

# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING October 21, 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 8:30 a.m. on October 21, 2023 at The Club at the Thisby Ranch, Walnut Grove, California.
  2. Roll Call of Members:
    - Marcial Lamera, President
    - Jennifer Stone, Vice President
    - Randall Jelly, Clerk
    - Marilyn Riley, Member
    - Rafaela Casillas, Member (Absent)
    - Wanda Apel, Member
    - Dan Mahoney, Member (excused himself at 2:52pm)
- Also present: Katherine Wright, Superintendent; Tammy Busch, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services; Nancy Viehauer, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder.
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. Board President Lamera asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session agenda
    - Member Riley moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Jelly, Riley, Apel, Casillas, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*
  5. Open Session was reconvened at 9:56 am
    - 5.1 Roll was retaken. Member Casillas 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 and Jennifer Gaston, Recorder
    - 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.
  7. Review and Approve the Open Session Agenda
    - 7.1 Board President Lamera asked for a motion to approve the Open Session agenda
      - Member Jelly moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Jelly, Riley, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*
  8. Public Comment: No comments to report
  9. Request to Approve the Purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra K3500 DE for the Rio Vista High School Agricultural Department, Cost of \$54,017.096 Plus Applicable Fees, K12 Strong Workforce Program Grant – Nancy Viehauer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
    - Member Stone moved to approve, Member Apel seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Jelly, Riley, Apel, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*
  10. Welcome Guest and Presenters – Katherine Wright, Superintendent welcomed Eric Stevens from Edwards, Stevens and Tucker, LLP. Introductions were made to familiarize the Board members, District Staff and Mr. Stevens.

11. Hold an Effective Governance Workshop/Study Session – President Lamera welcomed Mr. Stevens and invited him to start the River Delta Unified School District’s Board Retreat Learning Session. Mr. Stevens provided the Board with a detailed explanation of “The Board’s Role”, what is and what isn’t their role, including their primary responsibilities. He provided a training on the Brown Act, including respectfully holding each other accountable. and essential information about Closed Session. In regard to the Brown Act, he also spoke of the Agenda and Notice Requirements and the Boards participation in the meetings. Mr. Stevens provided guidance on how the Board should deal with electronic communication. Lastly, Mr. Stevens gave an overview of the process of holding a compliant Expulsion Hearing, detailing the initial steps and follow-up items they need in making the final decision in an expulsion case. Mr. Stevens gave the Board members an opportunity to ask questions on the information given.

Board President Lamera asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting for Lunch at 12:03pm  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Jelly, Riley, Apel, Casillas, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

Board President Lamera asked for a motion to readjourn the meeting after Lunch at 12:43pm  
*Member Apel moved to approve, Member Stone seconded. Motion carried 6 (Ayes: Stone, Jelly, Riley, Apel, Casillas, Mahoney, Lamera): 0 (Nays): 1 (Absent: Casillas)*

Ms. Busch provided a learning session on understanding the District’s Budget and reading and understanding the financial reports.

Superintendent Wright discussed 2023-2024 Goal Setting for the District and strategic objectives.

12. Re-Adjourn to continue Closed Session, if needed – Board President Lamera reported that the Board would not reconvene to Closed Session.
13. Report of Action taken, if any, during continued Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957.1)  
Board President Lamera reported that the Board had not reconvened to Closed Session and have nothing to report.
14. Adjournment: Member Lamera requested that with there being no further business before the Board, Board President Lamera asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm

Submitted:

Approved:



Katherine Wright, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Randall Jelly, Clerk, Board of Trustees

By: Jennifer Gaston, Recorder

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