

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 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 November 12, 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
 - 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 Casillas 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. Members Elliott were absent. All 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 Laura Uslan, Principal of Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools
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; no action taken 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:** Sally Mandujan introduced herself as the Resource Teacher at Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools as well as a representative for the Yolo County Mental Health Board. She provided flyers which listed the services available to Yolo County students and families. She announced that a meeting will be held at the Delta High School Campus in April with the local Mental Health Board to obtain community input on services they would like to have within the Clarksburg community and to provide them with the knowledge of what services are already available to them.

The following community members relinquished their time to Wendy Neves: Stuart Neves, Cassandra Torda, Brandy Rapp, and Lisa McCapes. Ms. Neves spoke of her experience as a volunteer at Delta High School and Clarksburg Middle School. Ms. Uslan and Mrs. Walker requested a meeting with Ms. Neves where they instructed her to follow the District's protocol of signing in and out of the offices when she was on campus. They also discussed the need to establish boundaries as a volunteer. She felt this was in retribution to her involvement during a disciplinary issue involving two students. Ms. Neves took action to investigate the incident as she would have if her own children were involved. Ms. Neves was on site during

Ms. Walker's investigation of these two students and summarized her observation. She feels the administration uses tactics to invoke fear in the parents and students. Although she is allowed to continue as a volunteer at the schools, Ms. Neves feels threatened and bullied.

Jessie Sibley, a former student of Clarksburg Middle, Delta High and Mokelumne High Schools shared her dismay with the site administration at Clarksburg Middle and Delta High Schools.

Anna Swenson, a community member and parent of four children of Clarksburg Middle and Delta High Schools. Mrs. Swenson reviewed the Schools Accountability Report Card (SARC) and feels there are inconsistencies within the reports and would like to share her findings. Mrs. Swenson would like to get involved with the Site Council and made an inquiry of the time and dates of the meetings as well as the nominating process. She is in support of Ms. Neves' perspective on the schools' administrators.

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 and Member Fernandez attended a planning meeting held by Danielle Tharp, Coordinator of Special Education, regarding a Special Olympics Event to be held in our District. This event will be the first of its kind. Member Stone reported that there is still a lot of planning needed but feels it will be a great event involving the communities.

Member Riley reported that she and Member Fernandez made site visits to Delta High School. They observed Ms. Uslan in the classroom talking to the students who will be attending the Broadway production of "Hamilton" in San Francisco. The students seemed very excited for the opportunity.

Member Fernandez reported that the Clarksburg Country Run had a great turnout. The Isleton Tigers, approximately 30 students, were in attendance as well as the Delta Hawks Running Club, children from the Clarksburg and West Sacramento areas. Member Fernandez feels this is a great introduction to Cross Country when they reach high school. There was a lot of support and community effort to put on the event. The Soccer Club volunteered by serving food. She is very happy that the proceeds from the event come back to the students of the community.

Member Fernandez also reported that prior to this evening's meeting she and Members Riley, Mahoney toured Delta Elementary Charter School with Superintendent, Steve Lewis. She thanked Mr. Lewis for taking the time and giving the tour.

9.1.2 Committee Report(s): Member Mahoney reported that he has confidence in our Superintendent in the 2X2 meetings.

9.1.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) – Katherine Wright

9.1.3.1 CSEA Employee of the Year Recognition: Mrs. Wright recognized Lindsay Hiromoto for his hard work and dedication to the District for the past ten years and six months. She announced his retirement and presented him with a personalized book clock.

9.1.3.2 Information regarding "At-Large" vs. "Trustee-Area" Electoral Methods – Mrs. Wright reported that, at the October 8 2019 Board meeting, members of the Board asked to have a presentation defining the different voting methods used to elect the River Delta USD Board of Trustees. Mrs. Wright provided a definition of the "Hybrid At-Large" method the District currently uses as well as the "By-Trustee Area" method. She informed the Board of the benefits for each of the election methods. Mrs. Wright opened the floor for discussion and asked for the Board's direction to move forward changing the method used to nominate and elect Board members.

Member Fernandez voiced her concerns if the District changed from the "At-Large" method. She has hope that any candidate, regardless of which area they represented, would vote on issues considering the District as a whole. She made

comment that it would be beneficial that voters in each area would be more likely to know who they are voting for.

Member Mahoney felt that keeping the current "Hybrid At-Large" voting method, the Rio Vista area may dominate the elections, due to the number of voters in the trustee area. Member Mahoney stated that, as Board member, you are representing all students of the District and hopes that anyone who was elected would feel the same.

Mrs. Wright provided a timeline and process on making a change to the election method.

Member Riley expressed her opinion that we are a Unified School District and that all voters should be allowed to vote for candidates in all areas. Keeping the "Hybrid At-Large" method.

Member Olson sees benefits for both voting methods and has the opinion to have input from the community members.

With further discussion, and due to the timeline, Mrs. Wright was directed to have a Public Hearing at the December meeting for community input and place relevant items on the Agenda for the Board to make a final decision on which voting method they would like to use for electing its trustees.

- 9.1.3.3 Enrollment Growth and Student Housing – Mrs. Wright reported that the new development in Rio Vista has had an impact on enrollment at Riverview Middle School. The District anticipates that the development will continue to increase enrollment, not only at Riverview Middle School but at Rio Vista High and D.H. White Elementary Schools in the 2020-2021 school year. Developer fee funds from this development have been set aside for modular classroom to house these students. Former discussions prior to the mitigation agreement was the possibility of turning D.H. White and Isleton Elementary School into K-8 schools. Mrs. Wright has had discussion with Cabinet and Site Administration regarding classroom availability, curriculum; credentialing, transportation, program needs, etc. It was unanimous among the groups that something needs to happen for the 2020-2021 school year. It was not a recommendation to turn D.H White and Isleton Elementary School to a K-8 configuration. The alternative possibility is to retain the fifth-grade students at D.H. White Elementary for their sixth grade year. D.H. White would become a K-6 grade configuration, which is consistent with the other elementary schools in the District. Riverview Middle School would become a 7th-8th grade Middle School. With this in mind, the sixth grade classroom would become a self-contained classroom with a multiple subject credentialed teacher. The District would need two modular classrooms at D.H. White School, paid with developer fee funding. River Delta High/Elementary School (Independent Study) and the Adult Education Program would move to Riverview Middle School. Mrs. Wright will ask for the Board's direction at the December Board meeting. Member Mahoney asked for clarification on the permanent modular and staffing. He was pleased with the newly proposed configuration. Member Stone asked if D.H. White School would then be the same as Walnut Grove, Isleton and Bates Elementary Schools all being K-6 self-contained. Mrs. Wright confirmed. Member Stone was also pleased with the solution possibility.

Member Fernandes stated that it is a good short-term solution. However, she feels that a Special Meeting or a sub-committee should be formed to obtain a long-term solution. Mrs. Wright noted that the District has a mitigation agreement with Seeno Homes for the Riverwalk development that is planned for 1200 homes and is planned to start within the next 18-24 months. Unfortunately, this agreement is extremely old and doesn't call out for a school to be build. This development will have a huge impact on the District.

It was direction of the Board to add the D.H. White Elementary reconfiguration to the December Board meeting at an action item. It is also the direction of the Board to create a Sub-Committee regarding a long-term solution.

Member Fernandez requested that items 9.6 and 9.7, the student presentations, be moved to prior to 9.2.4 so that they may head home and study.

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, Directors of MOT

9.2.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Elizabeth Keema-Aston reported as submitted

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

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT- Mr. Gaston reported that over the past month they have been working on grants. He also reported that during the Safe Routes to School meeting, he and Mrs. Wright a same challenging interaction with the City of Rio Vista. The Safe Routes to School coordinator requested that the City work with the District for the best interest of the students. Through Safe Routes to School, Mr. Gaston is filling out a micro grant for bike racks for each of the schools in Rio Vista as well as fencing around the bike racks at Riverview.

Mr. Gaston reported that his department has been applying for electric bus grants. He has requested four busses for the North end of the district and four for the South. Mr. Gaston has also made inquiries through Pacific Gas & Electric for the charging stations. Mr. Gaston explained how the electric busses would work with our district's transportation needs. Once the grants have been disseminated, and if it is financially viable to the district, he will request the Board's acceptance of the grant funds.

Agenda items 9.6 and 9.7 were given at this time.

9.2.4 Districtwide Facilities Assessment Review – Ralph Caputo presented the Board with a full Facilities Condition Assessment Report. Mr. Caputo also provided the Board with the next steps in the process of a Bond feasibility.

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 an update of the projects of the Educational Services Department as well as the events and activities of the students at each of the school sites.

9.3.2 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data Information and Presentation on the results of the Spring 2019 CAASPP for students in grades 3-8 and 11 – Nicole Latimer made a presentation to the Board of the Spring 2019 CAASPP test results by site and in comparison to other school sites in the district including Delta Elementary Charter and the state average. Ms. Latimer informed the Board of procedures that are being implemented to improve the test scores for future testing.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Bill Hodges had nothing to report for the RDUTA update. However, he mentioned that he felt disappointed on a personal level after attending the Labor Management Initiative. He stated he would not comment further due to legal reasons.

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

9.6 Clarksburg Middle School's FFA Presentation – Charles Van Riper reported to the Board that 130 students from Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools attended an FFA competition for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. The Clarksburg Middle School FFA students gave a mock Opening Ceremony to the Board of Trustees.

9.7 Delta High School's Vineyard Project Presentation – Charles Van Riper gave the Board an update of the Vineyard Project and what they have been doing over the past three years. Mr. Van Riper introduced Craig Kirchhoff, Co-owner of Kirchhoff Wines in Clarksburg. Mr. Van Riper reported that the Vineyard Project was established in 2017 and encompassed two acres of leased land in Clarksburg. The Advisory Committee Board consists of Craig Kirchhoff, Chief EO; James Christie, Vice Chair; Charles Van Riper, Secretary; and Salley Christie, Treasure. The Advisory Committee manages the vineyard partnering with community members, local farmers, district staff and students from Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools. The purpose of the project is to provide students with career readiness activities lessons pertaining to the all aspects of the grape vineyard operations.

10. **Consent Calendar**

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, October 8, 2019

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of November 12, 2019

10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report

October 2019

10.4 Request to approve out of state travel for Alyson Stiles, Riverview Leadership Teacher to attend the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) annual state convention in Reno, Nevada from March 4-7, 2020 – Marcy Rossi

10.5 Request to approve a leave of absence made by Barbara DeFlores – Bonnie Kauzlarich

10.6 Request to approve an Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Lee Williams to provide CPR and First Aid Training for District employees and coaches, not to exceed \$5,400 – Bonnie Kauzlarich

10.7 Donations

Rio Vista High School – Rio Vista High School Fitness and Wellness Center

Harvey L. and Maud C. Sorensen Foundation - \$140,000

Rio Vista High School

Rio Vista Rotary Club – New Vehicle for extracurricular activities

Bates Elementary School

Courtland Fire Department - \$500

Isleton Elementary School – 6th grade Sly Park Science Camp

Morris Motors - \$50

Mei Wah (DL Betts & Iva Marie Walton) - \$235

Riverview Middle School – Leadership Activity

Riverview PTC - \$343

Isleton Lions Club - \$420

Soroptimist International of Rio Vista - \$200

Rio Vista Lions Club - \$610

Riverview PTC - \$84

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

Member Fernandez 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. Request to approve the Charter Petition for Delta Elementary Charter School (DECS) Renewal July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 – 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)

12. Request to set and approve the scheduling of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 with the Open Session beginning at 6:30pm at the Rio Vista High School Theater – Katherine Wright

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

13. Request to approve the Facility Condition Assessment Report as a working document for future Bond feasibility – Katherine Wright

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

14. Public Hearing to Sunshine the River Delta Unified School District's Negotiation proposals to the River Delta Unified Teachers' Association (RDUTA) for 2019-20 – Katherine Wright

Public Hearing Opened: 9:22 pm

Public Comment: Mrs. Wright informed the Board that the District intends to open all articles of the agreement with River Delta Unified Teachers Association for the 2019-2020 school year. No other comments from the public.

Public Hearing Closed: 9:23 pm

Request the approval to begin negotiations, opening the full three-year contract with the River Delta Unified Teacher's Association – Katherine Wright

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

15. Request to hold a Public Hearing to Sunshine the River Delta Unified Teachers' Association initial negotiation proposals to the River Delta Unified School District – Katherine Wright

Public Hearing Opened: 9:23 pm

Public Comment: Mrs. Wright noted that the River Delta Unified Teachers Association has submitted their intent to open the entire agreement with the District for negotiations for the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Hearing Closed: 9:24 pm

Request that the River Delta Unified School District's Board of Trustees acknowledge RDUTA's initial negotiation proposals to the District – Katherine Wright

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

16. Public Hearing to Sunshine the River Delta Unified School District's Negotiation proposals to the California School Employees' Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 for 2019-20 – Katherine Wright

Public Hearing Opened: 9:24pm

Public Comment: Mrs. Wright informed the Board that the District intends to open Article 17: Health and Welfare Benefits; Article 19: The use of Volunteers and Appendix B: Salary Schedules with CSEA Chapter #319 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Hearing Closed: 9:25 pm

Request to approve the River Delta Unified School District's negotiation proposals to the California School Employees Association, Chapter #319 (CSEA) for 2019-2020 – Katherine Wright

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

17. Request to hold a Public Hearing and “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association, Chapter 319 (CSEA) initial negotiation proposals to the River Delta Unified School District – Katherine Wright

Public Hearing Opened: 9:25 pm

Public Comment: Mrs. Wright noted that CSEA Chapter #319 had proposed to open Article 7: Transportation; Article 14: Grievance Procedures; Article 17: Health and Welfare Benefits and Appendix B: Salary Schedules for the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Hearing Closed: 9:26 pm

Request that the River Delta Unified School District’s Board of Trustees acknowledge CSEA’s initial negotiation proposals to the District – Katherine Wright

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

18. Request to approve the California State Preschool (CSPP) Agreement – Stacy Wallace

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

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

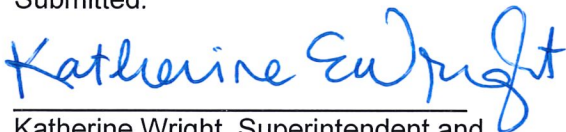
20. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) - Board President Fernandez reported Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report.

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

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

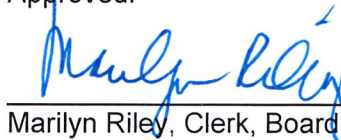
The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm

Submitted:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
End