MINUTES

RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 11, 2023

Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center

182 East Walnut Avenue

Rialto, California

Board Members

Present:

Stephanie E. Lewis, President Joseph W. Martinez, Clerk Evelyn P. Dominguez, Member

Edgar Montes, Member

Keiyne Galazo, Student Board Member

Board Members

Absent:

Nancy G. O'Kelley, Vice President

Administrators

Present:

Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent Norberto Perez, Interim Lead Innovation Agent Diane Romo, Lead Business Services Agent Armando Urteaga, Lead Personnel Agent Also present was Martha Degortari, Executive Administrative Agent and Interpreters/Translators

A. OPENING

A.1 CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Board President, Stephanie E. Lewis, at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, at 182 E. Walnut Avenue, Rialto, California 92376.

A.2 OPEN SESSION

A.3 CLOSED SESSION

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
 EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/
 REASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEES (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957)
- STUDENT EXPULSIONS/REINSTATEMENTS/EXPULSION ENROLLMENTS
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Lead Personnel Agents: Rhonda Kramer, Roxanne Dominguez, and Armando Urteaga, Personnel Services.

Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)

 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d) and/or (d)(3). CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE LITIGATION

Number of Potential Claims: 1

 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATIONInitiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4) (One case)

COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Vice President O'Kelley was absent and Member Montes was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session:

Time: 6:02 p.m.

Majority Vote

A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Clerk Martinez

Seconded By Member Montes

Vice President O'Kelley was absent and Member Dominguez was not present during this vote. Vote by Board Members to adjourn Closed Session:

Time: 7:02 p.m.

Majority Vote

A.5 OPEN SESSION RECONVENED - 7:00 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dollahan Elementary School 5th grade student, Emily Raygoza, led the pledge of allegiance.

A.7 PRESENTATION BY DOLLAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Helen L. Dollahan Elementary School students from Mrs. Tiffany Stubblefield's Kindergarten class and Mr. David Emrick's 5th grade class, sang "So Many Colors, So Many Shapes.

A.8 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

The Board of Education took action, in Closed Session, to pursue a lawsuit for breach of contract. The defendants and other details regarding this action will be disclosed to any person, upon request, after service of the complaint on the defendants has been completed.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

A.9 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By

Clerk Martinez

Seconded By

President Lewis

Consent Calendar items E.3.13 and E.3.17 will be voted on separately.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

B. <u>PRESENTATIONS</u>

B.1 HIGH SCHOOL - DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DSAC)

The following DSAC students shared information and activities held at their school:

Juan Loza – Carter High School
Diego Aguirre – Milor High School
Emilin Gutierrez – Rialto High School
Mikayla Lopez – Eisenhower High School

C. COMMENTS

C.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item <u>not on</u> the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Michael Montano, Rialto High School Teacher, shared a quote from Robert Frost's, *The Road Not Taken.* He talked about A-G and our students, which he said he spoke about in past meeting. He states that our

students are set up to go to a four-year college. He reminisced on his two low grades in high school. Schools are set up as if 80 % students are going to college. He commented that the decision of retaking courses due to a low grade should be the choice of the student and family.

Celia Saravia, Representing Amigos Unidos, Group of Parent of Children with Special Needs, congratulated staff for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration held the past Friday. She acknowledged the staff by name who helped to organize the event. She stated that she is very proud of our District. She invited all parents to take advantage of all the resources the District has to offer. She encouraged staff to attend the events that the DSAC students extended an invitation to. She addressed the Student Board member and stated she loves to hear from her.

C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item <u>on</u> the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Rialto Education Association (REA)
- California School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Communications Workers of America (CWA)
- Rialto School Managers Association (RSMA)

Tobin Brinker, Rialto Education Association (REA) President, thanked everyone who was involved in the negotiation process. He shared that 87% voted in favor of the settlement offer, and it will be added to agenda of October 25, 2023. He commented that the raise should be seen on employees' December 1st paycheck. He inquired of some teachers as to how they felt about the contract. Teachers' comments included the following: feeling of hurt and frustrated because of how long it took; the District highlights amazing things, but some do not feel the District listens to teachers; the concern for the high cost of gas and food.

He hopes that we can build the frayed relationship between REA and the District. He commented that one of the items they would like to discuss is to bring pack the per diem pay for all extra duty for teachers, and to listen to concerns about standards-based grading. He spoke of allowing teachers

to impose classroom suspension. He ended his statement with a quote on respect.

Chris Cordasco, California School Employees Association (CSEA) President, Chapter 203, expressed his gratitude for settling their contract. There were 22 or 23 counter proposals and it could have settled a lot sooner. He concluded by stating that he is looking forward to getting the class and comp study finalized.

Mario Carranza, President of Rialto School Management Association (RSMA) thanks those who were able to attend the tailgate party last week. The next event will be a Holiday event. Keep your eyes open for that information.

- C.4 COMMENTS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBER
- C.5 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
- C.6 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
- D. PUBLIC HEARING
 - D.1 PUBLIC INFORMATION
 - D.1.1 FOURTH QUARTER 2022-2023 WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT REPORT

E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

All items on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless pulled by Board of Education members or the Superintendent for individual action.

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Consent Calendar items E.3.13 and E.3.17 will be voted on separately.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members to approve consent calendar items, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

- **E.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS NONE**
- **E.2 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS NONE**

E.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

E.3.1 APPROVE THE WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

All funds from September 6, 2023 through September 19, 2023, (Sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available on the District's website.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.2 DONATIONS

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Accept the listed donations from DonorsChoose, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.3 SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATION

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Approve Henry Hawks PTA as a School-Connected Organization for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

E.3.4 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH LEARNPLATFORM

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Participate in a research study on the effectiveness of the Discovery Education science curriculum with nine (9), grade 5 teachers, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.5 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH BLU EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Increase college access and completion among traditionally underserved students, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2026, at no cost to the District.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.6 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COLLEGE CORPS AND RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Students to serve as interns in the District and also serve as tutors in the Early College and AVID programs, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.7 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CALIFORNIANSFORALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO (CSUSB) AND RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide nine (9) math tutors to nine elementary sites and one (1) STEM fellow to the District STEM Center, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.8 APPROVE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MANHOOD PROJECT - MILOR HIGH SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide Social Emotional Learning support and mentor training for teachers and students at Milor High School, effective October 20, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$12,000.00, and to be paid from the Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI) Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

E.3.9 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH KAISER PERMANENTE FRISBIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide two Mental Health Awareness assemblies through the Kaiser Permanente "Ghosted program" to all grade 8 students at Frisbie Middle School, effective October 23, 2023, at no cost to the District.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.10 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SMARTPASS - RUSD MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide SmartPass for the RUSD Middle Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, effective October 12, 2023 through October 11, 2024, at a cost structure of \$3.59 per student, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.11 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH NEVER STOP GRINDING (NSG) IMPACT - FRISBIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide a structured 90 minute activity program, two times a week, with a total of 54 sessions, effective October 12, 2023 through May 10, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$39,874.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.12APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MARC GRIFFITHS - DUNN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide a Character Education Program at Dunn Elementary School, effective October 12, 2023, through May 30, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$875.00, and to be paid from the General Fund (Title I).

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.14APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL YARD RAP

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Provide eight (8) Latino History and Black History Culture assemblies afterschool, professional development for 2 teachers, access codes for supplemental cultural curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade 5, and 200 tickets to the Soy Asombroso event at Bemis and Hughbanks Elementary Schools, effective October 12, 2023 through May 31, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$25,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund and Expanded Learning Program Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

E.3.15APPROVE ALIANZA LATINA'S EXECUTIVE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HACU) 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Approve five (5) team members from the Rialto Unified School District Alianza Latina parent organization, to attend the HACU 37th Annual Conference to be held October 28 through October 30, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois, at a cost not-to-exceed \$15,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.3.16 APPROVE A RITZ (RIALTO'S INCREDIBLE TALENT ZONE) COMMITTEE MEMBER TO ATTEND THE 2023 GOLDEN BELL AWARDS CEREMONY

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Approve one (1) RITZ (Rialto's Incredible Talent Zone) committee member, to attend the CSBA 2023 Golden Bell Award Ceremony, November 29, 2023 through December 1, 2023, in San Francisco, California, which includes registration to the awards ceremony, transportation, and meals, at a cost not to exceed \$750.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.4 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS

E.4.1 NOTICE OF COMPLETION - MIKE'S CUSTOM FLOORING

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Accept the work completed on June 30, 2023, by Mike's Custom Flooring for the Carter High School Flooring Project, and authorize District staff to file a Notice of Completion with the San Bernardino County Recorder.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.5 PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

E.5.1 APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT NO. 1307 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E.6 MINUTES

E.6.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

E.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

E.3.13 APPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE (CEI)
COHORT III - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK (PLN)
PARENT AND STUDENT TRAVEL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Approve (2) parents/guardians, (2) students, (2) site administrators, (1) Community Partner, (2) district classified staff members, and (5) district administrators to attend the CEI Cohort III - Professional Learning Network to be held on October 26, 2023, February 1, 2024, February 2, 2024, and April 25, 2024, and April 26, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members, with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Ayes) President Lewis, Clerk Martinez, Member Montes (Abstain) Member Dominguez

Majority Vote

E.3.17 APPROVE FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER TO ATTEND AN OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AEC)

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Approve registration, lodging, transportation, and meal expenses for Student Board Member, and one (1) chaperone to attend the California Schools Board Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC), Student Board Member Program, to be held on November 29, 2023, at the Moscone West Center in San Francisco, California, at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,000.00 and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members:

(Ayes) President Lewis, Clerk Martinez, Member Montes, Member Dominguez

(Abstain) Preferential Vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

F.1 AMEND THE AWARD FOR BID NO. 23-24-002 WAREHOUSE CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Line items No. 1 and No. 11 from Maintex Inc. to Waxie Sanitary Supply.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

F.2 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PBK ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR A NEW GYMNASIUM AND SYNTHETIC TRACK AT KOLB MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

This item is effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not-to-exceed \$937,500.00, and to be paid from the General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Fund 21.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

F.3 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PBK ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR A NEW GYMNASIUM AND SYNTHETIC TRACK AT FRISBIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Provide architectural and design services for the new gymnasium and synthetic track at Frisbie Middle School, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2026, at a cost not-to-exceed \$937,500.00, and to be paid from the General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Fund 21.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

F.4 APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MINDFULNESS IN MOTION, INC.

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Member Dominguez

Provide occupational therapy direct services, and assessments that are in line with student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) during 2023-2024 school year, effective October 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$100,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

F.5 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-24 FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

Moved By

President Lewis

Seconded By

Clerk Martinez

Declare October 16-20, 2023, as National School Bus Safety Week and encourage all teachers, support staff, and students to participate in appropriate programs and activities.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

F.6 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-25: REMUNERATION

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By President Lewis

Excuse the absence of Board Vice President, Nancy G. O'Kelley, from the Wednesday, September 27, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board Member, Keiyne Galazo:

Majority Vote

F.7 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Moved By Member Dominguez

Seconded By Clerk Martinez

Case Numbers:

23-24-10

23-24-9

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Majority Vote

F.8 STIPULATED EXPULSION

Moved By Clerk Martinez

Seconded By President Lewis

Case Numbers:

23-24-12

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members:

Majority Vote

G. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Ave, Rialto, California.

Materials distributed or presented to the Board of Education at the Board Meeting are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.

Moved By President Lewis

Seconded By Member Dominguez

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members with preferential vote by Student Board, Keiyne Galazo:

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Majority Vote

Clerk, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education