

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 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 September 14, 2021 at Walnut Grove Elementary School, Walnut Grove, California.

2. **Roll Call of Members:**

Jennifer Stone, President  
Dan Mahoney, Vice President  
Marilyn Riley, Clerk  
Rafaela Casillas, Member (Absent)  
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 @ 5:39 pm**

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:43 pm**

5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Casillas was absent. All other members were present.

Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer and Gabriela Chavez, Recorder.

5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marcy Rossi, Principal of Riverview Middle School

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 Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

8. **Public Comment:** Aiden Mayhood, former Rio Vista High School student and community member submitted a comment online; however, Superintendent Wright asked if he would please make his comment in person. Mr. Mayhood stated that he was disappointed that the Board meeting were no longer in a hybrid model. He feels that the hybrid model has increased attendance at the meetings. Mr. Mayhood believes that attendance has been hindered due to the delta roads have become increasing busier and dangerous to drive, as well as, the time it takes to get from one end of the district to another. He made reference to families using the gas money that they might normally use to attend Board meetings are now being used to transport their students to and from school, due to the lack of bus drivers and cancelled transportation routes. Mr. Mayhood stated that the Covid pandemic is not over, and the hybrid model would keep the communities safer.

Mr. Mayhood also has the opinion that the teachers in the District leave after a year or so of experience to higher paying positions because our District has the lowest paid teachers in the Sacramento area. He feels that the students have suffered due to the lack of veteran teachers and urges the Board to compensate the teachers.



## 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 Lamera greeted his fellow Board members, staff members, as well as those in audience. Member Lamera reported that he attended and provided input at the California Redistricting Commissions (CRC) public input meeting. He stated that the input he provided was to keep our rural delta communities that make up River Delta Unified School District together when the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts are redrawn. He believes that keeping these rural communities together will have a larger impact to have their voices heard during the different processes. He feels that if our communities are not kept together our opinions will be diluted if merged with the larger populated areas. He urged all community members or those who want to provide input at the CRC meeting can do so online.

9.1.2 Committee Report(s) - none to report

9.1.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright was excited to announce that good progress has been made on training and setting up the guidelines to provide site based Covid testing. The goal is to start testing next Monday; however, due to a shortage of rapid antigen test kits which are needed for the final observation exam, may cause a delay. Superintendent Wright stated that having on-site testing will allow quick results for students and staff members in case of an exposure, which will hopefully get students and staff members back to school safely.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that the District's enrollment fluctuates; however, it has been slowly increasing daily. Currently, the District is allowed to use pre-Covid ADA numbers for funding allocations. There has been discussions among legislators to extend the "Hold Harmless" ADA allocations. At this time, the 2022-2023 school year will be funded on the District's current ADA. Due to quarantines at each school site creating absences and students being sent home for any symptoms they are experiencing, and in some cases positive Covid cases, it is imperative to express our critical need for another year of "Hold Harmless" ADA. Superintendent Wright encouraged all to reach out to the County Supervisors, and other legislators to push for this to benefit the schools.

Superintendent Wright is thankful and excited that the California Schools Employee Association (CSEA) and its Delta Chapter #319 ratified unanimously the Tentative Agreement. She noted that she continues to reach out to the River Delta Unified Teachers Association (RDUTA) weekly in hopes to set a date to resume discussions on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 bargaining agreements. She is hopeful that a date will be made soon.

Superintendent Wright noted that the District is looking forward to the Bond Measure J and Measure K meetings to receive input from staff and community members on facility needs and wants at each school site. The architects from HKIT will be facilitating these community input meetings. She encouraged all to attend and mentioned that a schedule could be found at each school site.

Superintendent Wright reported that she continues to meet with Glen Martin, a developer planning to build homes on the Brann Ranch property. The current Developer Agreement expires in December 2021. In order to renew the contract, it requires an agreement with the District. Mr. Martin has proposed a plan that is similar in nature to the plan used during the last Bond Measure and that is to lease temporary portables until permanent buildings or modulars building are in place for students at our existing school sites. Mr. Martin has projected based on the 850-home development would produce approximately 500 additional students in the Rio Vista area. There is a possibility that the development may be increased up to 1000 homes, in turn would produce additional students.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that the District's Transportation Department is understaffed and is unable to serve the current families in the manner that we would like.



Enrolling over 500 additional students would be impossible for those families to be offered district transportation. In the past, the District has staffed ten bus drivers districtwide. Currently, the District has four bus drivers on staff reducing the ability to transport student.

Superintendent Wright will continue to work with the developers to come to an agreement so that the District will be ready for the impact of the additional students in the schools and do what is best youth and families in our District.

Board President Stone encouraged Mr. Mayhood to attend the City Council meetings as a budding politician as these issues directly impact those in Rio Vista, as well as the District and its students.

Superintendent Wright gave clarification on how the Covid testing would work at the school sites.

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

9.2.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that, due to Covid, the ADA comparison was for current year and 2019-2020. The enrollment difference is 119 students, and the ADA for August is at 89%.

Superintendent Wright gave the ending enrollment for 2021 and the beginning for each school site:

	<b>2021 Year End Enrollment</b>	<b>Current Enrollment</b>
Rio Vista High School	388 students	381 Students
Delta High School	229 students	217 Students
Clarksburg Middle School	228 students	225 Students
Riverview Middle School	197 students	193 Students
Walnut Grove Elementary School	169 students	167 Students
Isleton Elementary School	181 students	183 Students
Bates Elementary School	97 students	90 Students
D.H. White Elementary School	383 students	391 Students
River Delta Elementary	7 students	8 Students
River Delta High	9 students	18 Students

9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer noted the figures shown on the Monthly Financial Report is current as of August 31, 2021. Mrs. Busch read a letter of response sent on behalf of the District and Board of Trustees to the City of Isleton regarding the repayment of Redevelopment Agency Debt. The District has yet to receive a response from the City of Isleton.

9.2.3 Actuarial Valuation of Post-Retirement Benefits (GASB 75) Update – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the District has an outside consultant to provide an actuarial report of the District's trust for post-retirement benefits.

9.2.4 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation (MOT) Update – Ken Gaston, Director of MOT noted that his report is as submitted. Mr. Mahoney commended Mr. Gaston and Ms. Silva for uncovering the issues, which cleared up the monthly invoices for the City of Rio Vista water usage, saving the District a considerable amount of money each month.

9.3 Other – Educational Services' and Special Education Reports and/or Presentation(s)

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer provided a summer program update for the secondary level. Mr. Mancebo, the Math Academy teacher at Delta High School, shared some highlights of the program. A student from the academy shared her experience and how math is applied to a career choice.



Teachers of Summer Bridges Program who presented for Rio Vista High School were Ms. Surla, Ms. Smith and Ms. Roman. Some highlights of the program were team building activities, organizational skills, how to communicate with teachers and various math projects. Ms. Turk and Ms. Mabery noted that, in addition to the Summer Bridge Program in July, the Credit Recovery Program in June was extremely beneficial and successful.

Both principals agreed that the investment made with summer programs was money well spent.

- 9.3.2 District Wellness Campaign – Danielle Nevins, SEAD Coordinator – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer introduced Danielle Nevins the Social Emotional Academic Development Coordinator. Ms. Nevins explained how the family engagement nights would be executed. Another program that will be implemented at the sites are student leadership teams. The themes and focus point each quarter will be as follows: Self Care, Inner Body Health, Social Health and Body Health. Ms. Nevins would like to reinstate the Special Olympics that was cancelled when the pandemic started and, lastly, she would like to introduce a Staff Wellness Committee to share what is important for their health and wellness.
- 9.3.3 District and School Site Academic Goals – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer provided a presentation that included SMART goals for increasing academic achievement across the District using benchmark assessments. Ms. Latimer provided the schedule for the benchmark assessments, framework and supports that will be provided and the established goals for each school site.
- 9.3.4 School Plan for Student Achievement 2021-2022 Presentation: River Delta High/Elementary School – Marcy Rossi, Principal shared the Single Plan for Student Achievement for River Delta High/Elementary School, the alternative independent study program. Ms. Rossi announced that, to be in compliance with the new independent study laws, a teacher has been hired to provide the program at the North end of the District. Both teachers have been working together to provide more support for the students. The program will be creating a new school site council to meet monthly. The council will consist of four staff members, a few parents and a student.
- 9.3.5 Special Education Update – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education – Mr. Anderson was not in attendance. Ms. Latimer reported that there was some confusion between the District and Point Quest regarding staffing. The issue has been resolved and two staff members will start at the beginning of next week. Ms. Agan is working diligently to fill all the Special Education positions. Ms. Latimer announced that the Director of Special Education will be leaving the District and an Interim Director will be in place until his replacement can be hired. Superintendent Wright will be meeting with Rebecca Bryant who will serve as the Interim Director of Special Education and they will determine how she can help the District in her Interim role.

Ms. Latimer gave a Health Services Update. She reported that the District is no longer receiving masks from the county. Currently, the District is going through a significant number of masks and the District is not equipped to be the mask supplier for students and staff members. Our current supply of masks will be reserved for emergency usage when a mask has been forgotten. In compliance with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), we have instituted a policy for attendees at District events. Moving forward attendees will need to either provide a negative Covid test taken with a 72-hour period of the event or proof of vaccination. Ms. Latimer will research and will provide the Board with the protocol for children 12 years of age and under. Superintendent Wright announced that the guidance says all spectators will follow these guidelines. Mrs. Turk has sent out a auto-dialer to her families reminding them that masks are required at all events indoors and outdoors. Superintendent Wright stated that the District will follow the guidelines from CDPH to keep students, staff and the community safe. She is happy that we are back in person and would like to keep the schools open. Christine Mabery announced that at Delta High and Clarksburg Middle School has no student or staff positive Covid cases. She stated that her sites are in Yolo County but will follow the direction of the Superintendent.



9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Alyson Stiles, RDUTA President reported that they have held their first RDUTA membership meeting. Ms. Stiles noted that she has met with Superintendent Wright to iron out small issues that have come up. The negotiation team has notified Ms. Stiles they are working on dates for negotiation and are eager to settle the contract. She announced that teachers would like for Board meetings to be held in the hybrid model so the teachers' participation rate would be greater.

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – Melinda Barkman, CSEA President – Mr. Groves, a member of the CSEA bargaining team, provided an update on behalf of Ms. Barkman. Mr. Groves announced that CSEA Delta Chapter #319 has approved and ratified the agreement with River Delta Unified School District for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years.

10. **Consent Calendar**

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, August 10, 2021

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of September 14, 2021

10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report

August 2021

10.4 Request to Approve the Revision of the December 2021 Board Meeting Date to the Third Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Following AB2449 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

10.5 Request to Approve an Amendment to the Existing Contract with Lifechangers International for the 2021-2022 School Year, to Provide School Assemblies, Staff Development and Community Engagement, at a cost to exceed \$40,000, Educational Services Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

10.6 Request to Approve the Pre-Approved Fundraising List of Events to Benefit Walnut Grove Elementary School – Carrie Norris, Principal

10.7 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence Made by Jasmine Tate for the of the 2021-2022 School Year – Codi Agan, Director of Personnel

10.8 Request to Approve the Contract with Frontline Education an Employee Management System for the remaining of FY 2021-2022 at a cost not exceed \$14,411.88, General Fund – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

10.9 Request to Approve the Independent Contract Agreement with Bert Goldman for Services to Renew the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) License for KRVH Radio Rio, not to exceed \$2,000, Fund 49 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

10.10 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence Made by Maryn Johnson During the 2021-2022 School Year – Codi Agan, Director of Personnel

10.11 Request to Approve the River Delta High Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the 2021-2022 School Year – Marcy Rossi, Principal

10.12 Request to approve the Four-Year Subscription for Securly 360 Cloud Content Filter Software at a cost not to exceed \$50,945.40 – General Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

10.13 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

**Riverview Middle School – Leadership to attend CASL Fall Conference**

Rio Vista Rotary - \$400

**Riverview Middle School**

Beth Brockhouse - \$157.74

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

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 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 Second and Final Reading of the Updated or New Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits Due to New Legislation, Mandated Language and/or Citation Revisions as of June 2021 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

12. Request to approve the Title Changes and/or Deletions of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits Recommended by California School Boards Association (CSBA) – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

13. Request to Hold a Public Hearing on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials and to Approve Resolution #823 on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials as per Education Code Section 60199 and 5 CCR 9531 for 2021-2022 School Year – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

**Open Public Hearing 8:23 pm**

**Public Comment:** Ms. Latimer explained the requirements regarding the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. She announced that all schools have reported that they have a sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. There were no questions or comments from the public.

**Close Public Hearing 8:26 pm**

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

14. Request to Continue the Temporary Implementation During the Covid-19 Pandemic of an Athletic Probation Contract for Athletes Who are on the Ineligible List (Less than a 2.0 and/or F's) – Victoria Turk, Principal and Christine Mabery, Principal

*Member Apel moved to approve for the 2021-2022 school year and to review at the end of the school year for continuance beyond the 2021-2022 school year, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

15. Request to Approve Resolution #824 Regarding the 2020-2021 Appropriations (Gann) Limit Calculation – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Mahoney seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

16. Request to Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2020-2021 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

17. Request to Approve Tentative Agreement with California Schools Employee Association and its Delta Chapter #319 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

18. Request the Board's Approval to Grant Superintendent Wright the Authorization to Approve Bond Projects for Measure J not exceeding \$375,000 and Measure K not exceeding \$125,000 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

19. Request to Approve the Architectural Services Agreement with HKIT Architects for the Measure J and Measure K Facilities Bond Programs and a Fee Proposal for the Stakeholder Engagement Phase of the Master Planning Services – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

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

21. 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.

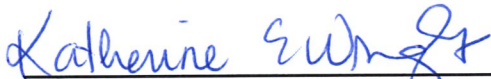
22. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board President Stone asked for a motion to adjourn.

*Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

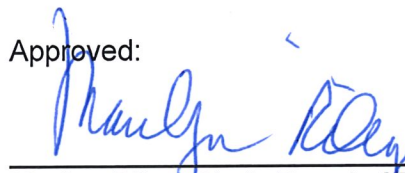
The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted:

Approved:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Gabriela Chavez, Recorder  
End