

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2022

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board Vice President Mahoney called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 p.m. on June 14, 2022 at the Walnut Grove Elementary School, Walnut Grove, California.
  2. **Roll Call of Members:**
    - Jennifer Stone, President (Absent)
    - Dan Mahoney, Vice President
    - Marilyn Riley, Clerk
    - Rafaela Casillas, Member
    - Marcial Lamera, Member (Absent)
    - Wanda Apel, Member
    - Randall Jelly, MemberAlso present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent
  3. **Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda and Adjourn to Closed Session**
    - 3.1 Board Vice President Mahoney announced items on the Closed Session Agenda
    - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – None to report
  4. **Board Vice President Mahoney asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and adjourn the meeting to Closed Session @ 5:33 pm**

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
  5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:35 pm**
    - 5.1 Roll was retaken, Members Stone and Lamera were absent, all other members were present. Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer, and Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Service Officer.
    - 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Vice President Mahoney
  6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1)**

Vice President Mahoney reported that, during Closed Session, the Board reviewed agenda item number 4.1.1 The Stipulated Agreement for Student Case #2122-321-006 recommended by the Principal and item number 4.1.2 The Panel's recommendation for the expulsion for Student Case #2122-311-007. The Board will formally approve or deny individually by voting in Open Session under Action Item number 13.
  7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

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

*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
  8. **Public Comment:** Donnie Surla announced that she has completed her eighteen year of teaching in the River Delta Unified School District. She provided her view of "the exodus" of teachers in the District. She stated that it is normal to see young teachers leave the District to find opportunities closer to their homes as their lives change. However, this year, she is seeing teachers from the community, her neighbors, that are leaving for opportunities in other districts as well as leaving the profession all together. She encourages the Board to keep this in mind as negotiations are continued.
- Gloria White, a parent of three children in the District, shared her concern of the turnover of teachers and administrators in the District in the last few years and the impact it is having on the campuses, culture and students. Although she realizes there are many factors on the choice to leave the district for other opportunities, she feels that our district is under compensating principals, vice principals and teachers in comparison to Elk Grove USD, Sacramento City USD and Natomas USD. She encourages the District to be more competitive when it comes to salaries.

## 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 Riley reported that she had the opportunity to attend the Professional Growth Presentation facilitated by Steve Wright and Jennifer Emigh held at Rio Vista High School. During the presentation, Member Riley shared a table with the Rio Vista High School's woodshop teacher, Mr. Yates. She had a learning experience about miter saws while speaking with Mr. Yates as well as hearing of the accomplished projects of the students.

Member Apel announced that she attended the Professional Growth Presentations held at Delta High School. Member Apel mentioned that six teachers were completing their induction program. She felt they were impressive in their growth from the beginning of the school year, learning to adjust their teaching and instruction based on the needs of the children. Member Apel thanked Mr. Wight and Mrs. Emigh for the invitation to attend the presentations and extends her best wishes to the teachers.

Member Apel congratulated the high school graduates, as she was unable to attend this year's ceremonies.

Member Mahoney reported that he attended the 2 X 2 meeting with the City of Rio Vista. The main topic of discussion was an alternate site for construction of a new well. The new proposed site is at the far corner of the District's Rio Vista bus yard. Negotiation will continue with the City to make the footprint of the site as compact as possible. Other topics discussed were Safe Routes to School, ATOD, broadband accessibility and developer agreements.

Member Mahoney attended a Zoom meeting with Mrs. Turk and Kim Anderson, the Rio Vista High School's Culinary Arts teacher, to discuss the potential new culinary arts classroom. Member Mahoney is concerned that the proposed classroom is not set up for an appropriate number of students to be sustainable.

9.1.2 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright extended a heart felt congratulations to Ken and Jennifer Gaston in welcoming their newest grandson into the world.

Superintendent Wright congratulated Donnie Surla as a recipient of the Fullbright Award, she will be given the opportunity to teach overseas in March of 2023 to June 2023.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that the Leadership Team had their end-of-year meeting. The meeting included welcoming the newly hired administrators to the team. During the meeting we conducted a book club learning circle using the book, "Read This to Get Smarter". The book was about race, class, gender, disabilities to help us learn more in these areas. It will be important to learn about these areas in preparation for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee that will be starting.

Superintendent Wright noted that it was her honor to attend many of the promotion and graduation ceremonies. She thanked all those who worked to prepare for these events. Superintendent Wright congratulated all the graduates on their accomplishments.

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, Chief Business Officer; Ken Gaston, Director of MOT

9.2.1 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update - Ken Gaston, Director of MOT – Mr. Gaston was not in attendance, no additional information was given to his submitted report.

9.2.1.1 Transportation Reduction in Service Discussion – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer provided information to the Board regarding the continuing staffing issues in the Transportation Department. She announced that the District would continue its efforts in hiring bus and van drivers to accommodate as many students as possible. However, at this time, with only four (4) total drivers (2 van

and 2 bus) districtwide, the Transportation Department will only have enough drivers to provide transport services those students required by law. Member Mahoney announced that he has been trying to recruit drivers as well.

9.3 Education Services' and Special Education Reports and/or Presentation(s) - Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

9.3.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer greeted those in attendance and announced that she would be yielding her time to the principals for their presentations.

9.3.2 School Plan for Student Achievement 2022-2023 Presentations: D.H. White Elementary School; Isleton Elementary School; Riverview Middle School; River Delta High/Elementary School and Rio Vista High School– Site Principals

During the Single Plan for Student Achievement presentations, each principal described areas that provided positive outcomes to reach goals set in the current years plan for student achievement. They also spoke of areas that are in need of improvement that will be the focus in the 2022-2023 school year.

9.3.3 Special Education Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer, reported that the Extended School Year (ESY) has begun and going well.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teachers Association (RDUTA) Update – RDUTA Representative – Chris Smith, teacher and wrestling coach at Rio Vista High School, introduced himself as the newly elected RDUTA President. He mentioned that he is looking forward to working with the District and through some challenges we are facing.

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – David Groves, Interim CSEA President, Delta Chapter #319 reported that the goal of the new negotiation team was to get caught up and complete the current year's contract. He stated that that goal was achieved. He is very grateful and appreciative of the District and to his team for their efforts.

9.6 Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2022-2023 LCAP: LCAP Adoption Will Be Held at the Regular June 28, 2022 Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

**Open Public Hearing: 7:33pm**

**Public Comments:** Superintendent Wright gave informational background for the Proposed LCAP for 2022-2023. No public comments were received.

**Close Public Hearing 7:34pm**

9.7 Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2022-2023 District Budget, Adoption will be held at the Regular June 28, 2022 Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

**Open Public Hearing 7:34pm**

**Public Comments:** Tammy Busch, Chief Business Office provided background and specific information regarding the Proposed 2022-2023 River Delta Unified School District Budget and Multiyear Fiscal Projection. No public comments were received.

**Close Public Hearing 7:42pm**

## 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 – May 10, 2022

Special Meeting of the Board – May 26, 2022

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Report - As of June 14, 2022

10.3 Request to Approve District's Monthly Expenditure Report  
May 2022

- 10.4 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Sara M. Hall, M.A., BCBA to Provide Behavior Intervention Assessments and Plans for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.5 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Meladee McCarty to Provide Program Specialist Services for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.6 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Elaine H. Talley, M.Ed., J.D. to Serve as a Non-bias Facilitator for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.7 Request to Approve the Contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. to Provide a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) for the 2022- 2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$43,000 - Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.8 Request to Approve the 2022-2023 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Pristine Rehab Care) to Provide Speech Therapy Services for District Students at a cost not to exceed \$240,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.9 Request to Approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$90,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.10 Request to Approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest Instructional Assistant) for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 – Special Educational Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.11 Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Capital Kids Occupational Therapy, Inc.) to provide Speech and Occupational Therapy Services for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost not to exceed \$45,000 - Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.12 Request to Approve the Service Agreement with Language People, Inc. to Provide Interpreting and Translating Services for the Special Education Department for the 2022-2023 School Year at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 - Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.13 Request the Approval of the Single Plan for Student Achievements for D.H. White Elementary School; Isleton Elementary School; Riverview Middle School; River Delta High/Elementary School and Rio Vista High School– Site Principals
- 10.14 Request to Approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence for Employee #2089 for the 2022-2023 School Year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent
- 10.15 Request to Approve and Accept the Award for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Summer Grant Program – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.16 Request to Approve the Three (3) Year Agreement with Newsela For All School Sites – \$48,808 Annually, COVID-19 Funding - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.17 Request to Approve Royce “Craig” Cornelson, Principal and Greg Davis, Athletic Director as Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools Representatives to California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Leagues for the 2022-2023 School Year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*

**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 Regulation and or Exhibits Due to New Legislation or Mandated Language and Citation Revisions as of March 2022 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
12. Request to Approve the “Declaration of Need” for Fully Qualified Educators” for the 2022-2023 School Year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
13. Request Approval of Action Taken During Closed Session Regarding Student Discipline/Expulsion Hearing(s) or Stipulation Agreement(s) Action Taken to be Announced and Voted on Individually by Student Case Number to Maintain Student Confidentiality (Ed. Code 49070 (c) and 76232(c) - Board President Stone
  - 4.1.1 In the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement Student Case #2122-321-006 Member Mahoney motioned to approve the Stipulated Expulsion Case and Rehabilitation Plan as submitted by the Principal with additional requirements from the Board of Trustees.  
*Member Riley moved to approve the motion read by Member Mahoney, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
  - 4.1.2 The Board has reviewed the Administrative Student Discipline Panel’s recommendation for the Suspended Expulsion of Student Case #2122-311-007. Member Mahoney asked for a motion.  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 3 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Apel): 1 (Nays: Mahoney): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera): 1(Abstain: Jelly)*
14. Request to Approve the Master Budget and Proposal from Roofing Consultant for Design Work for Roofing at Various Sites, Measure J not to exceed \$1,119,245; Measure K not to exceed \$310,155; and Maintenance/General Fund not to exceed \$15,000 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Jelly moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
15. Request to Approve the Purchase of Modular Classrooms Buildings, Consultant Proposals and Preliminary Master Budget for Replacement of Leased Portable Classrooms at D. H. White Elementary School – Not to exceed \$860,169 - Measure J Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Jelly moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
16. Request to Approve and Adopt the Tentative Agreement Between River Delta Unified School District and California Schools Employee Association’s Delta Chapter #319 for 2021-2022 – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
17. Request to Approve the Change of Placement of Director of Personnel, Director of Accounting and The Executive Assistant to the Superintendent from Range 15 to Range 17 on the River Delta Unified School District’s Classified Management & Confidential Employees Salary Schedule – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*

18. Request to Approve Resolution #833 the 2022-2023 California State Preschool Renewal Contract EED-3704 for the River Delta Unified School District State Preschool at Isleton Elementary School – Stacy Wallace, Principal  
*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
19. Request to approve the Agreement with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP. to Provide Legal Services Regarding Charter Schools and Other Legal Services not limited to the 2022-2023 School Year – Katherine Wright, Superintendent  
*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
20. Request to Approve the three-year contract with Datapath for Technology support for fiscal year 2022-23 through 2024-25 - Fiscal Year 2022-23 will cost \$150,576 with 3% increases annual through 2024-25 – Paid with General, Adult Education and Cafeteria Funding – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
21. Request to Approve the Agreement with Cooperative Strategies to Provide a Developer Fee Justification Study – at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 Unrestricted General Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer  
*Member Jelly moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
22. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board Vice President Mahoney reported that the Board would be re-adjourning to Closed Session.
23. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) Board Vice President Mahoney reported that, during the reconvening of Closed Session, it was determined that there was confusion on Action item number 13 during the vote. Although the outcome did not change, it was revoted on in Open Session.
- 4.1.1 In the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement Student Case #2122-321-006 Member Mahoney asked for a motion to approve the Stipulated Expulsion Case and Rehabilitation Plan as submitted by the Principal with additional requirements from the Board of Trustees.  
*Member Riley moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera): 1(Abstain: Jelly)*
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*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 4 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 1 (Nays: Mahoney): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*
24. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board Vice President Mahoney asked for a motion to adjourn.  
*Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Jelly): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Stone, Lamera)*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm

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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