

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 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 September 10, 2019 at Walnut Grove Elementary School, Walnut Grove, 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: 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 @ 5:33 pm**

Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:46 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken. 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 Danielle Tharp, Coordinator of Special Education
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 announced there was a request from Superintendent Wright to pull agenda item 9.3.2 asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda

Member Olson moved to approve with the removal of agenda item 9.3.2, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)
8. **Public Comment:** Mary Ann Cahill, informed the Board that she was a former teacher at D.H. White Elementary School where she did not receive a prep period. She noted that she had transferred to Rio Vista High School where as a Special Education teacher was paid \$400 dollars in lieu of a prep period. When she returned to D.H. White Elementary School, again, she did not receive a prep period.

Donnie Surla mentioned to the Board that she has been an English teacher at Rio Vista High School for the past 17 years. She spoke of the lack of teacher retention and that, when she reached 12 years with the District, she was the most tenured English teacher in the District. Mrs. Surla also mentioned that, in the last ten years, the high school, has had nine different English Language Arts teachers. Her concern is that these teachers are leaving the District for jobs with better pay and a reduction in their commute. In this current environment, of frequent teacher turnaround the ELA test scores at Rio Vista High School have dropped in recent years.

Reina Riebe, a RDUSD teacher for 26 years, stated that teachers do not go into this profession to get rich;

they are devoted to the students. She believes that River Delta USD teachers have less resources than other districts, less prep time, less aides, and the teachers at Walnut Grove Elementary School have combination classes through third grade. Ms. Riebe asked the Board to keep the teachers in mind during negotiations.

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 Mahoney, reported that he attended the 2X2 meeting at the City of Rio Vista. In attendance were a City Council Member, the City Manager, Superintendent Wright and himself. Topics discussed were that the Liberty Ranch housing project and its impact on the District with the new families moving in. In years past, there were agreements with three developers in which a new school would be built to accommodate new students from the developments. Mr. Mahoney conveyed his concerns that the fees collected for the new housing developments will not cover the cost of educating these students.

Mrs. Wright stated that Trilogy is an age restricted community outside of Rio Vista. The developer pays a fee to the district for each home. However, the residents do not pay an annual impact fee in their taxes. Ms. Keema Aston added that all homes in the Liberty Ranch Development, age-restricted, or single-family homes pay an impact fee of approximately \$600 per year.

Member Mahoney commented that there are students that attend the schools in Rio Vista who reside in the age restricted community of Trilogy. Member Mahoney does realize that some of these students have special needs and are permitted to live in the community. However, he believes that not all of the students have special needs.

There was talk during the 2 X 2 meeting of future developments and how they will be negotiated. Mr. Mahoney believes the Brann Ranch will be the next development to begin construction. He stated that the city manager suggested that the District move forward with a Bond to help with the impact on the facilities. Mr. Mahoney made it clear that Bonds are intended to make school improvements, not to build new schools. The responsibility lies on the developers to provide new schools for these newly enrolled students.

And lastly, the City Manager brought up the possibility of working jointly with the District regarding parks and athletic fields.

Mrs. Wright clarified that the future development Member Mahoney was referring to is an old agreement from 1990 (revised in 1996) with Seeno / Seecon Developers. This development "Riverwalk" is for 1200 homes on 413 acres outside of Rio Vista.

9.1.2 Committee Report(s): None to report

9.1.3 Superintendent Wright's Report(s): Ms. Wright reported that she had attended Walnut Grove Elementary, Riverview Middle and Isleton Elementary School's Back to School nights. She was proud and enjoyed welcoming the families, students and staff to the new school year. Mrs. Wright attended Delta High and Clarksburg Middle School's staff meeting. The topic of conversation was in regard to the power outages the previous year. She noted that the campuses are on a well system for water, if there is a loss of power the water supply is lost, they lose the use of restrooms and drinking fountains. The suggestion is to come up with a more comprehensive plan that will help all sites that are on a well system. Mr. Delgado stated that the staff members appreciated the Superintendents appearance at the meeting.

Mrs. Wright was pleased to announce the Williams Review Inspection at Walnut Grove Elementary and Clarksburg Middle School had very good the outcomes.

Mrs. Wright meet with the representative of Friends of Clarksburg, Amanda Beck regarding the community park and aquatic center they are interested in pursuing. This project would be a partnership between the Friends of Clarksburg community, the District, and the Yolo County Parks and Recreations Departments. The

community park would be located on the Delta High and Clarksburg Middle School's campus. They are in the beginning stages of the project. The Esparto USD has entered into a similar agreement with its community. Mrs. Wright will be in contact Esparto's Superintendent to see how the agreement is working for them. Unfortunately, the Superintendent that arranged the agreement has left the position for another opportunity and the new superintendent didn't have enough knowledge of the project. She will try to contact the former superintendent.

Mrs. Wright reported to the Board that she has restructured the LCAP stakeholder engagement process. The Stakeholder groups will be divided by goal and have a lead facilitator. Mrs. Wright has meet with each lead facilitator to share her vision and planned the first set of meetings. Stakeholders engagement groups include Board members, staff members, administrators, parents and community members.

Mrs. Wright mentioned the administrative staff attended a Dora Dome, Esq. workshop. The topic of the workshop was student discipline basics and disciplinary investigations. Dora Dome is well known in the area in Ed. Law and works at UC Berkeley teaching classes on Ed. Law. Everyone was extremely excited in what they had learned and finding ways to implement alternative means of correction.

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 that the enrollment from June of 2019 to August of 2019 has increased by 10 students. For the same period ADA had an increase of 49. Riverview Middle School and Delta High School were the two sites with the greatest change with 19 and 22 respectively.

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

9.2.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT noted a few of the minor repairs needed to be fixed following the Williams Review Inspection. Mr. Gaston mentioned that it was a fairly slow month for his department. Many of the employees have been out on vacation or due to illness

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 gave a presentation of the different projects the department has been completing during the month. Ms. Latimer has implemented the "Delta View", a presentation she will provide the Board each month with a narrative and photos showing students engaged in their academic activities. The Board members were very pleased to see the photos in the presentation of the students at the different school sites.

~~9.3.2 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Presentation – Nicole Latimer - Pulled~~

9.3.3 Special Education Update – Danielle Tharp gave an update on the California Department of Education Comprehensive Review. Within the next month, the District will have their next follow up meeting with the reviewer. The Performance Indicator Review (PIR) improvement plan was approved and implementation has started. Ms. Tharp reported that the Fall Parent Outreach meeting was informational. Its purpose is to help parents in getting their students in the back to school mode. In the Spring they will focus on parent engagement activities.

Ms. Tharp with the help of Mrs. Norris has finished developing a series of meetings they are calling the "SpEd Road Show". The first meeting was held at Walnut Grove Elementary and the next meeting will be held at Bates Elementary. The SpEd Road Show is intended to give the general education teachers a foundational understanding of the processes on how a student qualifies for special education, what their role is during an IEP, and how to make accommodations in the classroom. She has been making site

visits, which has helped to alleviate problems or “hot spots”, and providing intervention as needed.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher’s Association (RDUTA) Update: Bill Hodges, the RDUTA President gave an updated to the Board on feedback he has received from some of the unit members. Some concerns were the four combo classes that Walnut Grove Elementary School are completely filled. He has heard from members at Bates Elementary School that some of the curriculum has not been received. Some of the Riverview Middle School teachers have had their prep time bought out, and they do not have time to prep for their classes. Walnut Grove Elementary School has received four independent study packets from families and the teachers are concerned on the turnaround time after the packets have been return. It takes time to review and correct the work and they are not being compensated for their time. D.H. White Elementary School was also concerned that some of the curriculum not present on site.

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

10. **Consent Calendar**

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board, August 13, 2019
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
As of September 10, 2019
- 10.3 District’s Monthly Expenditure Report
August 2019
- 10.4 Request to approve a contract with Corwin for Equitable Behavior Systems, to provide a professional development series for the 2019-2020 school year, cost not to exceed \$28,000 - paid for by Title I Funds – Nicole Latimer
- 10.5 Request to approve the fundraising event “Spaghetti Feed” to benefit D.H. White Elementary School 5th grade students, who are raising money for a field trip to the San Francisco Academy of Science – Nick Casey
- 10.6 Request to approve the leave of absence requested by Kate Clark – Katherine Wright
- 10.7 Request to approve Rio Vista High School FFA students to travel out of state to attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 31-November 1, 2019 – AG Incentive Grant will fund teachers’ expenses and students will fund their own costs – Victoria Turk
- 10.8 Request to approve the 2019-2020 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (CCHAT Center) to provide deaf and hard of hearing services for district students at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer
- 10.9 Request the approval to apply for an Extended School Year Waiver from CDE for the 2019 2020 school year – Danielle Tharp
- 10.10 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Seto Educational Support Services for the 2019-2020 school year to provide psychological therapy services, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer
- 10.11 Request to approve the Heavenly Booster’s fundraising barbeque event to benefit Delta High School’s Varsity Football Team and the Clarksburg Middle School’s Leadership Class Student Store to benefit Clarksburg Middle School’s Leadership Class – Laura Uslan
- 10.12 Request to approve the fundraising event “Popcornopolis” take-home PTC fundraiser for D.H. White Elementary beginning on November 6, 2019 to benefit the students of D.H. White School – Nick Casey
- 10.13 Request to approve the PTC fundraising event “Monster Bash” PTC for D.H. White Elementary on October 25, 2019 – Nick Casey
- 10.14 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sacramento Theatre Company for the 2019-2020 school at a cost not to exceed \$4,176 (Grades 1st-3rd) – Arts Grant Funding – Stacy Wallace
- 10.15 Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sacramento Theatre Company for the 2019-2020 school at a cost not to exceed \$3,996 (Grades 4-6) – Arts Grant Funding – Stacy Wallace
- 10.16 Request to approve the leave of absence requested by Alejandro Ruiz – Katherine Wright
- 10.17 Donations

Walnut Grove Elementary School

Clark Trucking Service - \$1,000 – Summer Swim Program
Agiftinside.com – 300 wood jewelry boxes for Muffins for Moms Family Event

D.H. White Elementary School

Veronica & Mario Jimenez – 3 shade umbrellas (approx. \$180 value)
Josh & Christine Perkins – 2 shade umbrellas (approx. \$120 value)

Rio Vista High School

Verla Chaddick – Funds towards Science Laboratory Chromebook Cart
Karen Starr – Funds towards Rio Vista High School AFS Program
Books Rio V (Hale & Sue Conklin) Funds towards Rio Vista High School AFS Program

Bates Elementary School

Gladys Gaboury - \$1000

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

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 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 July 2019 – Katherine Wright

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

12. Request to approve Resolution #770 regarding the 2018-2019 Appropriations (Gann) Limit Calculation – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

13. Request to approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2018-2019 – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

14. Request to hold a Public Hearing on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials and to Approve Resolution #771 on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials as per Education Code Section 60199 and 5 CCR 9531 for 2019-2020 school year – Nicole Latimer

Open Public Hearing 8:13pm

Public Comment: This is a requirement to report annually regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. It has been confirmed that the District has met the criteria regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Wright clarified that sufficiency includes what is still being shipped to the District. All curriculum has been ordered and we are waiting for its arrival. The District cannot dictate the timeline of shipping. All schools are having their needs met.

Close Public Hearing 8:14pm

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

15. Request approval to purchase a Mini Excavator and a Mower from Dolk Tractor Company for a total cost of \$40,000 and an additional purchase of two trucks from Abel Chevrolet, a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado C3500 and a 2019 Chevrolet C1500 with a cost of \$73,596.10 – Ken Gaston

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

16. Request to approve Resolution #772 Consent to Assignment of Program and Construction Management Contracts from RGM and Associates, Inc. to RGM Kramer, Inc. – Elizabeth Keema-Aston

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

17. Request to approve the contract for services with Maverick, Inc. to provide phone support services for 3 year at a cost of \$21,648.02 - Elizabeth Keema Aston

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

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

19. 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.

20. 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 7 (Ayes: Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

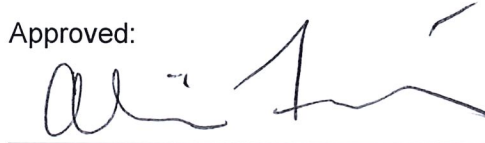
Submitted:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
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Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

Aulia Fernandez, President