

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 2022

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Stone called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:37 p.m. on September 13, 2022 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
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 @ 5:38 pm**

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

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

- 5.1 Roll was retaken. All members were present.

Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Officer; Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.

- 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabino Perez, Principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School

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

Board President Stone reported that the Board did not take any actions during Closed Session.

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

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

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

8. **Public Comment:** Mary Jane Battista, Coordinator of the Good News Club After School Program for the Rio Vista area informed the Board that she has completed a Facility Use Form for the use of a room at D.H. White Elementary School for the purpose of operating a Good News Club (GNC) in Rio Vista. She stated that she has complied by filing out the Facility Usage Form, along with a \$100 deposit. She stated that she was advised in order to obtain permission to hold the GNC in the school was to offer her program after 6:30pm. She informed the Board that it is legal by Supreme Court ruling to hold a Good News Club in the school setting after school. She requested the Board to consider an earlier time for her program, as the later time is an inconvenience to the parents. They will be tired after working all day to bring them back to the school for her program, and for that reason, the children will miss out on the program. She feels that the parents will allow the children to attend the Good News Club if the Club can meet directly after school. She stated that the GNC is not a church; it is a club that children attend with parent permission. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) provides insurance while the program is running on school campus. CEF volunteers are live scanned and trained prior to working in the GNC. Mrs. Battista provided success stories of the Good News Club.

George "Hoot" Apple, community member and coach at Rio Vista High School, introduced himself and read of a letter that was signed by the Rio Vista High School administrators and several of the Rio Vista

High School coaching staff and sent to the Board of Trustees. The contents of the letter was to express their concerns for the students and how to support them moving forward. Mr. Apple stated that coaches create relationships through the District's athletic programs during the many hours spent with them. Mr. Apple noted that this is the time in the athletes' young lives that they are trying to figure out who they are and who they will become. He explained that, unfortunately, some of the athletes make mistakes, as there are not perfect human beings. He feels that, when they make these mistakes, it is a good time to use them as a teachable moment. Mr. Apple has the opinion that, if students are sent away for these mistakes, some coaches feel that it sends a message that the students are not valued and that we as a community and the school district thinks that the student cannot change and make better choices in life. He stated that the coaches propose that they make a commitment to give second chances when a student makes a mistake and provide opportunities to build relationships instead of sending them to districts outside of the River Delta Unified School District. Mr. Apple stated that they are committed to do anything in their capacity to help students that have lost their way to get back on track and keeping these students in the community is the best thing for them.

Charles Van Riper, teacher at Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools, mentioned that prior to the next rounds of negotiating meetings, he wanted to provide his perspective in the topics being negotiated. He has the opinion that the success of student's academics is a thriving school and the way to maintain a thriving school is teacher retention. He feels that the way to retain teachers is through teacher's salaries, health benefits and retirement benefits. Mr. Van Riper explained to the Board the different components used to determine a teacher's retirement earnings.

Marisol Hernandez, parent, asked the Board to provide assistance for bussing for her daughter. Board President Stone introduced Tracy Barbieri, the Director of Special Education, and mentioning that Ms. Barbieri will follow up with her request.

9. Reports, Presentations, Information

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

9.1.1 Board Member Report(s) – Member Riley reported that she met with former Board Member, Alicia Fernandez, at Bates Elementary School for a campus tour. It turned to be a quick tour as Principal MJ Kiwan Gómez was busy teaching in a classroom that day. Member Riley mentioned that the Dual Immersion Program seemed to be moving along nicely.

Member Lamera reported that he, along with Board President Stone and Member Jelly, toured the Bates Elementary campus to see the Dual Immersion Program in action, stating that it was awesome to see what Principal Kiwan Gómez had started.

Member Lamera mentioned that he and Member Jelly made a site visit to Isleton Elementary School. He and Board President Stone visited Clarksburg Middle and Delta High Schools allowing President Stone the opportunity to meet the new administrators. He plans on visiting the remaining District school sites in the near future.

Member Lamera attended the Rio Vista High School vs. Delta High School volleyball game. He noted that both volleyball coaches are Alumni of Delta High School and gave them praise.

Lastly, Member Lamera reported that he and other members of the Board attended the Friends of Clarksburg Service and Recreation Fundraising event, stating he had a lot of fun.

Member Riley mentioned that, on September 20th, the Rio Vista High School Volleyball Team is hosting the Annual Deven Davis Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser.

Board President Stone added to Member Lamera report that the day they were visiting Delta High School it was extremely hot and were invited to have a popsicle with the students. She also mentioned that, when visiting any of the school during the heat wave the air conditioners have been put to the test. President Stone said that Ken Gaston and his team worked very hard to keep all the air conditioning units working.

President Stone announced that she had exciting news. Mr. Perez worked hard to obtain a sizable donation from the local Walmart. Walmart was extremely generous with the

donation with over three pallets of school supplies. President Stone was invited to be present when the shipment of school supplies was delivered. It was very exciting to setup a store-like environment for the teachers to shop for supplies for their classrooms. The students will greatly benefit from this donation.

Member Mahoney reported that he made site visits to the three schools in Rio Vista to see how the air conditioning units were working in the classrooms. He mentioned the Ken Gaston and his crew were doing an amazing job keeping up with repairs on the units during the 115-degree weather.

9.1.1.1 Committee Meeting 2 X 2 with the City of Rio Vista – Member Mahoney reported that at the August 25, 2022 meeting, the group discussed the possibility for the Delta Breeze to transport students to school with an adult chaperone. The main focus of the meeting was spent discussing the potential well site at Rio Vista High School. He noted that the location is near the bus yard at the far end of the future baseball field area. He stated that a test well would be installed to verify that the location is viable.

They provided the City of Rio Vista with information regarding the Brann Ranch Mitigation Agreement. However, since the agreement is in negotiations, there was little information to provide them.

9.1.2 Superintendent Wright's Report(s) - Superintendent Wright thanked everyone who was attending the meeting, since it is a special night honoring two very special employees. She noted that she had the distinct honor and privilege recognizing two outstanding River Delta Unified School District employees who have been selected as the Teacher of the Year and the Classified Employee of the Year.

9.1.2.1 Recognition of the Teacher of the Year, Gabino Perez – Superintendent Wright announced that Gabino Perez has been selected at the District's 2022 Teacher of the Year. He started his career in the District in 2008 in our after school programs. He also worked as an instructional aide at many school sites. In 2015 he was hired as the School-to-Career Coordinator for our Career Technical Education Program and just one year later he was hired to teach a Transitional Kindergarten class at Walnut Grove Elementary School. He transitioned into teaching 5th grade serving students and families for five years.

Mr. Perez has worked in almost every intervention and enrichment program offered including Migrant Education Summer School, Summer Reading Program, teaching English as a Second Language to adults through the Adult Education Program, First 5 Programs (Zumbini), he has coached sports in the After School Program, and every chance he gets, he steps in to help with any event held at Walnut Grove Elementary School. We are so happy to now have him as our Principal at Walnut Grove Elementary School. Superintendent Wright presented Mr. Perez with a personalized memorable clock honoring his years of service and achievements.

9.1.2.2 Recognition of the California State Employees Association (CSEA), Christy Ramirez – Superintendent Wright announced that Christy Ramirez has been selected at 2022 CSEA Employee of the Year. She has been an employee since 2008 serving student with special needs. She is also an integral part of the After School Program in Isleton. She gives new meaning to having high expectations and belief that all students can learn. She is always an utmost professional and a team player with a very positive attitude. Her relationships with students, staff and parents are top notch. Superintendent Wright presented Ms. Ramirez with a personalized engraved pen to recognize her years of service she has provided the students and their families.

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, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services; Ken Gaston, Director of MOT

9.2.1 Monthly Financial Report – Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported in the report that listed under Fund 25 - Developer Fees the Year-to-Date expenditures of \$582,033 was to payoff the Shea Homes loan. With this payment in full, the General Fund will no longer have this annual expense. Fund 49 – Capital Projects holds our Mello-Roos Funds. Ms. Busch has been working with the Sacramento County Office of Education and Governmental Financial Strategies to rectify the errors made over the past few years. In the past, these funds have been deposited into the District's General Fund instead of Fund 49 as intended. You will see these changes on the Unaudited Actuals.

Member Mahoney has asked if the SMUD invoices could be broken out for Courtland to see where each usage is being charged. Ms. Busch stated that she has been working on all the District's utility invoices.

9.2.2 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update - Ken Gaston, Director of MOT reported that, in addition to the report submitted, the grants from CARB in the amount of approximately \$85,000 is for the purchases of electric lawn mowers. The electric lawn mowers have a great reduction in noise and will allow the gardeners the ability to mow up close to the school during class time. Hopefully, the grant funds will be received soon, so the electric mowers can be purchased. Mr. Gaston stated that the electric mowers are approximately three times the costs of traditional gas or diesel mowers and without these grants the District would not be able to make these purchases.

Mr. Gaston mentioned that the transportation department is looking to purchase a replacement 10-passenger van to transport students. He stated that, as far as good news for the transportation department, we have received four new applicants. He has hopes that they can complete all the necessary tests to become drivers for the District.

9.2.3 HKIT Architects to Present an Update on Designs for Rio Vista High School's New Classrooms and Delta High School/Clarksburg Middle School's Cafeteria Modernization Projects – Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services introduced Maria Denney from RGM Kramer and Melissa Reagan-Byers from HKIT Architects, who provided a timeline and design progress for these projects, inviting feedback from the Board of Trustees.

9.3 Education Services' and Special Education Reports and/or Presentation(s) – Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reported that a lot of work is in progress since the last meeting. In the next week the District will be offering two sessions of Crisis Intervention Classroom Culture training for teachers. The first round of MAP testing will be ending this week and will establish the baseline for this year growth. The District's Student Information System is being updated and new documentation standards for Aeries will be sent to the principals. Ms. Vielhauer mentioned that she will be attending the School Shooter FBI Training offered at Jesuit High School. Ms. Vielhauer announced that staff is being hired for the new D.H. White Elementary School After School Program. She will also be meeting with Solano County support staff to help in rolling out the CA Healthy Kids Survey this October.

9.3.2 Social Emotional Learning - Health and Wellness Plan Update – Jennie Gornto, SEAD Coordinator, provided an overview of the Health and Wellness programs throughout the District. She stated that, through support providers, Mental Health Clinicians are being provided at Walnut Grove Elementary, Isleton Elementary and Riverview Middle Schools. Ms. Gornto announced that two of the five SEL counselors have been hired. Ms. Gornto provided a list programs that are being implemented or piloted at the school sites.

9.3.3 Summer Bridge Program Presentation – Gabino Perez, Summer School Principal, announced that the Summer Bridge Program was held at Walnut Grove Elementary School for K-6 grade students. The program had the focus of ELA, Math and STEM

along with enrichment and hands on activities. The program sponsored an Open House with 40 families in attendance. Mr. Perez introduce students Lily Jimenez and Marisol Navarro, who spoke of their experiences in the Summer Bridge Program and how much they enjoyed it.

Mr. Perez introduced two staff members, Brenda and Sulema Casillas. Brenda Casillas explained what she learned through her mentor and trainings and how she was able to use this knowledge during the Summer Bridge Program. Sulema Casillas also shared her experience with the trainings she has received and how she used this learning experiences with the students and is looking forward to next year's program. Both staff members passed around art projects, writing samples, and activities from the program to demonstrate what the students learned over the course of the program.

9.3.4 Special Education Update – Tracy Barbieri, Director of Special Education, presented the 2022-2023 Special Education Professional Development Plan to members of the Board. She explained that the goals set in the plan are directly aligned with the District's LCAP. Ms. Barbieri gave examples of some trainings that would be provided to staff, however, she stated that there were too many to list.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Chris Smith, RDUTA President, reported that, since he has been the President for RDUTA, he has had the opportunity to meet many teachers that he didn't previously know. He stated that one common complaint that he has received, is that, when changes take place, they feel blindsided. Mr. Smith noted that, while he knows changes are done for good reasons, teachers may not be aware of the reasons or not told prior to the changes taking place. Mr. Smith asked if they could be included more often when decisions are being made or help to solve some of the issues that come up.

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – David Groves, CSEA President – No update given

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, August 9, 2022

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of August 29, 2022

10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report

August 2022

10.4 Request to Approve the Contract with Document Tracking Services for the 2022-2023 School Year to Create a Variety of District Documents Including the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) and Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) at a cost not to exceed \$4,650 – Educational Service Funds - Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services

10.5 Request to Approve the Contract with Frontline Education an Employee Management System for the remaining of FY 2022-2023 at a cost not exceed \$14,411.88, General Fund – Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

10.6 Request to Approve the A-G Completion and Improvement Grant Plan - Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

10.7 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:

River Delta Unified School District

Delta Moose Lodge – School Supplies (approx. \$200)

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

Board President Stoned acknowledged the donations and thanked them for their continued support.

Superintendent Wright announced the Schools First Credit Union donated 25 sets of tickets for the Sacramento Republics soccer game. The teachers and staff were very excited about the donation. She wanted to recognize the credit union for their thoughtful donation.

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. Procedures for Public comment will follow the same process as in number 8.

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 2022 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

12. Request to Approve the Provisional Internship Permits as authorized by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for 2022-2023 school year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

13. Request to Hold a Public Hearing on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials and to Approve Resolution #837 on the Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials as per Education Code Section 60199 and 5 CCR 9531 for 2022-2023 School Year – Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Open Public Hearing 8:06 pm
Public Comment: No comments received
Close Public Hearing 8:07 pm

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

14. Request to Approve Resolution #838 Regarding the 2021-2022 Appropriations (Gann) Limit Calculation – Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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

15. Request to Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2021-2022 – Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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

16. Request to Approve the Proposals and Authorize HB&T Environmental Inc. to Provide Environmental Consulting Services for the Delta High School/Clarksburg Middle School Cafeteria Modernization, Walnut Grove Fire Alarm and Walnut Grove Window Projects – Measure K Funds \$6813 – Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services

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

17. Request to Approve Electrical Upgrade Project for Delta High School Cafeteria Site– Measure K Bond Funds, not to exceed \$536,997 – Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services

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

18. Request to Approve the Construction of New Restrooms at Isleton Elementary School – Measure J Bond Funds, not to exceed \$904,610 – Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services

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

19. Request to Approve the Variable-Term Waiver as Authorized by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for 2022-2023 School Year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

20. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President Stone reported that the Board would be re-adjourning to Closed Session to receive information. She stated that the Board would not be taking actions, however, anyone from the public was welcome to stay on site when they reconvened to close the meeting.

21. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) – Board President Stone reported that there were no actions to report.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm

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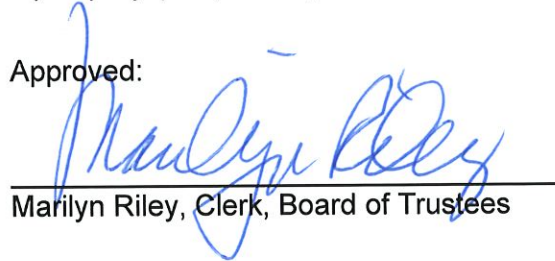


Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

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Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

