

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 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 4:31 p.m. on May 10, 2022 at the Clarksburg Middle School, Clarksburg, 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 that there was a request from Superintendent Wright, to delete a few items to tonight's Board Closed Session and Open Session Agendas as well as submit a revised consent item 10.2 Personnel Transaction Report. The rationale is that at this time the items are no longer needed or need to be revised. The changes to the agenda were the deletion of:

Closed Session

4.1.1 Student Case# 2122-321-005

4.1.2 Student Case# 2122-321-006

Open Session

9.3.2 Presentation Showing the Results of the Progress Measurement of the Local Indicators on the California Dashboard – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer

19. 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 Student Case #2122-321-005

4.1.2 Student Case #2122-321-006

And the revision of Consent Calendar 10.2 Personnel Action Report

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

3.1 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 @ 4:34 pm**

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

5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:46 pm**

5.1 Roll was retaken, all members were present.

Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer, Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Service Officer 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)**

The Board did not take any actions during Closed Session. However, during Closed Session the Board had a Development Discussion with Counsel, Parker & Covert, LLC and River Delta Unified School District's Lead Negotiator for Developments, Joe Dixon, of Dixon Smart School House LLC. Name(s) unspecified as disclosure would jeopardize the service of process and/or existing/possible settlement negotiations.

7. Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda

Board President Stone asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda with the changes made during Agenda item 3.1.

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

8. **Public Comment:** Parent and community member, John Stump, mentioned that he has volunteered for the Pear Fair for the past 15 years and is currently the treasure. He is in support of allowing the Courtland Pear Fair to continue as it has for the past 50 years and thanked the Board for the continued support of the District. He stated that the event is run strictly by volunteers and is usually a “break-even” event. The source of revenue comes from parking and alcohol sales. He feels this established event brings the community together.

Anna Swenson stated that, as a parent, she is winding down the last 20 days of her children attending schools in River Delta Unified School District. Some of her experiences have been amazing such as the Ag Department at Delta High School. She tributes Mr. Van Riper’s support to the success of one of her children. It is of her opinion that the District does not utilize the opportunities available to them such as reaching out to the generous farmers and community members, who want the schools to be successful. She also has the opinion that on some occasions the District works against the community. The community members only want to make the school even more amazing than they already are. It is her last wish that the District thinks “outside the box” to attract new students and parents and accentuate the wonderful things our schools have to offer.

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 Mahoney mentioned that he coaches the Rio Vista High School Swim Team and announced that Sophie Saldana made the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the league. At Sections, schools in lower divisions competed against Division 3 schools. In Division 3, Rio Vista High School girls’ Varsity swimmers were ranked 8th, which is fantastic considering they were in competition with much larger schools and the Junior Varsity boys were ranked 7th thanks to the efforts of John Peterson who finished fourth overall in the section. He had the fastest time for Rio Vista High School in his event. Member Mahoney congratulated the team for their efforts. Member Mahoney stated that the Varsity Girls’ Relay Team was the best relay team he has ever coached, mentioning that two members of the relay team are Member Jelly’s daughters, Tess and Faith Jelly. At Championships, Faith Jelly placed in four events; two of them being individual events which were very competitive.

Member Lamera reported that he attended the Delta High School’s girls’ soccer match in the first round at Sections. He also mentions that Delta High and Rio Vista High Schools’ Baseball Teams will be playing against each other tomorrow in the first round of Section Championships.

Member Lamera mentioned that he attended the Yolo County Youth Empowerment Summit at UC Davis. This event was for high schools in Yolo County. The schools are invited to attend and participate in discussions about hot topics they are facing. He is looking forward to working with the administrators of Delta High School in an attempt to have students from Delta High School participate in the Summit next year.

- 9.1.2 Diversity, Equity and Injustice Committee report(s) Superintendent Wright mentioned that at the last Board meeting, the Board adopted Resolution #832 regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. A Committee that will be formed is open to all community members, parents, and staff. The District will work with a facilitator as these topics can be very hard for people to feel supported or that they may feel targeted in the conversations. Mr. Pender, Vice Principal of Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools, has agreed to help facilitate these committee discussions, as he also teaches classes at the college level and facilitates these type of conversations in many different settings. He attended a workshop on this subject and will bring his knowledge to the Committee at the next meeting.

Member Mahoney mentioned that the last meeting he expressed his feelings on changing the name of D.H. White Elementary School. He asked if this committee would place this topic on their agenda to be discussed.

9.1.3 Facilities Steering Committee report(s) No report given

9.1.4 Superintendent Wright's report(s) – Superintendent Wright reported that this last month has proven to be very eventful for all River Delta Unified District staff members. She mentioned that in accordance with Resolution #832 that was adopted at the last Board meeting, she attended the Planning Committee for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee meeting to discuss the next steps in preparing to begin our journey on this important work districtwide.

Superintendent Wright noted that the District was honored to express their gratitude to the teachers, and staff members by delivering special treats to each site each day. She announced a special thank you to the Educational Services and Maintenance and Operation team members who volunteered to help with the deliveries.

Superintendent Wright extended her sincere gratitude to the California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 negotiation team for their collaboration with the District. She was happy to announce that they had two productive sessions and reached a Tentative Agreement that is being reviewed through the 610 process and will be presented by the CSEA to its membership for ratification.

Superintendent Wright spoke on the challenges the District is facing regarding transportation. Providing the amount of services as in the past is not obtainable. She noted that pre-Covid the District had ten bus drivers, five each for the North and South areas. After receiving another two notices of retirement, the District will be reduced to one each in the North and South areas for the upcoming school year. The steps to become a bus driver is very extensive and finding potential drivers has been very difficult. The District has not been able to hire any contracted candidates for the bus driver positions. Conversations must begin on the future of transportation in the District. She indicated it will be on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion. She mentioned that students that are experiencing homelessness or students that have provisions written in their IEP will be required to be transported by law.

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 ADA/Enrollment Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that compared to last month the district-wide enrollment decreased by two (2) students and the district-wide ADA had a decreased of three (3). There are no monthly comparisons for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years due to Covid-19.

9.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the monthly financial summary report shows both the year-to-date budget and actual revenues and expenditures for each District fund. It also includes the percentage of the District's ending fund balance for the end of the month reported.

9.2.2.1 Cafeteria Administrative Review Report - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that there was a little confusion when she started her position on which portion of the cafeteria program would be included in the Administrative Review. It was determined that all meals served in the District's cafeteria program were under Administrative Review this year. Ms. Busch provided the findings from the review and mentioned that the District has 30 days to submit corrective actions for approval. She noted that the corrective actions have been completed and submitted for approval.

9.2.2.2 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT added to Superintendent Wright reports regarding transportation. He stated that, not only does the District have a shortage of bus drivers, it has a shortage in van

drivers as well. The van drivers transport students with special needs in and outside of the District.

Mr. Gaston also reported that he has been verbally notified by the City of Rio Vista that watering will be limited to two days a week beginning June 10th, as well as reducing water consumption by 20%. This water restriction will greatly impact the schools and the ability to keep things green. Mr. Gaston stated that he anticipates to receive the official notice.

Member Mahoney mentioned that, while reviewing the current expenditures for the water bill from the City of Rio Vista, he noticed that the entire bill was \$9,000 which is the same amount one school site was invoiced in prior years; this is a huge savings for the District. He owes this savings to Ken Gaston and Sharon Silva for working with the City to rectify the issues.

Member Mahoney mentioned that, during the last Board meeting, he second the purchase of an industrial trash compactor using a funding source from Maintenance and Operations. Member Mahoney noted that he reread the backup materials and it indicated that the request of the purchase was to be paid using Measure K Bond Funds. He asked if this could be revisited to revise the funding source. Superintendent Wright noted that once an item is presented to the Board, discussed, and voted on, it is what is used for the purchase. Superintendent Wright believes the language on the Bond ballot is strictly for renovating buildings. New equipment for maintenance and operations to her knowledge is not a viable expenditure for Measure K Funds. She stated that she will investigate the Bond language for future purchases.

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, provided a slide show that consisted of activities at each of the school sites. She mentioned that state testing is now being conducted. She also mentioned that, during teacher and staff appreciation week, each day teachers and staff received a small treat or lunch. The Educational Services Department is working on details for the summer programs and year-end submissions. Ms. Latimer gave a brief summary of the MAP test score results for the District. Board President Stone requested that she send a copy of the test results to the Board members.

9.3.2 ~~Presentation Showing the Results of the Progress Measurement of the Local Indicators on the California Dashboard – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer - PULLED~~

9.3.3 Special Education Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer reported on behalf of Ms. Cronin. She mentioned that Ms. Cronin continues to visit the school sites and continues to meet with case managers regularly. She is working on caseload and support needs for next school year.

9.4 River Delta Unified Teachers Association (RDUTA) Update – Alyson Stiles, RDUTA President – No report given

9.5 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – David Groves, Interim CSEA President, Delta Chapter #319 – No report 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 – April 12, 2022

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Report - As of May 10, 2022 - REVISED

- 10.3 Request to Approve District's Monthly Expenditure Report
April 2022
- 10.4 Request to Approve the Rio Vista High School Class of 2022 Graduation Trip to Disneyland in Anaheim, California on May 26-27, 2022 – Victoria Turk, Principal
- 10.5 Request to Approve the Delta High School Class of 2022 Senior Trip to Disneyland in Anaheim, California on May 31-June 1, 2022 – Christine Mabery, Principal
- 10.6 Request to Approve Victoria Turk, Principal; Katherine Ingalls, Vice Principal and Drake Sherman, Athletic Director as Rio Vista High Representatives to CIF Leagues for the 2022-2023 School Year – Victoria Turk, Principal
- 10.7 Request to Approve the 2021-2022 General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Capital Kids Occupational Therapy, Inc.) to provide Speech and Occupational Therapy Services for District Students at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, Special Education Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.8 Request to Approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Judy Boers, M.S. for the 2021-2022 School Year to Provide Psychological Assessments for District Students in Non-public School Settings, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, Special Education Funds – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer
- 10.9 Request to Approve an Overnight Field Trip for Delta High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Students to Monterey Bay and Santa Cruz Boardwalk – Christine Mabery, Principal
- 10.10 Donations or Receive and Acknowledge
Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Nancy Sappington
Danny and Delinda Bowers
Victoria Turk and Family

Member Stone acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their continuing support.
Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Riley second. Motion passed 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent)

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 First 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 Lamera moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
- 12. Request to Approve Second and Final Reading of Board Policy 1330, Use of School Facilities – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer - Superintendent Wright provided information regarding the current Administrative Regulation 1330 that was up for discussion. After further investigation on the definition of pupil and input from Cabinet and the Leadership Team, she recommends keeping the Policy/Regulations as status quo. There were several public comments in support of allowing the Pair Fair to continue as it has for the past 50 years, allowing the sale and consumption of alcohol, while following all the safety measures and requirements. This event provides fundraising opportunities for community entities and benefit the schools in the area. One public comment came in support of allowing the sale and consumption of alcohol at a local music festival to be held at the Rio Vista High School Football Stadium by local community services clubs to raise money for the organizations. These organizations provide support to District programs each year.
Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 1 (Nays: Mahoney): 0 (Absent:)

13. Request to Approve Second and Final Reading of Exhibit 1330, Application for Use of School Facilities Permit and Fee Schedule – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Apel moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 1 (Nays: Mahoney): 0 (Absent:)
14. Request to Approve the Contract Agreement with Nicolay Consulting Group (NCG) to Deliver a GASB 75 Accounting Valuation Report for Fiscal year 2021-22 and 2022-23 - \$11,000, General Funds – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
15. Request to Approve the One-time Basis Surplus E-waste Items to be Picked Up and the Serial Numbers of Items Provided After the Fact in June 2022 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
16. Request the Board to Review, Prioritize and Approve the Bond Initial Project Lists Estimated Costs – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
17. Request Approval the Fee Proposal for Professional Design Services with HKIT Architects for the Walnut Grove Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement Project – SFID #2 Bond Funds, not to exceed \$58,000 - Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
18. Request to Approve the Agreement with RGM Kramer, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for the Walnut Grove Fire Alarm Replacement Project – SFID#2 Bond Funds – Not to exceed \$41,500 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
Member Apel moved to approve, Member Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)
19. ~~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 - PULLED~~
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~~4.1.2 Student Case #2122-321-006~~
20. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President Stone reported that re-adjourning to Closed Session was not necessary.
21. 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.
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 Lamera seconded. Motion carried 7 (Ayes: Mahoney, Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 0 (Absent:)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm

Submitted:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
End

Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees