

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

February 28, 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 5:36 p.m. on February 28, 2022 at Isleton Elementary School, Isleton, 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 (Absent)
 - Randall Jelly, MemberAlso, Present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
3. **Review Closed Session 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 @ 5:37 pm**
 - Member Lamera moved to approve, *Member Riley seconded. Motion carried*
 - Vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1(Absent: Apel)*
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:37 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Apel was absent. 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*
 - Vote 6 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 1(Absent: Apel)*
8. **Public Comment:** A parent, Amber Fingland, stated that she conducted a survey on her personal Facebook page to see if parents were in favor of wearing masks or not wearing masks. She stated that, she didn't care either way. She reported that the majority of the responses were to not in favor of wearing masks. She made the request that, if her child was to pull their mask down in the classroom to breathe, he will not be removed from class. Her child, Nathan stated that when he's at recess, he pulls down his mask so he can breath, but in class they are asked to put their masks back on.

Rachel Jauregui, a parent, gave several reasons on why she believes masks should be removed. She feels that the masks are creating mental damage, that the masks can hold viruses and bacteria, and that we are losing the connection, because at a very young age, we teach that facial expressions are connected to how we feel, and that we teach them to relay this to people around them. As a parent, she believes she should have a choice.

A few attendees via Zoom were unable to speak directly to the Board due to technology difficulties. They were asked to use the link for the Public Comment Form to submit their comments. Any submitted comments would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Superintendent Wright was happy to announce that the Vice Principal position at Delta High School and Clarksburg Middle School has been filled. She invited Christine Mabery, Principal, to introduce Mr. Tom Pender as the newly hired Vice Principal. Mr. Pender gave a brief overview of his career and indicated that he was happy to be back in an area that he loves and happy to be helping in the District.

9. Request to Accept and Approve the Decision Set Forth by the California Health and Human Services Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly, Regarding Mask Mandates in school settings. (If the Decision of Dr. Ghaly is to Leave the Decision Regarding Mask Mandates to the Local Education Agency (LEA), the Board Shall Give Direction to Continue the Mask Mandate Indoors in the School Setting or to Make Mask Wearing Optional) – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

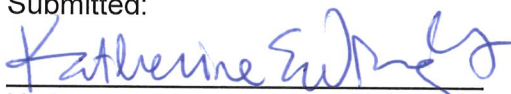
Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Lamera, Casillas, Jelly): 1 (Nays: Stone): 1 (Absent: Apel)

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

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