

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DR. JOHN R. KAZALUNAS EDUCATION CENTER
182 EAST WALNUT AVENUE, RIALTO, CA 92376**

January 24, 2018

A. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Members present: Joseph W. Martinez, President; Edgar Montes, Vice President; Nancy G. O'Kelley, Clerk; Joseph Ayala, Member; and Dina Walker, Member.

Administrators present: Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent, Strategics, Congruence and Social Justice; Mohammad Z. Islam, Associate Superintendent, Business Services; Kelly Bruce, Lead Innovation Agent, Education Services; Rhea McIver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services; and Rhonda Kramer, Senior Director, Personnel Services. Also present was Nancy Mann, Administrative Secretary II.

OPEN SESSION

1. Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items. Any person wishing to speak on any item on the closed session agenda will be granted three minutes.

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/ Reassignment of Employees (Government Code section 54957)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent, Rhea Mclver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services, and Rhonda Kramer, Senior Director, Personnel Services.
Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code section 54957.6)
Designated Representative: Board President, Joseph W. Martinez
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

Upon a motion by Member Walker, seconded by Clerk O’Kelley, and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote, the Board of Education entered into closed session at 6:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Member Walker, seconded by Vice President Montes, and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote, closed session adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED – 7:02 P.M.

Members present Joseph W. Martinez, President; Edgar Montes, Vice President; Nancy G. O’Kelley, Clerk; Joseph Ayala, Member; and Dina Walker, Member.

Administrators present: Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent, Strategics, Congruence and Social Justice; Mohammad Z. Islam, Associate Superintendent, Business Services; Kelly Bruce, Lead Innovation Agent, Education Services; Rhea Mclver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services; Rhonda Kramer, Senior Director, Personnel Services. Also present was Nancy Mann, Administrative Secretary II, and Jose M. Reyes, Interpreter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ihani Cortez, 5th grade student at Garcia Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY GARCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Garcia Elementary School’s Ballet Folklorico de Garcia Dual Language Immersion 1st grade students: Jovanni Lopez, Itzaly Cortez, Isabela Solis, and Amaury Elenes performed a dance titled, “*Guadalajara*” led by Folklorico Instructor Mrs. Ivonee Perez.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent, Strategics, Congruence and Social Justice reported that in closed session the Board of Education, by a unanimous 5-0 vote, took the following action:

- Denied the request for a leave of absence for employee No. 1270338, January 29, 2018 through May 30, 2018.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Vice President Montes, seconded by Member O'Kelley, the Agenda was adopted by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Middle School – District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC)

The following DSAC students shared information and activities at their schools:

Monique Arellano - Kolb Middle School
Brianna Magana - Jehue Middle School
Desiree Perez - Kucera Middle School
Karlie Gutierrez - Frisbie Middle School
Sandra Morales - Rialto Middle School

2. Three Years "MESA High School of the Year," Mikal Thompson, Teacher, Rialto High School

President Martinez presented Mikal Thompson, Rialto High School Teacher, with a plaque for his recognition as "MESA High School of the Year" for three consecutive years.

3. Presentation by Tina Henton, CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, regarding the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Audited Financial Report

Tina Henton, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, spoke about the findings of the 2016-2017 Financial Audit. She shared highlights from the report, including the District having met all accounting standards for the year.

C. COMMENTS

1. Public Comments from the Floor: At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item **not on** the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

Maria Estrada, parent, shared her concerns for the safety of students at Morris Elementary School due to the opening of a gate. She requested assistance for additional crossing guards due to future construction of new homes near the school and the additional traffic from construction workers. Ms. Estrada requested the Board to look into the matter and consider the safety of the children at Morris Elementary School.

Linda Silva, employee and community member, requested the Board to develop a code of conduct at the podium so that employees are not attacked by community members. She spoke of her support of the District Wellness Policy and the rules/policies that need to be followed by adults.

Michael Montana, employee and community member, shared concerns on behalf of employees at Rialto High School. He spoke of retaliation for concerns that are brought up by employees and requested the Board to come and speak to the employees at the school.

Celia Zelaya, representative from Amigos Unidos, thanked the Board and employees for their kindness and generosity in giving to the special needs children at their annual Christmas event. She spoke of her support for the District's Wellness Policy and thanked the Board for enforcing it. Ms. Zelaya welcomed Eric Herrera as the new Student Board Member. She also asked the community to respect the rules of the District.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

There were no comments.

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).

Leslie Chambers, REA Vice President, presented a copy of the Rialto Education Association's "Demand to Bargain" to the Board.

Raquel Torres, CSEA President, stated she was here as a District Patrol Officer and shared information regarding upcoming school events.

4. Comments from the Superintendent
5. Comments from Members of the Board of Education

D. PUBLIC HEARING – None

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.

Approve Consent Calendar Items (Ref. E – J)

Upon a motion by Vice President Montes, seconded by Member Walker, items E – J were approved by Student Board Member Herrera's preferential vote and a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

E. MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held January 10, 2018.

F. GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS - None

G. INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Ratify the approval of the recommendation made by the Lead Student Services Agent to grant an exemption from all physical activities for Student No. 25198 for the first and second semester of the 2016-2017 school year and the first and second semester of the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Approve sixteen (16) student athletes, two (2) coaches, and (2) female District approved chaperones from Rialto High School to participate in the 2018 National Cheerleading Championships at the Anaheim Convention Center, February 23-24, 2018, at an approximate cost of \$3,450.00, to be paid from Rialto High School athletic and ASB funds.
3. Approve twelve (12) Carter High School Competitive Speech and Debate student team members, two (2) advisors, and one (1) chaperone to attend the 2018 Stanford University High School Speech and Debate Tournament at Stanford University, in Stanford, California, February 9-13, 2018, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 to be paid through the team's ASB account and \$1,000.00 to be paid through the District General Fund for academic competition transportation, and \$1,000.00 from the College Readiness Block Grant for accommodations to assist with the college tours, for a combined total of \$6,000.00.
4. Approve twenty-six (26) students of the Garcia Elementary School Cheer team, two (2) coaches, and one (1) administrator to attend the JAMZ National Championship tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 22-25, 2018, at an estimated total cost of \$3,764.50, to be paid through the District General Fund.

H. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from December 11, 2017 through January 18, 2018, (sent under separate cover to Board Members). A copy for public review will be available at the Board Meeting.
2. Accept the listed donations from Bill and Helen Trac, The Way Bible Fellowship, and Becky Gallo Hamlin, and request that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors.
3. Approve the use of the Contract No. 153859 for copier maintenance and supplies, and Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 13/14-01FA for furniture and equipment, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, pursuant to Public Contract Code 20118, to be paid by General funds.
4. Approve an agreement with PF Vision Inc. to provide Division of the State Architect (DSA) inspection services for the Kucera Middle School Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement project in the gymnasium at the rate of \$64.00 per hour for a Class 3 Inspector for a total cost not-to-exceed \$25,600.00. Overtime and Saturday services will be paid at one and one-half times the normal rate, and Sunday services will be billed at two times the normal rate, to be paid from Fund 40, Special Reserve Fund.
5. Approve a new agreement with The Community Foundation, a nonprofit, public charity located in Riverside, California, to provide a second round of the Infant-Toddler Success Program and classes to a new group parents on how they may provide enriching experiences inside and outside the home, effective February 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018, with follow-up sessions every four months until the child enters kindergarten, for the overall cost not-to-exceed \$24,000.00, or \$12,000.00 per course (one in English and one in Spanish), to be paid from Title I Funds.
6. Approve an agreement with A Better Tomorrow Education to provide Alternative Support tutoring services under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I, Part A, for identified students at Myers Elementary School, effective January 30, 2018 through April 26, 2018, at a total cost not-to-exceed \$16,200.00, to be paid from Title I, Part A Funds.
7. Approve an agreement with Valdez Educational Services, LLC, to provide Alternative Support tutoring services under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I, Part A, for identified students at Fitzgerald Elementary School, effective January 26, 2018 through March 30, 2018, at an approximate cost of \$6,480.00 for 1st and 2nd grade students for tutoring in Reading/English Language Arts during the last hour of school; and \$4,320.00 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students for tutoring in

Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics, for a combined total cost not-to-exceed \$10,800.00, to be paid from Title I, Part A Funds.

8. Approve an agreement with the San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools for the AB 212 Educational Stipend Program, which provides funding to develop and maintain an Early Education Work Force for Title 5 programs. The District will receive an administrative fee, and there is no cost or liability to the District.
9. Approve an agreement with HAZEL Health Services to provide telemedicine consultations and other related healthcare services to students only, with parent consent, at Werner Elementary School, effective January 25, 2018 through May 30, 2018, at no-cost to the District.
10. Approve an agreement with Iridescent for Curiosity Machine Design Challenges and training for Kolb Middle School teachers and parents, effective February 1, 2018 through February 1, 2022, at a total cost not-to-exceed \$6,500.00, to be paid from Title 1 funds.
11. Approve the agreement with Ludwig Engineering Associates, Inc., to prepare Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Electrical Bus Charging Station Project for the future Transportation Yard for a total cost not-to-exceed \$2,700.00, to be paid from the Fund 40, Special Reserve Fund.
12. Approve an agreement with John R. Byerly, Inc. as the engineering firm to provide material tests, structural tests, and special inspection services for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement project at Kucera Middle School gymnasium for a total cost not-to-exceed \$1,665.00, to be paid from Fund 40, Special Reserve Fund.
13. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement C-18-0043 with Twining Consulting, Inc., for the change of service period starting June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for the Eisenhower High School Stadium Reconstruction project. There is no change to the remaining terms of the said agreement.
14. Approve the agreement with SiteScan as the engineering firm to perform Utility Location services for the proposed new shade structures and restrooms at the Eisenhower High School's Girls' softball field for a total cost not-to-exceed \$1,375.00, to be paid from Fund 21 - Measure Y, Series "C", General Obligation Bond Funds.
15. Approve an additional CAL-Card with a credit limit of \$10,000.00 to be issued to Horace Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent: Strategics, Congruence and Social Justice.

I. FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS

1. Accept the work completed before November 30, 2017, by Bligh Pacific, for all work required in connection with the Central Kitchen Re-Roofing Project, and authorize District personnel to file a Notice of Completion with the San Bernardino County Recorder.

J. PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

- 1-3. Approve Personnel Report No. 1186 for classified and certificated employees.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Audited Financial Report completed by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Upon a motion by Vice President Montes, seconded by Member Walker, Item K1 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

2. Approve the change of all bank accounts and establishment of new bank accounts for the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center and all school sites from Banner Bank to Chase Bank, Rialto, California.

Upon a motion by Member Ayala, seconded by Member Walker, Item K2 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

3. Accept the invitation from WestEd to participate in an U.S. Department of Education Investing in Education (i3) Validation Grant, assessing the effectiveness of Expository Reading and Writing Course(s) (ERWC) in improving 11th and 12th graders' reading and writing skills at Carter High School and Eisenhower High School, effective for three (3) school years: 2018-19; 2019-20; and 2020-21. Each participating school site will be compensated in the amount of \$20,000.00 and the District will receive \$5,000.00. Additionally, teachers will be compensated with stipends approved by an MOU with REA.

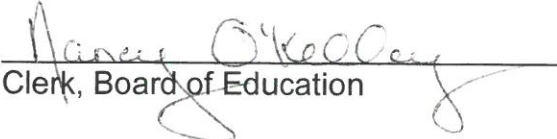
Upon a motion by Member Walker, seconded by Clerk O'Kelley, Item K3 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

4. Approve the agreement with Generation Ready to provide an Equity Institute to our site administrators, effective January 25, 2018 through June 15, 2018, at a total cost not-to-exceed \$42,000.00, to be paid from the Educator's Effectiveness Grant.

Upon a motion by Clerk O'Kelley, seconded by Vice President Montes, Item K4 was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Student Member Herrera, seconded by Vice President Montes, and approved by Student Board Member Herrera's preferential vote and a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.


Clerk, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education