

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

May 26, 2021

- 1. Call Open Session to Order** – President Stone called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 p.m. on May 26, 2021. 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 Trustees 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 Stone gave instructions on how the public is to address the Board during public comment or on any agenda item.

- 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 and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.

- 3. Review Closed Session Agenda (see attached agenda)**

- 3.1 Board Stone announced items on the Closed Session Agenda

- 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items Only – None to report

- 4. Board President Stone asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:34 pm**

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

- 5. Open Session was reconvened at 6:37 pm**

- 5.1 Roll was retaken. All members were present.

Also, present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent 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, during Closed Session, the Board did not take any actions.

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

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

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

- 8. Public Comment:** Ms. Latimer greeted the Board, Cabinet, and guests. Ms. Latimer stated that there was one anonymous public comment. The parent indicated that the District minimized the process in actively engaging the communities and stakeholders obtaining input regarding the Expanded Learning Plan. The parent has the opinion that Board of Trustees should ask questions and expect more from the District's leadership team. It is also his/her opinion that the budget deficit, lack of a current RDUTA contract and the lack of transparency will deepen the issues of the District if let to continue.

Board President Stone reminded the public to refrain from making accusatory or demeaning comments towards District employees and to follow the protocols of contacting the employee's supervisor for resolution. President Stone encouraged parents and community members to get involved at the school site

level, mentioning that there are many opportunities to be involved and have their voices heard. She stated that talking to the principal or joining the school site council is a great start. She mentioned that there are many opportunities for parents to provide input for programs and activities at the school site.

9. Request to Approve the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan to Implement Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies for Their Students – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer, provided information and a timeline for Assembly Bill 86. She provided the Board with what strategies used and how input was obtained from stakeholders to create the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan. Input was received during the Town Hall Meetings, specific plans and programs were presented at the past two Board meetings, allowing feedback during public comment on these programs. A survey was sent home via email to parents, the data showed that 90% of the parents received the survey, however, only 15% provided a response. Another survey will be sent out this week. Other stakeholder input opportunities were during the Migrant PAC meetings, DELAC, ELAC meetings as well as being presented at the site level during School Site Council meetings. Included in the 2021-2022 School Site Plans for Student Achievement, each school site has a goal addressing learning loss. All the information and input received has been evaluated and considered for the plan presented.

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

10. Request to Approve the Contract with ParentSquare/Aeries Software, Inc. to Provide a Safe Communication Tool for School Principals, Teachers, Staff and Parents Districtwide, Not to exceed \$11,020.00, Educational Services – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

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

11. Request Board Approval for the Purchase of a Kubota RTV-X900G-A 4WD, 21 Horsepower Diesel Utility Vehicle or Similar Available Model at a cost of approximately \$14,000 – Ken Gaston, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

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

12. Request to Approve the Personnel Transaction Report as of May 26, 2021 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

13. Request to Approve the Purchase of a New 2020 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW at a cost not to exceed \$43,325.44 – Ken Gaston, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

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

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

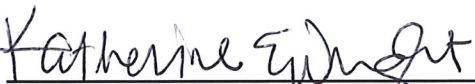
15. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) - Board President Stone reported Closed Session was not necessary – no actions to report.

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

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

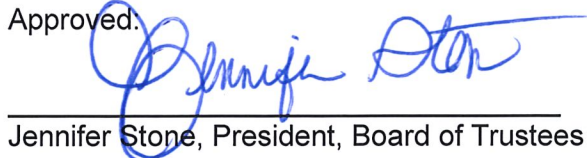
The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

Submitted:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Jennifer Stone, President, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

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