

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2021

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Stone called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 9, 2021 at Clarksburg Middle School, Clarksburg, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
  - Jennifer Stone, President
  - Dan Mahoney, Vice President
  - Marilyn Riley, Clerk
  - Rafaela Casillas, Member
  - Marcial Lamera, Member
  - Wanda Apel, Member
  - Randall Jelly, Member

Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent
3. **Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to Closed Session**
  - 3.1 Board President Stone announced items on the Closed Session Agenda
  - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – *None to report*
4. **Board President Stone asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:32 pm**

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:45 pm**
  - 5.1 Roll was retaken. All members were present.

Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer; Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
  - 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Stone
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session** (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Board President Stone reported that the Board received information; no action taken during Closed Session.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Member Stone asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda.

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
8. **Public Comment:** Greg Davis, teacher from Mokelumne High School, greeted the Board and Superintendent Wright. Mr. Davis shared information and commented the possible side effects and long-term effects of the COVID-19 injection. It is of his belief that we should not be forcing students to be vaccinated but let the body's own highly effective immune system do its job. Mr. Davis does not feel that the Coronavirus testing nose swab method is comfortable and found a saliva test method offered by Davis Healthy Families. Information about it can also be found on the Yolo County's website. Mr. Davis shared Washington Unified School District offers this method of testing for their staff and students. He brought the saliva testing information to the attention of his union and the District Office. He gave the District credit for responding to his inquiry. He stated that the response received was that the contracted laboratory used to process the tests, does not support the saliva method. He encourages the Board not to mandate the vaccinations.

Kristy van Loben Sels thanked the Board for allowing her to provide her opinion on a topic she feels is of utmost importance to the school community. She has the opinion that Governor Newsom's mandate for the student Covid-19 immunization is immoral, unethical, and illegal. This mandate removes the rights of parents of medical freedom and lacks informed consent. She believes that parents should have the right to confer with their children's physician and make an informed decision. She provided statistics of the effects the Coronavirus has on children and listed a few of the unknown facts of the injection. She has the opinion



that mandating the injection for children is the wrong thing to do, and it should be by parent's choice. Ms. van Loben Sels stated that many of the schools, school districts, cities and counties in California have publicly rejected the Governor's "abuse of power" and is requesting the Board to do the same by adopting a formal resolution supporting the rights of parents to choose to vaccinate and by rejecting the mandate with a request for the Governor to appeal.

## 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 made a statement on his belief regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and provided statistics he ascertained. He noted that teachers are not mandated to be vaccinated, as it is their choice. This has his support. He stated that, by choice, he is personally vaccinated and will be receiving the booster. However, he is not in support of mandating parents to vaccinate their children when the science of the outbreak on school children does not warrant it. Member Mahoney stated that even though our leverage will not sway many, he would like to push back on the issue of the mandate.

Member Mahoney invited community members to be more involved with providing input for the Bond measures.

Member Stone announced that she would like to express her own personal views on the mandates of the vaccine and shared information from articles that she had read on the number of COVID fatality rates among children. Member Stone expressed her opinion that families should be afforded the right to choose if their children are vaccinated. She noted that, if the vaccinated is mandated, the option of Distance Learning for students who are not vaccinated is not an equitable solution.

Member Jelly stated that her family has chosen to receive the COVID vaccine. She stated that the decision to receive this new vaccination was not an easy one. With many calls to her children's pediatricians, she feels comfortable and confident with their decision. However, she believes it is every parent's right to feel the same sense of ease when making this decision. She urges families to reach out to their pediatricians for advice. She is in support of any measures to hold off the implementation of the mandate, such as a letter in protesting the vaccination mandate, as long as these decisions does not put the District at risk or harm.

Member Lamera shared his stance regarding the vaccination mandates. He stated that personally he has received the vaccine. However, he does not feel the government has the right to make this decision for parents and they should have the right to make their own decision.

Member Riley is in agreement with her fellow Board members and feels it is the parent's job to make these decisions. She urged parents to be involved and if necessary, write letters to the Governor.

Member Apel agrees with her fellow Board members and supports having the parents make their own decision.

Member Casillas supports the parents right to make their own decision.

Member Mahoney asked his fellow Board members if they are in support in writing a letter to the Governor stating that they are against the mandate of the COVID-19 vaccinations. He would like to see something on the December agenda regarding a letter rejecting the Covid mandates.

9.1.2 Committee report(s) No report given

9.1.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright reported that many families have showed interest in getting a booster shot for themselves, or the vaccine for their children. It has been asked if the District will be partnering with UC Davis Medical Center through La Familia and First 5 to offer these services. Walnut Grove Elementary School has been a COVID-19 testing site through Sacramento County. They have been approached to offer a booster clinic event. The District is considering working



collaboratively to provide booster shots and regular COVID vaccinations for those who choose to do so. When we have more information, it will be shared on multiple platforms.

9.1.3.1 CSEA Employee of the Year Recognition: Maria Rodarte – Superintendent Wright announced that it is her distinct honor and privilege to introduce Maria Rodarte as the District's Classified Employee of the Year. Superintendent Wright mentioned that Ms. Rodarte started in the District in November 1999 making this her twenty second anniversary working in the District. She has worked at Clarksburg Elementary, Bates Elementary, Walnut Grove Elementary and is currently serving our students at Clarksburg Middle and Delta High Schools. Superintendent Wright stated that Maria exemplifies the type of person we all want to have in contact with our children when we send them to school. She is patient, kind, caring and empathetic and will do anything to make sure students have what they need during the school day.

Superintendent Wright thanked Ms. Rodarte for everything she has done for the district, students, and families over the years.

Ms. Rodarte was thankful for being nominated as the CSEA Employee of the Year.

9.1.3.2 Initial Process of Determining Populations in Trustee Boundaries Areas – Superintendent Wright reported that, every ten years, a census is held and the data is released. Once the information becomes available, the District is required to analyze each Trustee Area and determine if the area must be withdrawn or if they can remain the same. The 2020 Census data has been analyzed by the Sacramento County GIS Analyst and it has been determined that the District will be required to reconfigure the Trustee Areas.

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 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer; Ken Gaston, Directors of MOT

9.2.1 Business Services' Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer – No report given

9.2.1.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the District has seen a decrease of enrollment of 125 students when compared to the same month in the 2019-2020 school year. The district-wide enrollment from last month had no change, however, the ADA has a decrease of 42.

9.2.1.2 Monthly Financial Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the Financial Report shows the working budget as of Oct 31, 2021. It shows what was budgeted, the actual revenues and expenditures for each fund from prior month.

9.2.1.3 Revised Unaudited Actuals for 2020-2021 - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the District is required to submit an Unaudited Actual Report for FY2020-2021 to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>. SCOE reviews and submits the district's Unaudited Actual Report to the California Department of Education (CDE) on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>. During the review, an unapproved journal entry was discovered. The attached submittal is the Revised Unaudited Actual for FY2020-21.

9.2.2 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT reported that fuel prices are at a record high and the District will need to monitor the expenditures closely. Mr. Gaston was excited to announce he had good news. Two bus driver applications and one van driver application has been received. He has high hopes that these applicants will complete the hiring process. He acknowledged Michael Mimiaga and Codi Agan, who have worked very hard to fill these positions. Mr. Gaston announced that a backup generator and water well tanks have been installed on the campus of Clarksburg Middle School. This was a collaborative project with Delta Elementary Charter School and River Delta Unified School District and will benefit both campuses during power outages.



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

- 9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer reported some of the projects the Educational Services Department has been working on. The department has been working on the Fall CalPads submission, adding records into the Special Education Information System (SEIS), a Strong Workforce Grant has been submitted to benefit the Ag Mechanics Classes. Educational Services has also been working on a articulation unit for Delta High School, Rio Vista High School with Cosumnes River College for Ag Mechanics. They are entertaining the idea of making an articulation unit for Ag Construction. Ms. Latimer is preparing for the Migrant Education meeting, which will be held via Zoom. Mr. Wright has been focusing on updates for the District's website to streamline the information making it easier for the families to access. Ms. Latimer has been working on outreach and support for the families of the recent fires. She stated that this was possible thanks to the generous donations from the public and resources in the communities. She announced that the MAP Testing window will be open from November 9-December 10<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that they have been verifying the student demographic data as they prepare the CalPads report. And finally, Ms. Latimer has been working with Ms. Busch on the ESSER Plan.
- 9.3.2 Presentation showing the results of the progress measurement of the Local Indicators on the California Dashboard – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer reported that River Delta Unified School District (RDUSD) completed the Local Indicators reflection and rating on October 15, 2021. Ms. Latimer provided a summary presentation on the data collected in the 2020-21 school year.
- 9.3.3 Special Education Update – Rebecca Bryant, Interim Director of Special Education – No report given

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Alyson Stiles, RDUTA President – No report given.

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – Melinda Barkman, CSEA President – On behalf of CSEA, Mr. Groves reported that they have submitted a letter to "Sunshine" and begin the process for negotiations.

9.6 Clarksburg Community Park Project Update – Amanda Beck, President of Friends of Clarksburg Services and Recreation, a non-profit organization. Superintendent Wright introduced Amanda Beck, who will be providing an update on the incredible progress they have made toward the Clarksburg Community Park. Superintendent Wright announced that it was an honor to work with the organization and expressed her gratitude for their dedication.

Ms. Beck stated that it is an honor to work with the District and thanked the Board for allowing her to present the update and the support and cooperation from staff. Ms. Beck introduced herself and announced that the project and organization was formed in 2019 to bring a pool and park to Clarksburg and the North Delta Area with a partnership with River Delta Unified School District. The plan was intended to establish a non-profit, work with the District to establish a leasing structure, obtain capital funding through a grants and federal funds through legislature, and to fundraise for operational expenses for the park and aquatic center. The organization worked with the county administrator to fund a master plan for the project. She provided the master plan visuals which included the use of approximately 13 acres of the District's land. The lease would be a shared lease/joint use agreement with the District allowing the facility to be used by the community and the schools. The plan includes soccer fields, baseball fields, a walking track, a pool, track and field space, tennis courts and parking. An area for softball has had interest. Ms. Beck mentioned that she hopes to return to the Board with a draft agreement in the beginning of year for approval.

10. **Consent Calendar**

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board, October 12, 2021
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports  
As of November 9, 2021
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report  
October 2021



- 10.4 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence made by Employee #001545 – Codi Agan, Director of Personnel
- 10.5 Request to Approve the Two-year Agreement with Frontline Education for Time and Attendance Solution, not to exceed \$17,576, General Fund - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.6 Request to Approve the Districtwide Fundraising Platform with SchoolStore.com for all River Delta Unified School District School Sites – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.7 Request to Approved the Classified Management and Confidential Employees Salary Schedule - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.8 Request to Approve Lease Agreements with Wizix Technology Group Inc. for Copiers and Printers at District Office, D.H. White Elementary School and Delta High School – General and Site Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.9 Request to Declare as Surplus Two Fax Machines and Six Printers from the District Office and deem their value as zero – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.10 Request to Approve the Parent Teacher Club “Amazon Smile Account” Fundraiser for D.H. White Elementary – Nicholas Casey, Principal
- 10.11 Request to Approve the Parent Teacher Club “Holiday Gift Shop” Fundraiser for D.H. White Elementary School – Nicholas Casey, Principal
- 10.12 Request to Approve the Professional Expert Agree with Stacy Bankston to provide Mental Health Professional Development to Rio Vista High School Staff Members - Victoria Turk, Principal
- 10.13 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:
  - River Delta Unified School District – Fire Victim Relief**
  - Rio Vista Lion’s Club - \$5,000 Visa Gift Card
  - F & M Bank - \$2,500
  - Rio Vista High School – In Memory of Tom Quijada**
  - Cheryle Apple

*Member Mahoney made a motioned to pull 10.4 approving all other items, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent) Member Mahoney moved to deny the request 10.4 Approve the Leave of Absence made by Employee #001545, Member Lamera second. Motion denied 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*

Member Stone 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 agendized 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 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 14, 2021 with the Open Session beginning at 6:30 pm at the Rio Vista High School Theater – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*

12. Request to Approve the Agreement with KeyAnalytics to Provide Project Tracking, Reporting and Compliance Services for Bond Related Expenditures, Implementation Fee of \$7,500 and Monthly Fee of \$3,500, Paid with Bond Funding – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*



13. Request to Approve the Independent Contract For Services Agreement with DIXON SmartSchoolHouse, LLC to Provide Oversight and Assist the District in Negotiations with Developer, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,000, Developer Fee Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
14. Request to Approve the Revision of the English Learner Master Plan, Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer and Carrie Norris, Principal and Coordinator of EL Services  
*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
15. Request to Approve the Services from the Sacramento County Department of Technology to Provide Analyses, Trustee Area Redistricting Plan Creation, Presentations and Meeting Attendance, if Requested, cost of \$5,000-\$6300 From General Funds – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Lamera made a motion that when redrawing the Trustee Area boundaries to keep the trustees within the boundaries and moved to approve the contract with the Sacramento County Department of Technology, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
16. Request to Approve Agreement with AMS.net for the of Purchase and Installation of IP Speakers and Cabling at Rio Vista High School and D.H. White Elementary School – Not to Exceed \$34,854 General Maintenance Funding – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
17. Request to Approve the First Reading of the Updated or New Board Policies, Administrative Regulations or Exhibits Due to New Legislation or Mandated Language and Citations Revisions as of October 2021, as well as Title IX Policies and Regulations to reflect the policies and procedures of the District – Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer and Title IX Coordinator  
*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
18. Request to Approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund Report – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer and Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
19. Request to Approve the Contract with Aeries Software, Inc. to Provide Configuration and Adding a Districtwide Online Enrollment Component to the District's SIS Software – \$4,758 from Educational Services Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
20. Request the Board Authorize HKIT Architects to Complete Phase III Master Planning Services for The Measure J and K Facilities Bond Programs - Measure J and Measure K for a total amount of \$40,720 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
21. Request the Board to Give Superintendent Wight the Authorization to Award the Installation Contract of the Marquee Sign at Isleton Elementary School – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*
22. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President Stone reported that re-adjourning to Closed Session was not necessary.

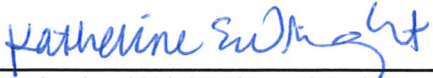
23. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) - Board President Stone reported Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report.
24. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board President Stone asked for a motion to adjourn.

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

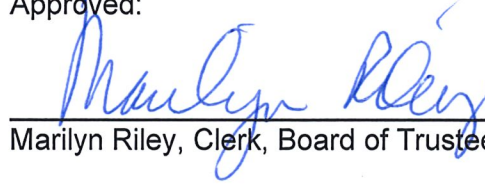
Submitted:

Approved:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder  
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Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees