

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 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 5:30 p.m. on January 11, 2022 at Rio Vista High School, Rio Vista, 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, MemberAlso 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 @ 5:32 pm**

Member Lamera moved to approve, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Lamera, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Technical difficulty; Mahoney, Apel)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:34 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Due to technical difficulties Member Casillas joined at 6:37 and Member Mahoney joined at 6:40pm through Zoom, all other members were present.
Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Chief Business 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)**

Board President Stone reported that no actions were taken during Closed Session.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

President Stone announced that there is a request from Superintendent Wright to add an item to tonight's Board Open Session Agenda. Rationale is that the training and workshop are prior to the next schedule Board meeting.

"Request to Approve the Agreement for Services with Learning for Living, Inc. to Provide a Pre-recorded Assembly, Facilitate a Student Leadership Training and a Two-day Workshop January 24-26, 2022 at Rio Vista High School – Victoria Turk, Principal"

Board President Stone asked for a motion to add the requested item to the Open Session Agenda.

Member Riley moved to approve, Member Jelly seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 (Ayes: Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 3 (Absent: Technical difficulty - Apel, Casillas, Mahoney)

Board President Stone placed the additional item as Action Item 12 on 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 by roll call vote 5 (Ayes: Riley, Lamera, Apel, Jelly, Stone): 0 (Nays): 2 (Absent: Technical difficulty - Mahoney, Casillas)
8. **Public Comment:** None to report

9. Reports, Presentations, Information

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

9.3.1 Board Members' report(s) – None to report

9.3.2 Committee report(s)

9.3.2.1 Trustee Area Redistricting Committee – The Committee held another meeting the Sacramento County GIS Analyst, Steve Demers, along with Commissioner Alicia Fernandez. Member Jelly reported that small revisions were made to the Trustee Area boundary lines presented at the last Board meeting. The revision included adjusting the boundary lines between Trustee Area 4 and Trustee Area 1.

9.3.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright extended a warm welcome back to all the staff, students, and families. She stated that we are once again amidst of a surge in COVID cases. However, the Delta communities are doing very well in comparison to surrounding communities in terms of the number of cases. Superintendent Wright mentioned that our Health Services team which include Angela Patin, School Nurse; four (4) health assistants and two (2) certified nurses assistants, have been doing a wonderful job trying to mitigate the situation and keep up with new laws and Public Orders, tracking the positivity rate in the District and answering any questions that arise. The District strongly encourages families to perform morning wellness checks on all students prior to coming to school and asking them to remain home if there are any COVID-related symptoms and to take a COVID test. Superintendent of Wright mentioned that the Health Services team is available to answer any questions about timeframes for quarantines. She requested that everyone wear their masks at all times, wash their hands frequently and cover their coughs and sneezes. Superintendent Wright stated that the free COVID Testing Clinics held on Friday, January 7th went smoothly and that over 350 students and staff members were tested. She also noted that the State of California provided at-home test kits for each student, which were distributed during these clinics. Superintendent Wright noted that the families have until Wednesday to pick up an at-home test kit for their student if they haven't done so. On Thursday, the District will distribute the remaining kits, one per staff member and to families on a first come first serve basis for the remaining students who have not already picked one up.

Superintendent Wright reported that, during the weekly Sacramento Superintendent's call held that morning, Dr. Kasirye, was in attendance to learn how the Sacramento County Districts were doing in the school settings and to provide the superintendents with updated information on COVID cases. Dr. Kasirye will be sending out updated guidelines for contact tracing. The county is asking that, if 20% of a class, of an athletic program, of a school or district tests positive, a conversation will be had with Superintendent Wright, a Public Health Officer and our school nurse to determine how to quarantine.

Superintendent Wright announced that the numbers on the Covid-19 Dashboard are very concerning. The symptoms are less severe than the other variant, however, the contagions rate is extremely high and spreads very fast.

The State plans on sending out additional Personal Protect Equipment (PPE) to the school sites. The PPE will be delivered to our County Office of Education, who will distribute to our District. Jen and Ken Gaston have worked closely with our county office when these COVID supplies become available to be pickup. Masks and testing kits are hard to come by and these additional PPE supplies will be very helpful.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that the California Public Health Officer will be sending out new guidelines regarding spectators at athletic events. It looks like athletic events will be more restrictive.

Dr. Kasirye informed the Superintendents and would like them to reach out to their districts, that there is social media hype that getting COVID intentionally to "get it over with", so it will all be done. Dr. Kasirye stresses that this is not the case with this virus. She stated that it is not like getting a bad cold, but a life-threatening disease.

Superintendent Wright noted that our healthcare system is being negatively impacted and they can't keep up with load, especially the ambulance services. She also mentioned that

the long-term symptoms with Covid does not go away when the contagious phase is gone, the symptoms linger. The more people that get infected, the better chance of the virus will mutate into a new variant and the cycle will continue.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that staffing shortages are a real thing. Our District has been impacted. She stated that, as of today the District has ten staff members that have Covid related absences, six active Covid cases and four who are caring for their children.

Superintendent Wright announced that the District would be providing Covid testing and vaccination clinics in the District later in the week in Courtland and Walnut Grove. However, grant related Sacramento County Testing Clinic that was held in Walnut Grove has expired and will close at the end of January.

Superintendent Wright announced that on January 6, 2022 an Order from the Health Officer of Sacramento County is directing all public meetings be held virtually until further notice. The District will be holding future Board meetings via Zoom Webinar.

9.4 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, Directors of MOT

9.4.1 Business Services' Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer

9.4.1.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that enrollment has decreased by 81 students, compared to the same month of school year 2019-2020. Enrollment has decreased by one compared to last month. The Average Daily Attendance (ADA) has decreased by 16 compared to last month.

9.4.1.2 Monthly Financial Report – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the financial statement is as of December 20, 2021 since this was the date of the last Accounts Payable run and the payroll is payable on January 1st.

9.4.2 Timeline for preparation of the 2022-2023 District Budget and LCAP – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer reported that the 2022-2023 timeline has been based on the prior year timeline. The timeline may be adjusted due to the input meetings will be held via Zoom. There has been an additional item listed in February, the LCAP Supplemental that will be part of the Annual Update.

9.4.3 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT reported that, in addition to the report submitted at last month's meeting, he announced that a van driver had been hired. However, after the driver completed all the necessary paperwork to start in the position, he was called with information regarding his start date. He informed the Director of Personnel that he will not be accepting the position.

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that the hill on the far side of the football stadium on the visitor's side at Rio Vista High School is falling. It is creating large holes that are filling in with water. He mentioned that each year it is typical to have a small amount of erosion; however, this summer repairs will need to be made. He also mentioned that, at the stadium, there is a eucalyptus tree that looks to be falling. It is not in danger of hitting anything, but, will be a large mess to clean up if it does fall.

9.5 Education Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) - Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer and Jamie Quirino Bautista, Director of Special Education

9.5.1 Educational Services Update – Nicole Latimer, Chief Educational Services Officer was not in attendance – Superintendent Wright reported that schools is just reopening after a much-needed break.

9.5.2 Williams' Settlement Public Notification regarding sufficiency of teachers, facilities, and textbook and instructional materials – Second Quarter (October – December 2021) – Nicole Latimer, Educational Services Officer was not in attendance – Superintendent Wright reported that she was able to confirm during the second quarter there were no insufficiencies to report.

9.5.3 Special Education Update – Jamie Quirino Bautista, Director of Special Education was not in attendance – Superintendent Wright reported that Ms. Bautista will be out the remainder of the week. However, she and the Health Services team are working on obtaining mobile clinic van to provide health services to families.

- 9.6 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Alyson Stiles, RDUTA President reported that last month the union ratified the Tentative Agreement. She received notice from the District that, after it has been approved by the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), it will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting for approval. The negotiation team is sending out surveys to its members and hopefully they will be able to Sunshine soon to start the negotiation process for this year's contract.
- 9.7 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Delta Chapter #319 Update – Melinda Barkman, CSEA President – No report given
- 9.8 Hold a Public Hearing to Receive Comments from Stakeholders Regarding the Revised Proposed Trustee Area Redistricting Map Using 2020 Census Data – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Open Public Hearing: 7:08 pm

Public Comments: Superintendent Wright explained that after slight adjustments from suggestions mentioned during the Public Hearing in December, which did not affect the 10% variance rule are being presented one last time for public comments and input. There were no public comments to report.

Close Public Hearing: 7:10 pm

10. Consent Calendar

- 10.1 Approve Board Minutes
 Regular Meeting of the Board, December 14, 2021
 Special Meeting of the Board, December 17, 2021
- 10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports
 As of January 11, 2022
- 10.3 District's Monthly Expenditure Report
 December 2021
- 10.4 Request to Approve the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Continued Funding Application for FY 2022-2023 – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.5 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence for Employee #0012013 through March 28, 2022 – Codi Agan, Director of Personnel
- 10.6 Request to Approve the Leave of Absence for Employee #001688 through March 21, 2022 – Codi Agan, Director of Personnel
- 10.7 Request to Approve the Agreement with LermanSenter Communications Law in Connection with Federal Communications Laws and the Rules and Policies for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as it Pertains to Radio Station KRVH – Tammy Busch, Chief Business Officer
- 10.8 Request to Declare Non-Operational Technology Equipment as Surplus and Deem its Value as Zero at Rio Vista High School – Victoria Turk, Principal
- 10.9 Request to Surplus Library Books that are Damaged, Duplicates, or Out of Date from Rio Vista High School - Victoria Turk, Principal
- 10.10 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge:
 Rio Vista High School – Joseph Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Kyle Turk and Kearsten Shepherd - \$1,000

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

Member Stone acknowledged those who donated and thanked them for their continuing support.

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 Adjusted Trustee Area Boundaries using the 2020 Census Data – Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

12. Request to Approve the Agreement for Services with Learning for Living, Inc. to Provide a Pre-recorded Assembly, Facilitate a Student Leadership Training and a Two-day Workshop January 24-26, 2022 at Rio Vista High School – Victoria Turk, Principal

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

14. 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.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

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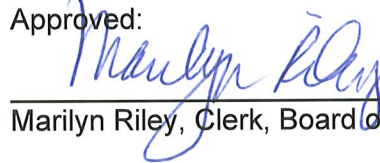


Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

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Approved:



Marilyn Riley, Clerk, Board of Trustees

