Steve Demers.

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 the overall change from previous month's ADA is an increase of 5 and an increase in enrollment of 17 students. Districtwide enrollment is 1914, yielding an ADA of 1824 with an attendance percentage of 95.2.
- 9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report - Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported as submitted.
- 9.2.3 Summary of the Governor's Budget Report – Ms. Keema Aston reported that Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) has been fully funded. The District will no longer be receiving gap funding. The COLA has been established for next fiscal year at 3.46%. The Governor is proposing a contribution to CalSTRS bringing the district's contribution from 18.13% to 17.10%. The one-time discretionary funds have ended and is unlikely to continue under the new governorship.
- 9.2.4 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update – Ken Gaston reported that a new hot water heater and faucet are at Walnut Grove Elementary School for the teacher's lounge. However, there is an electrical issue and they are waiting for a circuit breaker to complete the installation. Mr. Gaston informed the Board of the work order ticket system in place to complete all requests from the school sites. He has not seen a ticket for a drinking fountain at Walnut Grove. However, he will have maintenance staff assess the issue. Mr. Gaston confirmed that 61% of the playground at Walnut Grove is fenced off, with the remainder 39% open for use. Mr. Gaston mentioned that he had spoken to several contractors and met with one contractor regarding the needed repairs to the playground and surrounding areas. Each contractor expressed concern due to the high-water tables in the Delta. They would not attempt to lay asphalt until June, when the rainy season is over, and the ground has had time to completely dried out. If the asphalt project is attempted prior to the ground being ready, the results would be poor. Mr.

Gaston gave an example of the asphalt project at Walnut Grove from two years ago. He reported that tire tracks are now visible on the existing blacktop because the ground was too wet when it was installed. Mr. Gaston hopes that within the next 60 days they can start the bid process to work on several asphalt projects in the district. Mr. Gaston reported that the Maintenance and Operations staff has been working in preparation of the Spring sporting season.

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

9.3.1 Educational Services and Special Education Updates – Kathy Wright announced that the district received the single program CTE grant to plan for an Educator Pathway. This portion of the grant is the planning phase. The Educator Pathway will be a great experience for those students wanting to enter teaching profession. At this point, the Pathway will be offered at Rio Vista High School in hopes to expand the program throughout the district. The district has been fortunate to hire former students as teachers after they have graduated college. Several partners will be volunteering their time in creating the plan. These volunteers come from the Sacramento County Office of Education’s teacher induction program, as well as educational experts from WestEd. Mrs. Wright commended Jennifer Kitchens, the School to Career Coordinator, who worked hard writing and submitting the grant application.

Mrs. Wright was pleased to announce the success of the Numbers Talk Institute. She stated that the success rate when the presenters come to the district versus the teachers traveling to workshops increases the learning, collaboration and implementation of the given subject. The strategies learned at the professional development have already been seen in the classrooms. Mrs. Wright is pleased with the investment made in Numbers Talk Institute. It is a great testament of the service and strategy when the students, as well as the teachers provide positive feedback about it.

Member Mahoney asked what the funding formula is used for the Educator’s Pathway. Mrs. Wright explained that this funding source is through CTEIG (Career Technical Education Incentive Grant). The Specialized Secondary Program Grant is a supplement from the larger grant. Mrs. Wright will forward the new Board members more information of the grant, since the application approval was prior to them taking office.

Member Fernandez inquired about the Special Education audits. Mrs. Wright responded that they are challenging and a lot of work obtaining the documentation needed from the requests. However, it has been a great learning experience for the staff members, as well as an opportunity for building partnerships with the CA Department of Education (CDE). They have been very helpful and a great resource during the audit.

Mr. Beno stated that CDE has been looking more closely at the districts in preparations for their upcoming federal review by the government.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher’s Association (RDUTA) Update – No update given

9.5 California State Employee’s Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update and Public Notice to “Sunshine” the 2018-2019 Negotiation proposals to River Delta Unified School District – No update given by CSEA and Don Beno reported that the public notice is a requirement to begin negotiations.

9.6 Delta High School Agricultural Leadership Presentation – Shanan Spears, advisor for the Delta High School’s Agricultural Leadership Team, introduced Student Teacher Taylor Myers from Chico State University, as well as the Delta High School Agricultural Leadership Team. The presenters were: Gina Laurenzi, Chapter President; Max Serpa, Vice President; Mary Carli, Secretary; Morgan Rice, Treasure; Maddie McCoy, Reporter; Tanner Martin, Historian; and Kyle Allen, Sentinel. Each of the students gave a speech representing a letter in the word MISSION.

9.7 Redistricting Board of Trustee Boundary Areas, Presentation given by Steve Demers, a Geographic Information Systems Analyst for the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office - Department of Technology. Mr. Demers explained the reasoning and timeline for redistricting. He reviewed the presentation given to the Board in 2013 and why the scenarios presented at that time

are not relevant for today's Board. Mr. Demers configured two maps with proposed Trustee Boundary Areas having similar populations as well as the challenges each map delivers. An **Even 7** solution creates seven areas that distributes the voters as evenly as possible. Solano County with approximately 55% of the District's population would render four electoral seats of the seven, and Yolo/Sacramento with 45% of the voters would obtain remaining three seats. The other option **Compromise 7**, which is less even. However, it takes into consideration the residency of current Board members, minimizing the disruption of seats. Solano/Yolo holds approximately 63% of the population obtaining four electoral seats and Sacramento with 37% of the population would hold the remaining three seats. Mr. Demers noted the options for the Boards consideration. • Do nothing now, redistrict in 2021 after the 2020 census. • Redistrict using the Compromise scenario now, starting the transition to redistrict again in 2021 to something similar as the 'Even Seven' solution. And lastly, • redistrict using the 'Even 7" scenario now and then again in 2021 after the 2020 census.

9.8 45 Day Notice of Intention to amend the Conflict of Interest Code of the River Delta Unified School District – Don Beno reported that a 45-day public notice period is required by the Fair Political Practice Commission when revising the district's Conflict of Interest Code.

10. Consent Calendar

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board, January 8, 2019
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
As of February 19, 2019
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report
January 2019
- 10.4 Request to approve the out-of-state travel for Rio Vista High School students to travel to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon from April 17-19, 2019 – Vicky Turk
- 10.5 Request to approve 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 Funds – Antonia Slagle
- 10.6 Request for out of state travel for Danielle Tharp, Nick Casey and Christina Esperson to attend the 2019 General & Special Education Conference in Seattle, WA from March 5-7, 2019 – Special Education and Site Funds – Kathy Wright and Nick Casey
- 10.7 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sara Garcia-Rodriguez to provide "folklorico dance" lessons at the Walnut Grove Beyond the Bell After School program for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$576 - paid for with ASES Program Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.8 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) to provide Instructional Assistants for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 - Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.9 Request to acknowledge the "Sunshined" California Schools Employees' Association Chapter #319 negotiation proposals to the River Delta Unified School District for 2018-2019 – Mary Weathers
- 10.10 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Darrien Srimongkol to provide a *basic self-defense skills seminar* for Beyond the Bell After School Program employees for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$500 – ASES Program funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.11 Request to approve the Delta High School's Fundraising event "Butter Braids and Cookie Dough Sale" to benefit the Cheerleading Team – Laura Uslan
- 10.12 Request to approve the Delta High School's Fundraising event "Summer Youth Basketball Camp" to benefit the Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Teams – Laura Uslan
- 10.13 Request to approve the agreement with Russ Peak, to provide a motivational speech at Riverview Middle School – Site Funds – Marcy Rossi
- 10.14 Request to approve Panorama Education to design and implement LCAP- aligned surveys for the students, parents, and staff for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$6,295.30 – Educational Services Funds – Kathy Wright
- 10.15 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sara M. Hall,

M.A., BCBA to provide Behavior Intervention Assessments and Plans for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 – Special Educational Funds – Kathy Wright

10.16 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

D.H. White Elementary, Riverview Middle and Rio Vista High Schools

Rio Vista Community Center - \$4,102.38 for Chromebooks

Rio Vista High School – In memory of Tony Martinez

Jerry and Nadine Penick

Rio Vista High School – In memory of Dennis Penick

Jerry and Nadine Penick

Danny and Delinda Bowers

Rio Vista High School – Art Department

Chuck Wesley

American Legion Post 178

Trilogy Art Council

Dale Miller

Riverview Middle School – Cross Country Team

Rio Vision - \$2,200

Member Mahoney requested to pull item number 10.16 for discussion

Member Riley moved to approve with the exclusion of 10.16, Member Elliott seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

Member Mahoney expressed that the district should not accept donations from businesses that, under federal law, are illegal.

Member Olson moved to approve 10.16, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent): 1 (Abstained: Mahoney)

Member Fernandez acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their 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. Request to approve the *second and final* reading and adoption of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulation and Exhibits due to new legislation or mandated language and citation revisions as of October 2018 – Don Beno

Member Fernandez moved to approve excluding BP 3290, Member Elliott seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

12. Request the Board to make a motion to approve one of the options presented by Mr. Demers to redraw the Trustee Area Boundaries using the 2010 census data and to redraw the Trustee Area Boundaries after the census data is available from the 2020 census or that the Board make a motion to redraw the Trustee Area Boundaries after the 2020 census – Don Beno

Member Mahoney moved to approve redistrict by redrawing the Board of Trustee Areas using the “Even 7” Map and redistricting again after the 2020 census data has been obtained, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

13. Request to approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years – Kathy Wright

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

14. Request to approve the Notice of Completions for the Roofing projects at Delta High, Walnut Grove Elementary, Isleton Elementary and Rio Vista High Schools – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

15. Request to approve the first reading of the updated or new Board Policies, Administrative Regulation and Exhibits due to new legislation or mandated language and citation revisions as of December 2018 – Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

16. Request to review Board Policy 3290 regarding Gifts, Grants, and Bequests – Don Beno

Member Elliott moved to table the policy to seek further information, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

17. Request to approve the 2019 Bus Transportation and Comprehensive Districtwide Safety Plans – Don Beno

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

18. Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with RGM & Associates to provide a Facilities Condition Assessment for River Delta Unified School District – Don Beno

Member Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

19. Request the Board to take whatever action they deem necessary to respond to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Elections: Official 2019 Delegate Assembly Ballot for Sub-Region 6-B (Postmarked by March 15, 2019; results to be released by April 1, 2019) – Don Beno

Member Riley moved to take no action, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

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

21. 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 Olson moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

22. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted:



Don Beno, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
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