

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2023

1. **Call Open Session to Order** – Board President Lamera called the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:34 p.m. on March 14, 2023, at Walnut Grove Elementary School, Walnut Grove, California.
2. **Roll Call of Members:**
 - Marcial Lamera, President
 - Jennifer Stone, Vice President
 - Randall Jelly, Clerk (Absent)
 - Marilyn Riley, Member
 - Rafaela Casillas, Member
 - Wanda Apel, Member
 - Dan Mahoney, MemberAlso present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent
3. **Review, Approve the Closed Session Agenda**
 - 3.1 Board President Lamera announced items on the Closed Session Agenda
 - 3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. – None to report
4. **Approve Closed Session and Adjourn to Closed Session**
 - 4.3 Board President Lamera asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda and Adjourn the meeting to **Closed Session @ 5:37 pm**
Member Riley moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
5. **Open Session was reconvened at 6:49 pm**
 - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Jelly was absent, all other members were present.
Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services; Nancy Vielhauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
 - 5.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Lamera
6. **Report of Action taken, if any, during the Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1)**

Board President Lamera reported that the Board received information; no action taken during Closed Session. However, The Board will table Action Item #11 Student Expulsion Case #2223-222-002 to discuss further during Closed Session that will be held concluding the General Open Session. Board President Lamera stated that the Board would then reconvene to Open Session and vote on Action Item #11.
7. **Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda**

Board President Lamera asked for a motion to approve the Open Session Agenda
Member Stone moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
8. **Public Comment:**

Inés González, a parent of three students who attends schools in the District. Two that attend Delta High School and one that attends Bates Elementary School. She spoke of the progress of the students in the Spanish program at Bates Elementary School. As parents they are very proud that the children have the opportunity to speak Spanish, which is their home language. She stated that the parents feel a connection with the school when picking their students and find it very valuable to be able to speak with them in Spanish. They have been able to have conversations that they have not had in the past. She stated that she comes representing a group of parents and they are very grateful for Bates Elementary School and invite all parents to come to the school.

Maribel Larios, a Delta High School student, mentioned that she has three siblings that attend Bates Elementary School and would like to talk about the Dual Immersion Program. She has the opinion that being bilingual is very beneficial and improves academic achievement with a bilingual education. She mentioned that being bilingual provides more job opportunities and it is an advantage. She wished that she had had a chance to participate in a Dual Immersion Program.

9.1.9. Special Presentations

9.1.1 Presentation from the California State Preschool – Suzanne Cline and Students. The presenters were unavailable to attend this evening's meeting and will present at a future time.

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

9.2.1 Board Members' report(s) – Board President Lamera reported that on February 25th that he, Superintendent Wright, Members Stone and Mahoney, as well as representatives from RGM Kramer, Inc. held a very productive Bond Presentation and Tour of Delta High and Clarksburg Middle Schools. He stated that they are eager to analyze the information received for future projects at these school sites.

President Lamera also reported that he attended the Delta High and Clarksburg Middle School's School Site Council meeting on February 28th. They discussed routine maintenance items that could be done around the campuses, as well as aligning the Site Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) with the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals.

Board President Lamera mentioned that on March 1st, he attended the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting. He noted that it was interesting to see how other entities run their meetings. His attendance was primarily to celebrate the retirement of Bennett Lamera, Chief Financial Officer for Sacramento County.

Lastly, President Lamera announced that he wrote a letter in support of the Friends of Clarksburg regarding the North Park and Aquatic Center. He mentioned that this in response to Congressman Thompson's visit and his support for federal funding for the project.

9.2.2 Committee report(s)

9.2.2.1 City of Rio Vista 2 X 2 report(s) Member Mahoney reported that this was the first meeting that people outside of the normal attendees were present to provide input and voice their opinions, which he thought was great. Member Mahoney expressed his opinion that the City of Rio Vista is in need of additional athletic fields. He mentioned that it may be a possibility that the District and the City enter into a Joint Facility Use Agreement.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that at the 2 X 2 meeting they are continuing the discussion of a future water well site located at Rio Vista High School near the bus garage and what kind of partnership can be considered.

9.2.3 Superintendent Wright's report(s) Superintendent Wright reported that this month has been full of progressive planning for the end of year activities and for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Wright mentioned that the River Delta Unified School District Negotiating Team met with the California School Employees Association labor partners to discuss several classified job descriptions which are in desperate need of revision; some job descriptions are over 30 years old.

Superintendent Wright said it was an honor to return as a student and staff alumni to D.H. White Elementary School to read to a 2nd grade class for Read Across America Day. She mentioned that the students were content, well-behaved and great listeners. She enjoyed every minute. She thanked them for the invitation to read to the students.

Superintendent Wright announced that she is a member of the Education Committee for Soroptimist International of Rio Vista. On Wednesdays, her committee, along with other dedicated members, hosted the Dream It Be It Conference for any female students at Rio Vista High School who signed up to attend. The conference focused on self-

reflection, future dreams, goals and careers. She wasn't able to attend the conference but, with the help of Mr. Wright they were able to get the audio equipment set up for them. The panel of alumni spoke to the 26 students who attended the conference.

Superintendent Wright reported that Codi Agan, Director of Personnel, has been doing an incredible job of designing our new recruitment website, Team Tailor. She encouraged everyone to take a look at what she's put together, mentioning that the link could be found on our District's website. The number of applicants for our open positions has increased by over 50% which is exciting and encouraging. She mentioned that Mrs. Agan has also scheduled a team of staff members to attend seven different recruitment fairs at colleges that prepare teacher preparation programs. Ms. Gornto and Mrs. Cronin attended the first fair at Sonoma State last Friday. She stated that they are hopeful that these and many other efforts will ensure that our current, and possibly future, vacancies will be filled.

9.2.3.1 Board of Trustees Retreat – Superintendent Wright mentioned that it is possible to post and hold a Board Retreat. She mentioned that some of the most impactful retreats focus on the role of a Board Member, what is in the jurisdiction of a Board Member, the Brown Act and the order of the meeting, how restrictive social media is for Board Members, how the District's budget works, such as, how do sites get their allocations, what funding sources come into the District. Superintendent asked for the Board's feedback and direction if they would like to begin planning a Board Retreat. All members in attendance were in favor of planning a Retreat.

9.3 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, Directors of MOT

Ms. Busch provided an update to the Board regarding Cal OES/FEMA and the storm damage the District received noting that they are moving rather quickly on storm damage claims. She also mentioned that Solano County is now being included in the counties that qualify for funding reimbursement. Ms. Busch stated that she will be attending each recovery interviewing meeting with all three counties individually.

Ms. Busch reported that the Future Chefs Competition has been put on hold, as only one recipe submission has been received.

Ms. Busch stated that the District is working on a proactive replacement plan for technology.

9.3.1 ADA/Enrollment Report – Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services reported that the District's enrollment has decreased by 60 students compared to this month in the 2021-2022 school year. From last month the District's has seen an increase of seven students. The ADA compared to the same month in the 2021-2022 school year has seen a decrease of six and compared to last month a decrease of two.

9.4 Maintenance, Operations & Transportation Update, Ken Gaston, Director of MOT was not in attendance, his report is as submitted.

9.5 Education Services' Reports and/or Presentation(s) - Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services and Tracy Barbieri, Director of Special Education

9.5.1 Educational Services Update – Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services reported that the Educational Services Department has been working on several different projects. They have been planning for the Opening Day professional development opportunities for next school year. They are working with the TOSAs on programing for technology and for instructional practices. Ed. Services is working with the sites on their master schedules for next year in efforts to have them completed by the end of this school year. She has been collaborating with other contributors on the 2023-2024 LCAP. Her team has been working on the CTE agreements with local

college, as the current agreements need to be updated. The CTE programs have new equipment that require training. These trainings are currently being scheduled.

Member Apel inquired if Board members will be invited to the professional development event at the beginning of the new school year. Ms. Vielhauer confirmed that they are welcome.

9.5.1.1 Sacramento County Office of Education's FY 2022-2023 Second Quarterly Williams Review Report for River Delta Unified School District – Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services explained the background of this report. She stated that Education Code section 1240 requires that County Offices of Education visit school districts that have been identified under the Williams Settlement criterion to determine if students have sufficient instructional materials, the facilities are in good repair, the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) are accurate, if there are any vacant positions or teacher misassignments and if the district received any uniform complaints.

SCOE provides its school districts with a quarterly report regarding the results of the school site visits and reviews for submission to the districts' governing board. Riverview Middle School is required to receive Williams visits and reviews.

Ms. Vielhauer reported that during the second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) did not conduct any site reviews of instructional materials, facilities or SARCs. SCOE reported there were two teacher misassignments, zero corrected teacher misassignments and two teacher vacancies. There were no complaints filed in the District under the Uniform Complaint Procedure during the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

9.6 River Delta Unified Teacher's Association (RDUTA) Update – Chris Smith, RDUTA President, reported that he has received concerns from a few elementary school teachers. He stated that not being an elementary school teacher he will explain to the best of his knowledge. Mr. Smith noted that when entering grades at the end of the grading term it is a requirement to have taught benchmarks that are included in the particular term. If a teacher covered different material or different benchmarks during that term the grades could not be counted as it was not covered in the benchmarks assigned to that grading period.

Superintendent Wright gave background for how the grading was developed. She stated that the District has two different curriculum councils, an elementary and a secondary council. These curriculum councils recommended what benchmarks would be covered in each term. This process was created so each school site would be following the same benchmarks each term throughout each grade level in the District. For example: if a student moved from one school to another in the district, the student would not miss out on content taught while they attended another school. She stated that each grade level team met and determined what would be taught during each term.

Ms. Vielhauer mentioned that they are working with a few of the teachers and anticipates resolution as soon as tomorrow.

Mr. Mahoney congratulated Mr. Smith on his accomplishments with the Rio Vista High School Wrestling Team this year.

9.7 California State Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #319 Update – Patty DuBois, Interim CSEA President, introduced herself to the Board of Trustees, stating that she has been with the District for 31 years and is now the D. H. White Elementary School Secretary. Mrs. DuBois is currently taking on the role of Interim CSEA President. Her update included that CSEA met with the District's negotiation team as Superintendent Wright spoke of earlier. She stated that it was a very productive day. Two of the job descriptions have been agreed upon and are going through the 610 process. They are moving forward with the job description of Secretary which many of these positions have completely different tasks and are completely different from each other. Mrs. DuBois also mentioned that other job descriptions will be reviewed for revision.

Mrs. DuBois stated that CSEA Chapter #319 has “Sunshined” their 2022-2023 negotiation proposals which you will see later in the agenda. She also mentioned that it is a pleasure to work with the negotiation team at the District Office.

Member Riley thanked Mrs. DuBois for her 31 years of service to the District.

- 9.8 Hold a Public Hearing to “Sunshine” California State Employees Association (CSEA) Delta Chapter #319 Negotiation Proposals to the River Delta Unified School District for 2022-2023 – Patty DuBois, Interim CSEA President and Katherine Wright, Superintendent

Open Public Hearing: 7:33 pm

Public Comments: Superintendent Wright spoke on behalf of herself and Mrs. DuBois to collaboratively announced that Article 11 - Leaves and Article 13 - Layoff and Reemployment are the proposed items from CSEA for negotiation for the 2022-2023 school year. Superintendent reminded the Board that in December the District “sunshined” Article 6 - Hours and Overtime, stating that these three articles that will be discussed during the upcoming negotiation sessions.

There were no other comments or concerns given during this Hearing.

Close Public Hearing: 7:35 pm

10. Consent Calendar

10.1 Approve Board Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board, February 21, 2023

Special Meeting of the Board, March 2, 2023

10.2 Receive and Approve Monthly Personnel Reports

As of March 14, 2023

10.3 District’s Monthly Expenditure Report

February 2023

10.4 Request to Approve the Agreement with Jason Jedamski, Ignite2Unite to Facilitate a 6-hour Workshop with 100 Student Leaders Comprised of Approximately 25 Leaders from the Following Groups: Arts, Athletics, Activities and Academics at Rio Vista High School – Not to Exceed \$5,060, Site Funds – Victoria Turk, Principal

10.5 Request to Approve the Renewal Agreement with Frontline Education for Absence and Time Solution and Frontline Central Solution for the 2023-2024 School Year, Annual Cost of \$22,248.34 from General Funds - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services

10.5 Request to Approve the Spending Plan of the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Block Grant For the 2022-2023 School Year – Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services

10.7 Request to Approve Bates Elementary School Associate Student Body (ASB) Local Business Appeals for Donations Fundraiser for 6th Grade Student Participation Fees for Sly Park Science Camp Field Trip from April 10-14, 2023 - Dr. MJ Kiwan Gómez, Principal

10.8 Request to Approve the Agreement with Mark Schumacher to Provide Professional Development for the Teacher Pre-Service Day 2023-2024 School Year, Not to Exceed \$5,000, Supplemental Funds - Nancy Vielhauer, Asst. Superintendent of Ed. Services

10.9 Request to Approve the Overnight Travel for Delta High School Teachers, Charles Van Riper and Matthew Rooney, with 25 Delta High School Students to Attend the FFA Leadership Conference in Ontario, California on March 15-19, 2023, Ag Incentive Grant – Craig Cornelson, Principal

10.10 Donations to Receive and Acknowledge

Rio Vista High School – In Memory of Sal Nygard

Victoria Turk

Collin Turk

Cheryle Apple

Isleton Elementary School

Isleton PTA - \$4,075 Staff Appreciation

Isleton PTA - \$2000 Gaga Ball Pit for students

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

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

Action Items -- Individual speakers who have submitted a Comment Card 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 including the Public Comments made previously in this meeting. The Board will follow the process for Public Comments listed above.

11. During Closed Session the Board Reviewed Student Expulsion Case #2223-222-002. The Board's Decision is as Follows – Board President Lamera reported that during Closed Session the Board reviewed expulsion documents and recommendation submitted by Site Administrator and the River Delta Unified School District Administrative Student Discipline Panel for Student Expulsion Case #2223-222-002. The Board's Decision is as Follows:
1. After careful consideration of the recommendations of the Administrative Student Discipline Panel, I motion that the student of expulsion case# 2223-222-002 be expelled from all schools within the River Delta Unified School District during the period of the expulsion from March 15, 2023 to December 15, 2023.
 2. Student #2223-222-002 will be referred to a County School outside of the District.
 3. The Board has reviewed the Rehabilitation Plan submitted. The Trustees would like to add the following items to the Rehabilitation Plan.
 - a. Student #2223-222-002 shall appear before the Board of Trustees during Closed Session at the June 13, 2023 meeting as well as the December 12, 2023 meeting. Student will provide a current clean drug test report to the Board at each meeting. If the Board deems substantial progress on their Rehab Plan, they will grant the opportunity to enroll in the District's Community Day School in August 2023 if staffing and programming permits.
 - b. If Student #2223-222-002 enrolls in the District's Community Day School, they will be granted access to that school site only and shall remain off all other River Delta Unified School District campus and facilities during the expulsion period.
 - c. If the Board grants permission for Student #2223-222-002 enrollment in the District's Community Day School and the parents enroll said student, they shall submit to random searches, including but not limited to: electronic devices District property or otherwise, their backpack, bag, any other belonging in their possession as well as their person. These searches shall remain in effect until the end of their expulsion period.
 4. Pursuant to Education Code 48916, If the student in expulsion case #2223-222-002 complies with all of the terms and conditions set forth in approved Rehabilitation Plan, they shall be readmitted at the end of the expulsion period as a regular student of the District of residence with all rights and privileges allowed.
 - a. If they do not, as determined by the school principal, they will have to appear before an Administrative Student Discipline Panel Hearing to determine the possible options, up to and including an extension of the expulsion recommendation to be presented to the Board of Trustees. The rehabilitation has been approved with these additional points listed above.

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

12. 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 December 2022 - Katherine Wright, Superintendent

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

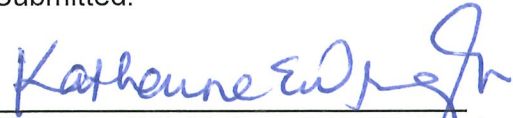
13. Request to Approve the Second Interim for FY 2022-2023 - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services

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

14. Request to Approve the Riverview Middle School Modernization. Consultant contracts with HKIT Architects and RGM Kramer, Inc., Project Program and Master Budget, Measure J not to exceed \$8,225,341 - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
15. Request the Approval to Award a Contract for Roofing Replacement for Buildings A & B at D. H. White Elementary School to the Lowest, Responsible Bidder, Diablo Roofing, Inc., Measure J not to exceed \$403,850 - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
16. Request the Approval to Award a Contract for Roofing Replacement for Building D at Rio Vista High School to the Lowest, Responsible Bidder, Pac Shield Roof Services, Inc., Measure J not to exceed \$365,668 - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
17. Request the Approval to Award a Contract for Roofing Repairs at Delta High School Building A to the Lowest, Responsible Bidder, Clark Roofing, Inc., Measure K not to exceed \$260,000 - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
18. 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, Citation Revisions and/or alignment of District procedures regarding Transportation BP3250 Transportation Fee (Delete), AR3541 Transportation and BP/AR 6158 Independent Study - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Stone moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
19. Request to Approve the District's Transportation Plan for 2022-2024 School Years - Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
20. Request to Approve Resolution #844 to Pay Absent Board Member Jennifer Stone Due to Family Illness or Injury from the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Katherine Wright, Superintendent
Member Mahoney moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 5 (Ayes: Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly): 1 Abstention (Stone)
21. Request to Acknowledge the "Sunshined" California State Employees Association (CSEA) Delta Chapter #319 Negotiation Proposals to the River Delta Unified School District for 2022-2023 – Patty DuBois, Interim CSEA President and Katherine Wright, Superintendent
Member Riley moved to approve, Member Casillas seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)
22. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President Lamera reported that the Board would reconvene to Closed Session at 8:13pm
23. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1) – Board President Lamera reconvened the Open Session at 9:32pm. He reported that no actions were taken during Closed Session.
24. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Board President Lamera asked for a motion to adjourn.
Member Casillas moved to approve, Member Riley seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Riley, Casillas, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Jelly)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm

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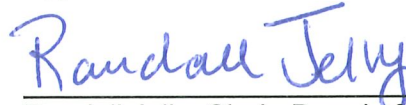
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katherine Wright".

Katherine Wright, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

End

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall Jelly".

Randall Jelly, Clerk, Board of Trustees