

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

445 Montezuma Street, Rio Vista, CA 94571-1651

## Notice of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

By Order of the President of the Board of Trustees this is a Call for a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District to be held:

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 1:00 PM**

**River Delta USD, District Office \* 445 Montezuma Street, Rio Vista, CA 94571**

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### SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call the Open Session to Order (@ 1:00 pm)

2. Roll Call

Member Fernandez \_\_\_; Member Olson \_\_\_; Member Riley \_\_\_; Member Stone \_\_\_;  
Member Elliott \_\_\_; Member Casillas \_\_\_; Member Mahoney \_\_\_

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Review and Approve the **Open Session Agenda**

Motioned: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Public Comment: Anyone may address the Board at this time regarding any subject that is within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction which is not on this night's agenda [Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Sections 35145.5 and 72121.5]. However, please hold your comments on a specific item listed until it is brought up for discussion. To address the Board, please complete a Speaker Card and hand it to the Recording Secretary, and when you have been called on, please step up to the podium and state your name. However, understand the Board may not take action on any item which is not listed on this agenda (except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2). (BB9323) Individual speakers shall be allowed two minutes to address the Board on any non-agendized item. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each agenda or non-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. {If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion and/or action by the Board, you must notify the Board Secretary/Superintendent in writing no later than ten working days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting requesting permission. After the Superintendent's Cabinet has met, you will be notified of their decision.}

6. Request to approve the Emergency Resolution #784 delegating authority to the District Superintendent to take necessary actions to protect students and staff from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Motioned: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Adjournment

Motioned: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICING AND POSTING:**

I, Jennifer Gaston, Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, declare that a copy of this Special Meeting Agenda/Notice was posted in the bulletin board in front of the District Office, District administrative offices and that the Board of Trustees Members, school sites, and the community libraries were provided notice or caused to be provided notice via fax, e-mail and/or hand delivery on Saturday, March 14, 2020, by or before 1:00 p.m. **By: Jennifer Gaston** Jennifer Gaston, Executive Assistant, to the Superintendent.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

445 Montezuma Street  
Rio Vista, California 94571-1561

**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

Meeting Date: March 15, 2020

Attachments: X

From: Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Item Number: 6

Type of item: (Action, Consent Action or Information Only): Action

**SUBJECT:**

Request to approve the Emergency Resolution #784 delegating authority to the Superintendent to take necessary actions to protect students and staff from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 10, 2020, the Sacramento County Department of Public Health confirmed the death of a resident of Sacramento County due to coronavirus (COVID-19) and reiterated the existence of a local and public health emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19). And in Article I, Section 28, of the California Constitution declares that “[a]ll students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school . . . have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.”

**STATUS:**

Education Code section 35161 permits the Board to delegate to an officer or employee of the District any of the Board’s powers and duties.

**PRESENTER:**

Katherine Wright, Superintendent

**OTHER PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE PRESENT:**

Staff members

**COST AND FUNDING SOURCES:**

Cost to be determined

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board delegates authority to the District Superintendent to take necessary actions to protect students and staff from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Time allocated: 10 minutes

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EMERGENCY RESOLUTION #784 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a coronavirus (COVID-19).

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Sacramento County Department of Public Health confirmed the death of a resident of Sacramento County due to coronavirus (COVID-19), and reiterated the existence of a local and public health emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 28, of the California Constitution declares that “[a]ll students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school . . . have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.”

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 35161 permits the Board to delegate to an officer or employee of the District any of the Board’s powers and duties, and the Board desires to delegate to the District Superintendent certain powers and duties to address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board hereby declares the existence of an ongoing public health emergency within the District arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** the Superintendent is delegated authority to take all appropriate action to respond to the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, including, but not limited to, any action:

- A. To ensure and protect the welfare, safety and educational wellbeing of all students including the temporary closure of all District schools from March 16 until April 6, 2020;
- B. To ensure and protect the welfare and safety of persons working for the District which shall include its agents, employees, representatives and all others acting for or on behalf of the District;
- C. To provide necessary staffing and instruction;
- D. To modify school and work schedules;

- E. To declare an emergency pursuant to Government Code § 3100 et seq., and to assign District employees (in their capacity as disaster service workers) to perform such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them;
- F. To cancel or modify any activities, programs, or courses, up to and including the closure of the District.
- G. To protect District property.
- H. To make further declarations of emergency and to take emergency action as permitted by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that this Resolution is an emergency measure within the mandate and jurisdiction of the Board and is necessary for the immediate welfare of the schools and pupils thereof. Therefore, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed by formal Board action.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, by the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
 NOES:  
 ABSENT:  
 ABSTENTIONS:

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Alicia Fernandez, President of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 784 adopted by the said Board at a Special Board meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Alicia Fernandez,  
 Board of Trustees  
 River Delta Unified School District

March 15, 2020  
 (Date)

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 Katherine Wright  
 Superintendent  
 River Delta Unified School District

March 15, 2020  
 (Date)

**CERTIFICATION**

State of California            )  
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County of Sacramento         )     ss.  
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I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the River Delta Unified School District at a special meeting held on March 16, 2020.

DATED: March 16, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine E. Wright  
Superintendent