

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2021

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – President Stone called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 22, 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.

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 (Absent)
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 President 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 @ 5:31 pm**

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

5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:33 pm**

5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Riley was absent. All other 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 Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays:): 1 (Absent: Riley)

8. **Public Comment:** Ms. Latimer greeted the Board and indicated that there were no general public comments.

9. **Reports, Presentations, Information**

9.1 Board Member(s) and Superintendent Report(s) and/or Presentation(s) –

9.1.1 Board Members' report(s) None to report

9.1.2 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright expressed her gratitude to the Board allowing time to spend with her family. She traveled to Arizona and enjoyed the time to rest, relax and rejuvenate with her family.

Superintendent Wright conveyed her excitement for the upcoming architect interviews that are scheduled at the end of the week. The architects will be working on both Measure J and Measure K Bond projects.

Superintendent Wright hopes that all district employees have had time to rest and hit the reset button over the break. We are excited for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year and to have some normalcy back in our lives.

9.1.2.1 City of Isleton discussion regarding Boat Parks, Redevelopment Agency Debt and City Ordinance Modification, Charles Bergson was not able to connect until later in the meeting.

Ms. Latimer read the Public Comment from Mandi Elder relating to this agenda item. She stated that, as an Isleton resident and former Isleton Tiger, I would like it to be known that I'm against the city's request to modify the cannabis ordinance to less than 600 feet from a school, which is set by the state and the city should abide by these restrictions. While this is still illegal by federal law, she believes it will be detrimental to the students and the school itself, as parents will not want their children attending the school and may lead to a possible school closure due to low enrollment. Ms. Elder stated that the city is small with a wonder school, teachers, great respectful Isleton Tiger students. It is of her opinion, that if the city allows this change in ordinance, it will be a great mistake and opens the door for more to come.

Charles Bergson, City Manager for Isleton addressed the Board stating that the Mayor of Isleton wanted to address the Board as well, but was unable to make this meeting. He referenced a letter in the backup materials submitted to the Board stating that the City of Isleton has been working to unravel past doings, while rectify its finances and mistakes from the past. He noted that, over the past 20 years, the City of Isleton has accrued approximately \$200,000 dollars from 1990-2011 in Redevelopment Funds owed to the River Delta Unified School District and other agencies. Other topics that the City would like to address are the City zoning modification to provide for non-retail manufacturing, (cannabis-related property) and the idea of leasing part of the Isleton Elementary School for municipal boat ramp parking.

The Board had many questions regarding rezoning for cannabis-related properties. Mr. Bergson did not have the answers at hand and requested to change the topic of discussion to the repayment of Redevelopment Funds and the lease of school property.

Member Mahoney repeated his question about how many cannabis-related businesses are in the City of Isleton. Mr. Bergson responded with 7 businesses. After further discussion, Mr. Bergson stated that the City is not asking to re-zone around Isleton Elementary School. Member Mahoney confirmed with Mr. Bergson that this is off the table for discussion. Mr. Bergson agreed and confirmed that Member Mahoney's statement was true.

Further discussion around the repayment of redevelopment funds between Mr. Bergson and the District. The possibility of a loan was brought up to Mr. Bergson, he was unsure if this would be a viable possibility. Superintendent Wright stated that these funds directly impact the children of Isleton and the Isleton Elementary School. She urges the City to set the repayment of funds to the District as a priority in their repayment plan, as it directly impacts the children. Mr. Bergson will prepare a proposal and submit to the District for the August Board meeting.

Regarding leasing District property for boat parking, it was determined that the City of Isleton needs to put together a detailed plan with viable information and submit to the River Delta USD Board of Trustee for discussion.

9.2 Retiree Recognition – Katherine Wright, Superintendent stated that it was her pleasure to recognize the retiring River Delta Unified District employees from the 2020-2021 school year. She mentioned that they are amazing individuals and gave a brief employment summary for each retiree and of their years of service in the District. Certificated retirees are Janet Allen (37 years), Marsha Montgomery (18 years); Classified Management retirees are Bonnie Kauzlarich (29 years), Sharon Silva (23 years); Classified retirees are Stacy Gardiner (23 years), Ana Origel (24 years), Betty Perez (19 years), Noeme Silva (28 years), and Janet Blegen (22 years). Superintendent Wright thanked them for all their hard work and dedication to the District.

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 announced that she will be yielding her time for the School Plan for Student Achievement presentations. However, she did mention that her team is preparing for a GLAD training, wrapping up this school year and making plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

9.3.2 School Plan for Student Achievement 2021-2022 Presentations: Isleton Elementary School; Clarksburg Middle School; Delta High School; and Rio Vista High School; Mokelumne High School – Site Principals. Each Principal provided areas that were worked well at their school site and planned to continue during the 2021-2022 school year, as well as, areas that need improvement or growth. Social-emotional learning support was a common goal.

9.3.3 Special Education Update – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education, reported that his team has been working on the Extended School Year (ESY) for special education students. The ESY Program is being held at D.H. White Elementary School and Rio Vista High School. One aspect of the program is providing the students with community-based instruction.

Mr. Anderson mention that he, along with Principal Mabery and Principal Rossi attended a job fair in hopes to find replacements for employees who have left the District, not only in Special Education, but throughout the District. They were excited with some of the prospective candidates.

10. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine action and all will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Trustees requests that specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Any items removed will be considered for separate action after the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board – June 8, 2021
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Report - As of June 8, 2021
- 10.3 Request to Approve the Isleton Elementary School; Clarksburg Middle School; Delta High School; Rio Vista High School and Mokelumne High School's Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2021-2022 School Year – Site Principals
- 10.4 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Rio Vista CARE for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 – Special Education and CARES Act Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.5 Request to Pre-Approve the 2021-2022 ASB, Booster Club, PTC and PTA Fundraisers– Vina Guzman, Chief Business Officer
- 10.6 Request to Approve the Purchase of ABC Mouse Early Learning Academy for the 2021 2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$4,375 – Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.7 Request Approval to Renew the AVID Membership and Pay Dues for River Delta Unified School District Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year - \$22,716 - Educational Service Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

- 10.8 Request to Approve the Renewal of 61 Odysseyware Web-based Instructional Program Licenses for use in Alternative Education, Special Education and Adult Education Throughout the District for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$44,200 – Educational Services and Adult Education Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.9 Request to Approve the Purchase of Measures of Academic Performance (MAP) Assessments for Students Grades K-10 for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$24,934.50 - Educational Services Funds– Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.10 Request to Approve the Renewal with Renaissance Learning Educational Software Licenses for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$41,231.79 – Educational Services & After School Program Funding – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.11 Request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) for the 2021-2022 School Year to Provide Vision, Orientation and Mobility Services at a cost not to exceed \$4,774 – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education
- 10.12 Request to Approve the Medical Billing Systems, Inc. Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 – Educational Services Funds– Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer and Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education
- 10.13 Request to Approve the Purchase of Licenses for Turnitin, LLC Software for the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$4,090 – Educational Services Funds– Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.14 Request to Approve the Contract with Loy Mattison Enterprises, E-rate Consultant to Provide Assistance with the E-Rate Process in FY 2021-2022, not to exceed \$8,000 – Vina Guzman, Chief Business Officer
- 10.15 Request Permission to Apply for the Agricultural Incentive Grant for the 2021-2022 school year – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.16 Request to Approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Susan Jones to provide 15 days of Coaching and Mentoring for Rio Vista High School Teachers in the 2021-2022 School Year at a cost not exceed \$3,000 – Site Funds – Victoria Turk, Principal of Rio Vista High School
- 10.17 Request to Approve the Contract with Ryland School Business Consulting for Various Financial and Business Office Services – at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 – Unrestricted General Funds – Katherine Wright, Superintendent
- 10.18 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Carina Grandison, Ph.D. for the 2021-2022 School Year at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,600 – Special Education Funds – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education
- 10.19 Request to Approve the Online Software Program of Home Campus an Athletic Clearance Packet Program for Rio Vista High School and Delta High School – At a cost not to exceed \$1,790 – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.20 Request to Approve Victoria Turk, Katherine Ingalls and Noelle Gomes as Rio Vista High School Representatives to CIF Leagues for 2021-2022 and Christine Mabery and Nanci Rose as Delta High School Representatives to CIF Leagues for the 2021-2022 School Year – Victoria Turk and Christine Mabery, Principals
- 10.21 Request to Approve the Contract with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP to Provide Legal Services with Respect to its General Business, Legal, Educational and Governance Matters, Including Representation, Advice, and Counseling on Charter School Matters – Katherine Wright, Superintendent
- 10.22 Request to Declare as Surplus the Non-Operable Technology Equipment from Walnut Grove Elementary School's Inventory and Deem Their Value as Zero – Carrie Norris, Principal
- 10.23 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence made by Christina Snyder, Teacher at D.H. White Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year – Bonnie Kauzlarich, Director of Personnel
- 10.24 Request to approve the Special Education Local Plan Agency (SELPA) Certification Agreement to State & Federal Assurances – Tom Anderson, Director of Special Education
- 10.25 Request to Approve the Bates Elementary School Revised Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2021-2022 School Year – Maria Elena Becerra

10.26 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

Riverview Middle School

Beth Brockhouse - \$153.84

Isleton Elementary School – RDUSD State Preschool

Howard Lamothe

Rio Vista High School – RVHS Bass Fishing Team

Jon Babcock & Judi Alderson

Jane Cronin

Amanda Hurley

Sherman Lake Marina

CA Correctional S.O.

Rio Vista Rotary Club

Rio Vista High School – Class of 2021

Donnelly Floral & Event Design - \$59.60

President Stone pulled Consent Calendar Items 10.3 and 10.25 for discussion

Member Lamera moved to approve pulling items 10.3 and 10.25 and approving all other items, Member Apel second. Motion carried by roll call vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays:): 1 (Absent: Riley)

President Stone acknowledged the donors and thanked them for their continued support.

President Stone asked Superintendent Wright to address the items pulled. Superintendent Wright noted that at the June 9, 2021 Board meeting the Site Plans were approved as submitted. However, in the Fall, each plan would be revised with measurable goals and objectives. Superintendent Wright indicated that she met with each principal and review the changes that were requested. In collaboration with the Leadership Admin Team, Superintendent would like to bring forth a recommendation to the Board. The recommendation is to create a districtwide document with measurable objectives and benchmarks. Each school site would be included in the document, and progress can be tracked for measurable objectives districtwide and by site. This document will be presented to the Board in the Fall and periodically throughout the year. This recommendation would replace the motion made at the last Board meeting to have the site plans revised and presented in the Fall. The Board members were open to the recommendation made by Superintendent Wright.

Member Mahoney moved to approve items 10.3 and 10.25 with a Districtwide document presented in the Fall, *Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll call Vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays:): 1 (Absent: Riley)*

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 Approve and Adopt the 2021-2022 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for River Delta Unified School – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

12. Request to Approve and Adopt the Proposed 2021-2022 District Budget for River Delta Unified School District – Vina Guzman, Interim Chief Business Officer

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

13. Request to Approve Resolution #819 CDE Child Development Services Contract – CSPP- 1405 California State Preschool naming Stacy Wallace, Preschool Director, Nicole Latimer, Director of Educational Services and Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer as Authorized Signees to Sign Transactions for the Governing Board – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

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

14. Request to Approve the Purchase of a 2021 Ford Super Duty F-350, not to exceed \$53,678 – Ken Gaston, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

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

15. Request to Approve Resolution #820 Beginning July 1, 2021 Authorizing Designees to Sign District Payroll Orders and Request for Payments to Vendors to Katherine Wright, Superintendent, Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer and Vicki Preciado, Director of Accounting – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

16. Request to Approve the Elimination of the River Delta Unified School District Potential School Closure List – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

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

18. 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.


19. 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 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays:): 1 (Absent: Riley)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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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