

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2020

- 1. Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Olson called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:33 p.m. on November 10, 2020. As the result of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20. This order includes directives canceling large gatherings. The Executive Order also allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still satisfying state transparency requirements. The Governor has also issued Executive Order N-33-20, prohibiting people from leaving their homes or places of residence except to access necessary supplies and services or to engage in specified critical infrastructure employment. The health and well-being of our students, staff and community members are the top priority for the Board of Trustee of River Delta Unified School District. To facilitate this process the meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar. Access was available to the public to attend with audio and video.

We have modified the meeting procedures while the Shelter-in-Place for Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) is active. President Olson gave instructions on how the public is to address the Board during public comment or on any agendized item.

- 2. Roll Call of Members:**

Don Olson, President

Marilyn Riley, Clerk

Jennifer Stone, Member

Rafaela Casillas, Member (arrived during Closed Session 5:45pm)

Dan Mahoney, Member

Alicia Fernandez, (Resigned August 26, 2020) Vacant Trustee Seat

Chris Elliott, Member (Resigned August 12, 2020) Area dissolved due to redistricting in 2019

Also, present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.

- 3. Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to Closed Session**

3.1 Board President Olson announced items on the Closed Session Agenda

3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – *None to report*

- 4. Board President Olson asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:35 pm**

Member Stone moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

- 5. Open Session was reconvened at 6:35 pm**

5.1 Roll was retaken. All active members were present.

Also, present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.

5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Olson, Board President

- 6. Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1)**

Board President Olson reported that during Closed Session, the Board did not take any action.

- 7. Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Board President Olson asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda.

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

- 8. Public Comment:** Ms. Latimer greeted the Board and attendees. She read each public comment to the Board of Trustees. The majority of the comments stated that they were excited that the students would be returning to school. A few comments expressed their concerns regarding recess time and the lack of

freedom to run around and burn off energy. A teacher for the Special Population program stated that her students that have returned to school are happy and content to be back at school. She also stated that the students love recess, which is structured to be safe and healthy. We received a comment from an interested community member requesting information on the process in filling one of the vacant Board seats.

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 Mahoney made site visits to the District's Child Care Programs for Essential Workers. She mentioned that all students were wearing their face masks and following social distancing protocols. Member Stone noted that all safety precautions set forth in our Health and Safety Plan were being followed. She thanked Lucia Becerra and her staff for all the hard work they have been doing to provide this service.

9.1.2 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright greeted all those in attendance and stated that this past month has been quite a roller coaster. Superintendent Wright reported that all those who have been working on site have been working tirelessly in preparation for the reopening of our schools as well as designing and scheduling for the Simulcast Remote Learning program.

Superintendent Wright facilitated 25 plus Zoom meetings with employees to discuss their unique situations and listened to their needs for them to feel comfortable returning to in-person learning.

Superintendent Wright reported that the members of CSEA Chapter #319 ratified their Return to School MOU with the District and has received a verbal agreement from RDUTA that their MOU would be signed as well. Not long before the Board meeting was to begin RDUTA President, Marsha Montgomery hand-delivered a copy of the signed MOU.

Superintendent Wright expressed that today was extremely difficult for those who were looking forward to the reopening of schools on November 16th. Unfortunately, Sacramento County was reclassified into the Purple Tier, which means that the District will be unable to reopen secondary schools as planned. As for the elementary schools, the District will be moving forward by submitting an Elementary School Waiver to the Sacramento County Office of Public Health.

Superintendent Wright is thankful for everything everyone has done for the reopening of schools and wishes that the situation regarding Covid-19 numbers had been different in Sacramento County.

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 – Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer, Chief Business Officer; Ken Gaston, Director of MOT

9.2.1 Monthly Financial Report – Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer, reported that her office has been posting budget revisions for First Interim. It will be brought to the Board next month.

9.2.2 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update - Ken Gaston, Director of MOT, reported that he had met with the City of Rio Vista regarding the ongoing water issues. They walked the campus of Rio Vista High School. Member Mahoney mentioned that yet again the water/sewer bill was out of control and thanked Mr. Gaston for working on resolving the issue. Board President Olson thanked Mr. Gaston for all his hard work.

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

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer thanked all those who have been working extremely hard for all the District's programs. She thanked Mr. Gaston and the maintenance and operations team for completing the

walk-through checklist of to-dos in preparing the school sites for reopening. She thanked those who have been working on transportation routes, the food services workers for preparing meals and the transportation drivers for delivering the meals. The After-School Program staff for providing daycare. The secretaries for implementing a requirement to take attendance. Mr. Wright for creating documentation and providing Swivl trainings for the Simulcast Remote Learning Program. She also thanked the Ed Services Team, Trisha Salomon and Jenny Kitchens for all of their help. She thanked the parents and teachers who have reached out with words of encouragement and the Board members who reached out with words of encouragement.

9.3.2 Special Education Update – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education reported that his department has been working on a Special Population Cohort Return to School Plan for on-campus instruction in small groups. He mentioned that a few students are on campus at this time for support services. They will be continuing to expand the Special Population Cohorts for on-campus instruction on a case by case basis through an IEP, as long as, the requirements for health and safety guideline can be followed.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher’s Association (RDUTA) Update – RDUTA President, Marsha Montgomery greeted the Board and reported that RDUTA has met with the Superintendent Wright and the MOU Regarding In-Person Hybrid Instruction 2020-21 School Year as been approved. She thanked the RDUTA negotiation team for all their hard work in getting this MOU approved.

9.5 California State Employee’s Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – No update given.

10. **Consent Calendar**

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board – October 13, 2020

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports - As of November 10, 2020

10.3 District’s Monthly Expenditure Report
October 2020

10.4 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

Rio Vista High School – donations towards the Gymnasium Scoreboard

Abel Chevrolet
Class of 2020

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

Member Olson recognized the donations and thanked them for their 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. 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 15, 2020 with the Open Session beginning at 6:30 pm at the Rio Vista High School Theater or via Zoom if applicable – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

12. Request direction from the Board on next steps to fill vacancies for Trustee Areas VI and VII – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Member Olson suggested to extend the deadline to December 8, 2020 at noon for interested applicants to submit their application to be interviewed at the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting. Member Stone moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll

call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

13. Request to approve Resolution #802 beginning November 11, 2020 authorizing designees to sign District payroll orders and request for payments to vendors to Katherine Wright, Superintendent, Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer and Vicki Preciado, Director of Accounting – Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Olson and Stone seconded simultaneously. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

14. Request to approve the proposed rate increase for paid lunches in FY 2020-2021 due to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) mandates. Paid lunches will be increased by \$.20 for students and \$.75 for adults. The increase for paid breakfasts will be by \$.20 for both students and adults – Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer

Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

15. Request to approve the renewal agreement with School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURR) from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, Sharon Silva, Chief Business Officer

Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Olson seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

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

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

18. Adjournment: With no further business before the Board, Board President Olson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Superintendent Wright thanked all the community members who supported and advocated during the election process for both Bond Measures J and K.

Member Casillas moved to adjourn, Member Riley seconded. 5 (Ayes: Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent/Abstain: Fernandez - resigned, Elliott – resigned)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 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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