

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

August 28, 2019

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 6:01 p.m., by President Montes at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376.

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

Administrators present: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Darren McDuffie, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent: Strategic, Congruence and Social Justice; Mohammad Z. Islam, Associate Superintendent, Business Services; Kelly Bruce, Lead Innovation Agent, Education Services; and Rhea McIver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent. Also present was Martha Degortari, Personnel Specialist.

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

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez, and approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote, the Board of Education entered into closed session at 6:02 p.m., to consider and discuss the following items:

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

Administrative Appointments:

- Lead Academic Agent: Secondary Literacy, Learning and Innovation
- Elementary Assistant Principal
- Agent: Facilities

2. Student Expulsions/Reinstatements/Expulsion Enrollments
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; Rhea McIver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services; and Rhonda Kramer, Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services.
Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 203 (CSEA), Rialto Education Association (REA), Communications Workers of America (CWA)
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** (Government Code section 54957.6)
Designated Representative: Board President, Edgar Montes
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent
5. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code section 54957)
Title: Superintendent

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Clerk Walker seconded by Member Martinez, and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote, closed session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED – 7:05 P.M.

President Montes announced the following:

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED, BROADCASTED, AND STREAMED LIVE, AND MAY CAPTURE IMAGES AND SOUNDS OF THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

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Administrators present: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent; 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; and Rhea McIver Gibbs, Lead Personnel Agent. Also present was Martha Degortari, Personnel Specialist, and Jose Reyes, Interpreter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jonathan Aguirre, 4th grade Casey Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY BOYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Selected students from Mrs. Fiscella's 4th grade class performed the song entitled "Hall of Fame Script".

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Superintendent Avila reported that in closed session the Board of Education, by a unanimous 5-0 vote, took the following action:

- Accepted the administrative appointment of Dr. Maria Ordaz, Elementary Assistant Principal
- Accepted the administrative appointment of Maria "Angie" Lopez, Agent: Facilities Planning
- Accepted the administrative appointment of Dr. Patricia Chavez, Lead Academic Agent: Secondary Literacy, Learning, and Innovation
- Accepted the administrative appointment of Martha Degortari, Executive Administrative Agent

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Courage – Rialto Unified School District Bullying Prevention – Adam Waggoner, Agent: Child Welfare and Attendance

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.

Felicia Jones, Associate Director with Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE) and parent of an Eisenhower High School student, spoke about her concern with the proposal by the Cal-State system to extend the A-G requirements for all incoming freshman to take four (4 years) of math for admission into the CSU system. She talked about the reasons over 60 organizations across the state are opposing this proposal and urges the District to pay attention to this and learn about it, as it will impact the District, and low income students of color.

Celia Saravia, representing Amigos Unidos, a parent support group for children with special needs, thanked Ms. Rhea McIver Gibbs and Bridgette Ealy for their assistance is solving a problem very quickly. She

is grateful for being able to count on our administration team which she feels it is due to Dr. Avila. She thanked Dr. Avila for the confidence and trust he has on administration, teachers, parents and the Board. She also shared that she is very proud of our Board, our Superintendent and staff for taking the problem of bullying seriously and giving parents the confidence that they are working together to address this issue.

Justin Bailey, High School senior at Milor High School invited everyone to sponsor him in a Skate-A-Thon which will take place on September 15, 2019. He shared that it is a great opportunity to support a STEM based activity which includes both educational components as well as physical activity in a safe environment.

Mirna Ruiz, Rialto PTA President, invited everyone to support a PTA fundraiser, "Lunch at the District" to raise money for High School senior scholarships. The fundraiser will consist of a taco lunch sale to take place at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, West Wing, on Thursday, September 5, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They will also be taking lunch orders from schools sites and making deliveries to the sites. Their goal is to raise \$5,000 this school year.

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

Brenda Parker, DAAPAC President, spoke on behalf of the SMAART program and the disparity gap of suspensions involving African American students. They are working with parents and students to address equity issues and they invite everyone to attend their first meeting which will take place on September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the PDC, Chavez/Huerta Center for Education.

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)

Lisa Lindberg, REA President, made a request to the Board and the District to support two REA members who will be attending the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) conference October 11-13, 2019, by paying for the substitute teachers during their absence. REA will be paying for the costs associated with the conference. She also asked the Board to be inclusive by commemorating a pride month during a Board meeting in support of LGBTQ.

Chris Cordasco, CSEA Chapter 203 President, shared his concern with item H-16 which involved transportation services being contracted out of

the District. He also talked about item H-22 which relates to the classification study deadline being extended. He feels that if the study would have started in October as planned, the District would not be in this situation.

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

D. PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Williams Inspection Report – Fourth Quarterly Report (Ref. D 1.1)

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Clerk Walker, Items E – H3, H5, H7-H9, H11-H22 and J1-J4 were approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education. Items H4, H6, H10 and H23 were voted on separately.

E. MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held August 14, 2019.

F. GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS

1. Second Reading of revised Board Policy 6163.2(a-c); Instruction: Animals at School.

G. INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve the Regional College and Career Fair and related costs, scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Ontario Convention Center, at a cost of \$13,500.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
2. Approve five (5) parents/guardians from the Rialto Unified School District African American Parent Advisory Council (DAAPAC) and one (1) district administrator to attend the *National Alliance of Black School Educators 47th Annual Conference (NABSE), Empowering Educational Excellence Through Equity!* The conference will be held November 13 – 17, 2019 in Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$21,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

(Ref. E 1.5)

3. Approve four (4) parents/guardians from the Rialto Unified School District to attend the *Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 33rd Annual Conference*, Chicago, Illinois, October 5-7, 2019. The conference theme is *Meeting the Challenge of Prosperity and Equality*, at a cost of \$11,330.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

H. **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approve Warrant Listing Register and Purchase Order Listing for all funds from August 3, 2019 through August 9, 2019, (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 Leslie N. Clark on behalf of Kenny Clark; Myers Elementary Teachers and Staff; Lifetouch National School Studios; Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP; In-N-Out Burger; and Amazon. It is requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to each donor.
3. Approve fifty (50) parents/guardians from the Rialto Unified School District to attend three (3) parent workshops at San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino on September 20, 2019; February 21 and April 17, 2020, at a cost of \$1,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
4. Approve an agreement with Garner Holt Education through Imagination to provide Morgan Elementary students and teachers STEAM Academy Instruction for eight (8) days and four (4) assemblies, effective August 29, 2019 through May 29, 2020, at a cost of \$21,400.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
5. Approve an agreement with Impact Truth, Inc. to provide a presentation "MyBag, MyHome" and "A Teenagers Life" presented by Roy Juarez, Jr., on September 18, 2019, for parents. Eight secondary schools will split the cost evenly at \$656.25 each, for a total cost of \$5,250.00, \$5,250.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
6. Approve an agreement with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) for parents to participate in the PIQE training held at Rialto High School, effective September 12, 2019 through November 14, 2019, at a cost of \$10,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
7. Approve the reimbursement for five (5) members of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Site Visit Team for expenses to conduct the accreditation site visit for the Rialto Unified School District Induction Program (#611) that will be reimbursed by the CTC, effective October 6, 2019 through October 9, 2019, at no cost to the District.

8. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with St. Catherine of Siena Private School for Salve Banzon and Angelica Regalado to provide extended day services during non-school hours three (3) to five (5) times per week to students identified as English Learners at St. Catherine of Siena Private School, effective August 29, 2019 through May 29, 2020, at a cost of \$3,829.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
9. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Women on the Move Network to provide an after school activities based mentoring program that will be designed to build their self-confidence, help them learn to make good decisions, have healthy friendships, engage in service projects and have fun in a safe environment for a maximum of 25 female students at Kolb Middle School, effective October 1, 2019 through May 24, 2020, at no cost to the District.
10. Approve an agreement with Young Women's Empowerment Foundation for students from Kolb Middle School to participate effective October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, at a cost of \$8,400.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
11. Approve the increase to the co-pay revolving cash account from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00, at no cost to the District.
12. Amend Contract C-19-0136 for Franklin Covey by \$1,300.00, who provided the "Leader In Me" Implementation at Frisbie Middle School, for a total cost not-to-exceed \$6,800.00 to cover the travel costs, that were not included in the original contract, to be paid from the General Fund.
13. Approve the following school-connected organizations: Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) and Booster Organizations for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, at no cost to the District.
14. Approve the use of the piggyback purchase of Reef-Sunset Unified School District Project 00 52 Piggyback-Cooperative Purchase Agreement with American Modular Systems, as needed in Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21, to be paid from Fund 21 – Building Fund and/or Fund 25 - Capital Facilities Fund.
15. Approve the use of the piggyback purchase of Pleasant View Elementary School District Piggyback-Cooperative Purchase Agreement with JTS, as needed in Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21, to be paid from Fund 21 – Building Fund, and/or Fund 25 - Capital Facilities Fund.
16. Approve an agreement with H&L Charter, Hot Dogger Tours, dba Gold Coast Tours, Certified, Alliance, and Visser Bus Services effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, to provide transportation

services for extra-curricular events, as needed, at a cost of \$50,000.00 per vendor for a total cost not-to exceed \$250,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

17. Accept the first allocation to start up the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant from California Department of Education (CDE) for the following Schools: Bemis, Boyd, Casey, Curtis, Dunn, Garcia, Henry, Hughbanks, Kelley, Morgan, Morris, Morgan, Preston and Werner Elementary Schools in the amount of \$45,653.85, at no cost to the District.
18. Approve RFP No. 1901 for the Distribution of Direct Delivery USDA Foods to Gold Star Foods by the Board of Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency on behalf of the Super Co-op member districts for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost will be determined at the time of purchase(s), to be paid from the Nutrition Services Fund.
19. Approve RFP No. 1902 for processed USDA Food Products and Commercial Equivalents to a variety of vendors through Gold Star Foods approved by the Board of Education for the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency on behalf of the Super Co-Op member districts for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The cost will be determined at the time of purchase(s), to be paid from the Nutrition Services Fund.
20. Accept the Share our Strength and National No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant for Eisenhower High School for the total of \$25,814.00 with implementation start dates of August 2019, at no cost to the District.
21. Approve CMAS No. 3-19-58-0263A for the purchase of Information Technology Goods/Services. The cost will be determined at the time of purchase(s), to be paid from the General Fund.
22. Approve an amendment with CPS HR Consulting from the original effective end date of June 30, 2019, to an end date of January 31, 2020. All other conditions of the agreement remain the same, at no cost to the District.)
23. Approve an Affiliation Agreement with UK International to provide a Character Education Program at Morgan and Casey Elementary Schools, effective August 29, 2019 through May 31, 2020, at a cost of \$32,900.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

I. FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEM

1. Accept the work completed as March 15, 2019 by USA Shade & Fabric Structures, Inc. for all work required in connection with Eisenhower High

School Softball Field Structures 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. 1220 for classified and certificated employees.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 19-20-05 authorizing the Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services, to employ or assign identified individuals additional time to complete the requirements for the credential that authorizes the service or to provide employing agencies time to fill the assignment with an individual who either holds an appropriate credential or qualifies under one of the available assignment options. This includes waivers to employ or assign identified individuals when the employing agency finds there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the specified employment criteria for the position.

Upon a motion by Clerk Walker, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Items H4, H6, H10, and H23 were approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education and preferential Vote by Student Board Member.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by President Montes item K1 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

1. Approve an Agreement with Clay Counseling Solutions, Successfully Motivating African American Resiliency and Training Program (SMAART) to provide services to all five (5) middle schools and three (3) comprehensive high schools, effective August 29, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at a cost of \$190,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez item K2 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

2. Approve an agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC for 30 days of training at a maximum of 6 hours each day of i-Ready Professional Development for all teachers and administrators, effective August 29, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at a cost of \$64,650.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez, Item K3 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

3. Approve Resolution Number 19-20-06; Adopting Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 Local Goals and Policies, at no cost to the District.

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

4. Approve Resolution Number 19-20-07; Stating its intention to establish a Community Facilities District (CFD) and to authorize the levy of special taxes, at no cost to the District.

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K5 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

5. Approve Resolution Number 19-20-08: Stating its intention to incur bonded indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 within proposed Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2019-1 of the Rialto Unified School District, at no cost to the District.

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez, Item K6 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

6. Approve Resolution number 19-20-09: Approving and ordering the recording of a boundary map of proposed Community Facilities District No. 2019-1, at no cost to the District.

Upon a motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Vice President O'Kelley, Item K7 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

7. Approve Bond Resolution 19-20-10 that authorizes the issuance of the District's 2019 Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed the \$29,358,000 amount remaining under the 2010 Measure Y Bond Authorization, at no cost to the District. (Attachment for review includes Resolution, primary legal documents and preliminary financial statements)

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Clerk Walker, Item K8 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Board of Education.

8. Approve the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel (AHP)

RESINSTATMENT

Case Numbers:

18-19-24
17-18-17
16-17-61
EE 19-20-1

President Montes announced the following:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center, 182 East Walnut Avenue, Rialto, California.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President O'Kelley motioned to return to closed session. It was seconded by Clerk Walker and approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Board of Education, at 9:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Vice President O'Kelley, seconded by Member Martinez, and passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote, closed session adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Superintendent Avila stated that no action was taken in closed session.



Clerk, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education