

Twin Rivers USD Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

September 26, 2017 6:00 PM

Twin Rivers Unified School District

5115 Dudley Boulevard, Bay A

McClellan, CA 95652

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Michael Baker
Bob Bastian
Basim Elkarra
Linda Fowler
Ramona Landeros
Michelle Rivas
Rebecca Sandoval

A. 6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER by the President

Minutes:

President Michelle Rivas called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Administration Present: Steven Martinez, Ed.D., Superintendent; Bill McGuire, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services; and Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Innovation, Research and Design.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:

Trustee Michael Baker announced closed session items listed on the agenda as follows:

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiators [Government Code Section 54957.6] TRUE, CSEA, TRSPA, and Unrepresented Employees - Management, Confidential; Agency Negotiator: Superintendent - Possible Action**
- 2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation [Government Code Section 54957] Multiple Cases - Possible Action**
- 3. Public Employment/Appointment Government Code Section 54957 - Possible Action - a. Certificated Management, b. Classified Management**
- 4. Student Expulsion #A5-18 [Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918]**
- 5. Legal Update - Pending Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9 - 1 case - Possible Action**

C. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:

President Rivas provided an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on closed session items.

There were no public comments pertaining to the closed session items.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

President Rivas recessed the open session meeting at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Board convened in closed session in the Walnut Room.

E. 7:00 P.M. RECONVENE

Minutes:

Vice President Fowler reconvened the open session meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom and chaired the meeting during President Rivas' absence from the dais.

1. Introduction of Interpreters

Minutes:

Paul Barajas, Spanish Interpreter, and David Shimoum, Hmong Interpreter from Carmazzi, introduced themselves.

2. Report Action Taken During Closed Session

Minutes:

Trustee Baker announced that no action was taken during the closed session meeting.

3. Board Action by Separate Vote - Student Expulsion #A5-18

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve Student Expulsion #A5-18. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Rebecca Sandoval.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Yes Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
AbsentMichelle Rivas
Yes Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

President Rivas was absent from the dais during this vote.

4. Presentation of Colors by Highlands High School JROTC Color Guards

Minutes:

Highlands High School JROTC Color Guards presented the colors.

5. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Trustee Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

Trustee Rebecca Sandoval led the flag salute.

6. INTRODUCE and APPROVE 2017-2018 Student Board Members and Administer Oaths of Office

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Student Board Members as elected by the Twin Rivers Student Body in May 2017; that the Student Board Members be administered the oath of office; and that they be seated with the Board of Trustees at this meeting to take on their positions as Student Board Members for the 2017-2018 school year. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Basim Elkarra.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Yes Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
AbsentMichelle Rivas
Yes Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

Vice President Fowler welcomed the students; shared information about their new duties and responsibilities and opportunity for input during Board discussions; and commended them for participating as Student Board Members and representatives of their peers.

The Student Board Members were approved by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Baker, assisted by Superintendent Martinez, rendered the oath of office to the following Student Board Members: Valeria Perez Sanchez of Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12, Tyus Carey of Foothill High School, Romeo Anderson of Highlands High School, Alexander Grandinetti of Rio Linda High School, and Delilah Williams of Grant Union High School.

After the swearing in ceremony, Student Board Members Anderson and Grandinetti were seated with the Board of Trustees.

Student Board Members will attend Board meetings on a rotating basis during the 2017-2018 school year.

F. REPORTS

1. Student Board Members

Minutes:

Student Board Member Romeo Anderson thanked Trustees for accepting him on the Board and stated that he's feeling greatly honored tonight. He reported that everything is going good, thus far, at Highlands. He shared that the first day of school was nerve wrecking because he's now a senior. He's looking forward to going to college and appreciates that school and the district have both prepared him well for college. He again stated his appreciation to the Board.

Student Board Member Alexander Grandinetti thanked everyone present for coming and for the opportunity to serve as a Student Board Member. He reported that Rio Linda High School's Homecoming is coming up this weekend; Spirit Week is going good; and the 5-Star Program has been launched recently at all schools and has been doing great in increasing school involvement. The first day of school was nerve wrecking for him also; it was exciting to see his old friends and it

was even more exciting to see the kind of classes he was enrolled in and how he could change his schedule.

Vice President Fowler congratulated the Student Board Members and stated that the Board looks forward to having them at the board meetings and to hearing their reports.

2. Board President

Minutes:

Vice President Fowler reported that President Rivas is currently at another meeting and would arrive shortly. She stated that she would take the opportunity to give a report this evening.

Vice President Fowler stated that throughout our society, we have dissension regarding the race issue. She provided background information and history from her perspective of what happened in Twin Rivers in the past, as an attempt to dispel some untrue things she heard about unification or what some people believe went on in the past when faced with the kinds of social problems we're currently facing in today's society and in determining what people think of different areas. She shared past attempts to unify the former districts and failure of two unification elections that resulted in rumors that Elverta, Natomas, and Rio Linda were "racists" and "redneck" districts. Natomas later unified as a separate district. However, the vote of that time had nothing to do with "racism" or "rednecks" who had voted; it was about money. Rio Linda was the largest district and had the largest number of votes. This began the rumors that Elverta, Natomas, and Rio Linda were "racists" and "redneck" districts. Before Prop 13, McClellan and Mather Air Force Bases were very busy and employed several thousands of people. McClellan Air Force Base had approximately 40,000 civilian employees and an overwhelming number of them lived in Rio Linda, Elverta and Robla districts, along with many others from major companies of that time such as Aerojet General. The federal government provided extra money, Public Law (PL) 874 Impact Money, to these districts because their employees lived in these areas. The districts received this money in addition to the State foundation money. Rio Linda's Superintendent desired to protect Rio Linda and keep the district solid for Rio Linda's kids for the best education possible. Superintendent Fred C. Joyce was the driving force in the community against unification to save the money from the federal government for his kids to meet growth and enrollment of federal employees' kids. He felt that unification would mean that the huge funding source for their kids would be spread across the entire district and Rio Linda's kids would not get the best education he wanted. Superintendent Joyce and others voted not to share their PL 847 Impact Money and unification efforts were defeated. She emphasized that the vote was about money, not "racism." PL 847 is no longer a funding source and since the passage of Proposition 13 all districts in California receive funding based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) of students. However, federal funding is still present for specific purposes. When unification again became an issue, it was determined that the demographics would remain the same as in the prior unification efforts. The Rio Linda District still had the ability to control the outcome of an election. So, in keeping with the philosophy that a good enough education is not good for all students, the Rio Linda District stepped up to the plate and their Board passed a resolution, making it possible for Measure B to be placed on the ballot and

unification occurred. The communities were finally allowed to decide whether we would have a unified district for most of our kids. When the votes were counted the most glaring thing of all was that the district with the least minorities voted against a just good enough education for all students and voluntarily elected to become a minority majority district. This is hardly a "racist" act. They said, we want a good enough education, but we want a better education for all of our students. Rio Linda stepped up to the plate and said, yes, we want to be a part of unification. Vice President Fowler encouraged each person to think about the entire district and to put unfounded, negative allegations aside for the sake of our kids. She stated that we all owe our kids the very best education we can possibly provide and not let emotions and selfishness guide our actions. She asked that everyone think about this continually, not where the kids come from, not where they live, not what they have to do or anything about it. We all need to come together and look at everything and say we want the best education possible for all of our kids. Every one of them deserves a good education. It doesn't matter what they do or how they do it. As a Board member, we should always focus on the education of our kids and not focus on anything else except how we can do the best we can to help them have the best education possible, not just good enough, it has got to be the best.

3. Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Martinez thanked the families for coming out tonight to support the students and stated that it's very important for families to participate and celebrate with the students as they take the opportunity to participate in a form of governance. He welcomed the Student Board Members; stated that he and the Board are excited to have them here; and encouraged them to never hesitate to ask questions about topics or how the governance process works. Dr. Martinez reported that he has been visiting the school sites and has had the opportunity to see a lot of great things happening in the classrooms, where many employees are working very hard. He recently went out to the iron workers and plasterers' union and learnt about the apprenticeship opportunities they offer to our kids and the entire community. The district will work with the union to get the information out to the community for anyone who wants to pursue a trade. He also announced that PSAT Day is coming in October. Eighth through eleventh grade students will be taking the PSAT during that time; he encouraged students to be prepared. He shared that this will be the district's third year of providing this test to students. Seniors will take the SAT on PSAT Day or at some time during their senior year.

Dr. Martinez further reported that he was invited to attend a rally/press conference with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi through Congresswoman's Doris Matsui's office in support of the DACA Act. He shared that he was inspired by the students who attended the last Board meeting here in Twin Rivers, by the special poem they shared, and by putting a face to the kids the DACA Act is going to impact. He stated that it's his responsibility, as the Superintendent of the district, to participate in the press conference to show that Twin Rivers will do everything possible to protect and support our kids, to ensure that they get a quality education, and to relieve them of stress during this very stressful time. He stated that Trustee Basim Elkarra was also present at the press conference. He further reported

that certain issues are arising at the National level; if there is a negative impact on any of our student, Twin Rivers will participate to protect our students.

G. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Personnel Recommendations. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Rebecca Sandoval.

Yes Michael Baker

Yes Bob Bastian

Yes Basim Elkarra

Yes Linda Fowler

Yes Ramona Landeros

AbsentMichelle Rivas

Yes Rebecca Sandoval

1. APPROVE Personnel Recommendations

Minutes:

Gina Carreon, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources introduced new management staff as follows: Julie Montali, Director of Early Childhood Education.

For the approved Personnel Recommendations matrix, contact the Human Resources Department.

H. RECOGNITION

1. Grant Drumline

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees, assisted by Teresa Rowan, Director of Co-Curricular Activities, presented James Van Buren and the Grant Union High School Drumline with certificates of recognition for being international ambassadors for the district and for their fundraising efforts to allow Drumline students to travel throughout the nation and beyond to showcase their talents and programs of the district.

Mr. Van Buren announced upcoming venues where the Drumline is scheduled to perform as follows: Grant football games; the Sacramento Running Association event this Saturday; and the Urban Cow Run on Sunday, followed by a performance at the State Capitol for the My Sister's Breast Cancer Walk. He also announced that the Drumline had the opportunity to play for over 200 FBI agents last week at the Hyatt Regency and that the Drumline has a list of events where they've had the opportunity to perform. He thanked the Board for recognizing the drummers and him at tonight's board meeting.

Trustee Sandoval stated her appreciation that the Grant Drumline was honored this evening by the Board of Trustees. She encouraged everyone to continue to support the Drumline in any way possible, and she personally thanked Mr. Van Buren for his efforts.

I. RECESS/RECEPTION

Minutes:

Vice President Fowler recessed the meeting at 7:38 p.m. for a reception in

recognition of tonight's honorees.

J. RECONVENE

Minutes:

President Rivas returned to the dais and reconvened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

K. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda minus Consent Agenda Item K3. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Michelle Rivas.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Yes Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
Yes Michelle Rivas
Yes Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows with K3 pulled for a separate vote:

1. APPROVE September 12, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes:

Approved.

2. ADOPT Resolution No. 670 - October 2017 Observances and Celebrations

Minutes:

Adopted - Resolution No. 670 - October 2017 Observances and Celebrations.

October 2017 Observances and Celebrations include: National Hispanic Heritage Month, California School Bus Safety Awareness Month, Character Education Month, Filipino American History Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Energy Awareness Month, Week of the School Administrator, National School Lunch Week, World Mental Health Day, America's Safe Schools Week, National School Bus Safety Week, and National Red Ribbon Week.

3. ADOPT Resolution No. 671 to Pay Absent Board Member

Motion Passed: A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 671 to pay Board Member Basim Elkarra, who was absent from the September 12, 2017, regular Board meeting, due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. Passed with a motion by Linda Fowler and a second by Michelle Rivas.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Abstain Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
Yes Michelle Rivas

No Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

This agenda item was pulled at the request of Trustee Elkarra for a separate vote.

Trustee Sandoval stated that at a previous board meeting she requested that more information be provided concerning why a Trustee is absent from a board meeting prior to or during the vote on a resolution to pay the absent Board member. If it's due to a hardship, she would like to know the hardship. If the absence is due to Board business, she would like to know the Board business. She asked that the hardship be shared before she votes on this agenda item.

President Rivas stated that it has not been the Board's procedures or practice to disclose the reasons in public; however, hardship includes an illness, a death in the family, employment responsibilities, etc. These are a few of the justifiable reasons for being absent and receiving compensation. At this point, it would not be appropriate to ask Trustee Elkarra to explain his absence publicly when it hasn't been a past practice of the Board.

Trustee Sandoval stated that she would like to know because there are a lot of important things coming up and she would like to know that a Board member's absence is valid when addressing important issues.

Trustee Baker stated agreement with President Rivas about the request in public and stated that Trustee Sandoval could move to table the item until she gets a reasonable explanation or another Trustee could move the item to pay the Trustee and the vote prevails.

A motion was made and Resolution No. 671 was adopted as presented.

Trustee Elkarra reported that he reached out to President Rivas and Superintendent Martinez to inform them about his absence. He stated that the September 12th board meeting was the first regular meeting he has missed. He reviewed the board minutes and the reason for his absence was included in the minutes.

4. ADOPT Second Reading of Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Minutes:

Adopted - Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

5. APPROVE Routine Administrative Contracts \$35,000 and Above

Minutes:

Approved - For the spreadsheet of Routine Administrative Contracts \$35,000 and above, contact the Contracts and ERATE Department.

6. RATIFY Routine Administrative Contracts Below \$35,000

Minutes:

Ratified - For the spreadsheet of Routine Administrative Contracts below \$35,000 for ratification, contact the Contracts and ERATE Department.

7. APPROVE Routine Construction Contracts

Minutes:

Approved - For the Routine Construction Contracts matrix, contact the General Services Department.

8. APPROVE Budget Development Calendar 2018-2019

Minutes:

Approved - The 2018-2019 Budget Development Calendar for the 2018-2019 Adopted Budget timeline.

The calendar indicates the major activities which are to be pursued, those responsible for the completion of the tasks, and the proposed completion date to ensure a balanced budget on or before July 1, 2018.

9. APPROVE Disposal of Surplus Property to be Donated to an Appropriate Charity or Disposed of through Recycling or the Public Dump

Minutes:

Approved - Declared the items listed in Exhibit 'A' as being not required for school purposes, or to be disposed of for the purpose of replacement, or as being unsatisfactory or not suitable for school use; declared the items listed in Exhibit 'A' to be of insufficient value to defray the costs of arranging a sale and allow the disposal of said items by donation to a charity separately deemed appropriate and approved by the Board or by disposal in a public dump; and empowered Deputy Superintendent, Bill McGuire to order the disposal of said property to a recycling center or in a public dump, or by donation to a charity separately deemed appropriate and approved by the Board, as presented.

10. APPROVE Dashboard Alternative School Status Application Requests

Minutes:

Approved - Dashboard Alternative School Status Application requests for submission of a participation form to apply for the Dashboard Alternative Schools Status (DASS) for Keema and for Nova.

11. REVIEW and APPROVE Additional 2017/18 Schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Minutes:

Reviewed and Approved - Additional 2017/18 Schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Dry Creek, Garden Valley, Oakdale, and Vista Nueva.

12. APPROVE Out-of-State Travel/Overnight School Sponsored Field Trips

Minutes:

Approved - Out-of-state travel requests of staff and overnight school-sponsored trips for students from various sites as listed on the travel logs, dated September 26, 2017.

L. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ORGANIZATIONS

1. Alumni Associations

Minutes:
No report.

2. Employee Organizations

Minutes:
Janet Edwards, President of Twin Rivers United Educators (TRUE), stated concern that a Board member was "chewed out" about asking questions at a previous board meeting about Swun Math. She reported that she looked for data on Swun Math and it's not easy to find on their website. She further stated that the Swun Math presentation tonight will list comments from teachers who like Swun Math and asked about comments from teachers who have Swun Math concerns. Ms. Edwards shared comments of some concerned teachers and reported that teachers who were unable to attend summer training or Wednesday PD are still waiting to get training and to pick up teacher manuals.

M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - HEARING OF PUBLIC

Minutes:
Rosa Coronel, Fairbanks Elementary School parent, addressed the Board regarding a lack of teachers to staff classrooms, placement of students in other classrooms during a teacher's absence, and the impact of student placements. She requested that additional teachers be hired and Fairbanks be placed on the district's official facilities project list to address facility needs.

Nicolas Perez III, Fairbanks Elementary School parent, addressed the Board to request the installation of a fence for safety to keep students in and community problems out.

Sid Akbar, Multi Media Teacher at Grant High School, addressed the Board to express grievances regarding the loss of district funded gear to house Grant's television studio/program and loss of his personal art work and collection of 20 years when housed at the warehouse on Taft during the summer. Other personal items included equipment from his home studio, furniture, and appliances. He asked if all district sites had to remove their appliances, including refrigerators and microwaves, or if this request was only for Grant.

Elizabeth Campa, Fairbanks Elementary School parent, addressed the Board to request installation of a fence around Fairbanks for student and staff safety and requested hiring of additional teachers and aides to meet teacher/student ratios.

N. PRESENT/DISCUSS/ACTION - SCHOOL/STAFF

1. PRESENT Swun Math

Minutes:
Dr. Anne Zeman and Dr. Lori Grace, Assistant Superintendents of School Leadership, presented the Board with information about both the history and the success that various sized Swun Math schools have experienced throughout the state in different environments and populations, the system of support and contract services, the lesson

design to support results and continual growth of districts that have worked with Swun Math, implementation and early feedback from our TRUSD teachers, and next steps to include: additional training scheduled for October 14th and October 31st, continued coaching in utilizing GO Math with the Swun lesson design and pacing, review of initial assessment results to determine early results, continued support of teacher requests, parent support and instructions, and infrastructure support from a lot of different angles around math. They concluded their presentation by emphasizing that Swun Math support is a proven method of lesson design, coaching, and supplemental material to support the core curriculum; districts utilizing Swun Math have a history of success; all TRUSD teachers have been asked to implement Swun Math in grades K-8; and initial reports from teachers in TRUSD have been overwhelmingly positive. Swun Math is helping to close the achievement gap for students of various backgrounds. The focus in Twin Rivers is always on mathematics improvement for students and their continuous growth. They also shared a video concerning why students and teachers in Twin Rivers like Swun Math.

Dr. Grace reported that 23% of the teachers, who are not yet Swun Math trained, are currently using GO Math and many of them are working with their colleagues, who have gone to the training, and are trying to implement portions of the lesson design. The district is constantly adding training for teachers. Some of these teachers have made time and met with the Swun Math coaches for support. The first student assessments will take place on October 9th and close early November on a trimester basis. This information will be provided to the Board.

Dr. Martinez reported that Swun Math districts were scoring from a range of 41 to 54%. Since using Swun Math, their scores have increased and they continue to have growth. Twin Rivers is scoring at 24% districtwide; this can't continue. The district provided a number of opportunities for training during the summer and these trainings were not accessed by some teachers. We were also impacted with the ELA adoption and people didn't take the opportunity for training at that time.

Trustee Landeros reported that her granddaughter has struggled with math for a long time and now comes home without tears in her eyes, and she absolutely loves Swun Math and is very happy.

Trustee Elkarra asked how many school districts in California have adopted Swun Math.

Dr. Martinez reported that Long Beach and Garden Grove, two of the highest performing districts in the state, utilize Swun Math methods. Long Beach looks a lot like Twin Rivers and Garden Grove has a high EL population.

Trustee Elkarra requested data on school districts with size, demographics, and test scores similar to Twin Rivers, along with the percentage of increase over a year's time.

Dr. Martinez encouraged Trustees to visit the classrooms to see what's going on firsthand, the enthusiasm of the teachers and the participation of the students.

Dr. Grace stated that they would work to find the school districts with comparable data to Twin Rivers as requested. She also shared that the student journal, mentioned during tonight's presentation, allows the student to work from the lesson design that the teacher is presenting in the teacher's edition. The journal is optional. There are ways to print out the lessons for students; however, the teachers felt the journal was a necessity for students and would support students getting into the program and help teachers implement the program. The district has had a response from parents regarding the homework. Mr. Swun is tracking hits on their website that has a link for parent support for homework. He is also currently working to provide a link for parental support in Spanish.

Dr. Zeman reported that an overview of Swun Math would also be provided for after-school providers as requested by the providers, so they can assist students with their homework.

Dr. Grace explained that the district will provide a basic overview to the after-school providers to help them get on the same page when assisting students. The training will not be the same level of training provided to teachers.

Dr. Martinez reported that the Swun Math team, which consists of former teachers, is committed to the success of students and will be invited to a future board meeting.

President Rivas thanked staff for their presentation and for their work.

2. PRESENT Professional Development Plan 2017-18

Minutes:

Andrew Withers, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Professional Development, provided an updated regarding Professional Development (PD) support for staff this year to increase staff capacity and to support increases in student achievement. Mr. Withers' presentation included the following information to help meet all employee groups' professional development needs: the PD Teams - leadership, support, TOSAs; plan development with input from various stakeholder groups within the district; TR Professional Development links to the district's mission and core values, increases staff capacity to support increases in student achievement, leverages district initiatives in ELA, Math, and PLCs, considers all employees and departments, offers employee choice when appropriate, present researched and relevant topics, and incorporates delivery models of efficiency; timelines for focus area goals; TK-6 areas of emphasis; 7-12 areas of emphasis; areas of emphasis for classified staff, classified management, and certificated management; instructional vision - professional development planning group to include Swun Math applied to ELA, learning intentions and success criteria, feedback, and other information to be determined for 2020-21; and system focus on teacher roll out regarding Swun Math, Swun Math applied to ELA, learning intentions and success criteria, and feedback. Mr. Withers also shared the next steps of the PD Department to continue to ensure that TR Professional Development supports ALL departments, is aligned to our needs, and to create an updated 3-year PD plan for Fall 2018.

President Rivas thanked Mr. Withers and staff for all their work, expressed the importance of providing PD for everyone, and stated that she looks forward to the next Professional Development report.

3. FIRST READING of Revised Board Policies

Minutes:

The following Board Policies were presented for a first reading: BP 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions, BP 6154 Homework/Make Up Work, and BP 6164.6 Identification and Education Under Section 504.

There were no comments from members of the public or the Board of Trustees.

President Rivas requested that Trustees review the policies and share their comments, concerns, or changes with the Superintendent before the policies come back for a second reading and action.

O. HEARING OF PUBLIC (If Needed)

1. PUBLIC HEARING and ADOPT Resolution No. 669 - 2017-18 Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

Motion Passed: A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 669, 2017-18 Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials, and certification checklist indicating that every classroom in every school within the district meets sufficiency requirements. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Michelle Rivas.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Yes Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
Yes Michelle Rivas
Yes Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

President Rivas opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from members of the public or the Board of Trustees.

President Rivas closed the public hearing.

This item was adopted after the public hearing.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE - The Public Disclosure Certification, the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Tentative Agreement between Twin Rivers Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #1717 and Revised Appendix B, CSEA Hourly Salary Schedule

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Public Disclosure Certification, the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Tentative Agreement between Twin Rivers Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #1717 and revised Appendix B,

CSEA Hourly Salary Schedule. Passed with a motion by Michael Baker and a second by Michelle Rivas.

Yes Michael Baker
Yes Bob Bastian
Yes Basim Elkarra
Yes Linda Fowler
Yes Ramona Landeros
Yes Michelle Rivas
Yes Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

President Rivas opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from members of the public or the Board of Trustees.

President Rivas closed the public hearing.

This item was approved after the public hearing.

P. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

Trustee Baker requested an update on after-school programs, services provided, and what they are being paid.

Dr. Martinez stated that he would let the Board know when this requested item would be brought forward at a board meeting.

Trustee Sandoval requested an update on surplus property and when the district will move forward to sell.

Dr. Martinez reported that this information would also be brought forward and that information would be presented in a Board Communication prior to a board meeting.

Q. BOARD COMMENTS

Minutes:

Trustee Sandoval reported her attendance at the district's last safety meeting last week and that the next step will be to implement some recommendations into district policies; she stated that the work was a positive step for the district and will address some issues brought up in the past; she also attended California School Boards Association (CSBA) Masters in Governance training (in preparation for a certificate offered by CSBA after receiving training on how to governing effectively); she shared her most recent Masters in Governance training experience pertaining to student achievement and information about the state data-dashboard; and she reported her attendance and participation at a bystander intervention training for her personal growth.

Trustee Bastian thanked Bill McGuire and Kimbely Barnett for replacement of playground equipment that was burnt down at Westside School; he also thanked Twin Rivers School Police and Interim Chief Dave Lugo for showcasing their car in the Historical Society's car show and for community relation efforts; he announced that his grandson, who attends Westside, had emergency surgery and received a care package from Twin Rivers Police and expressed his grandson's and his appreciation; he

recently visited the museum and other rooms at Grant and heard many positive comments during his visit; and he reported Heritage Peak's move from Vineland to Rio Linda, the positive impact of this move for Heritage Peak and for the community, and thanked both the principal and the staff for their positive impact on Rio Linda and Elverta communities.

Trustee Fowler reported that tonight was special as the Student Board Members were sworn into office. She stated that this was really great; she truly believes that everyone has a responsibility to give back to their community; and she appreciates seeing young people step up and participate in things needing to be done in the community. Trustee Fowler also recognized and welcomed Mr. Fred Gayle back to the board meetings; acknowledged that he has given a lot over the years to his community; and reported that he has been a staunch supporter for participation on the school board, the water board, and various other committees. She thanked Mr. Gayle very much for his public service.

Trustee Elkarra reported his attendance at Norwood's Back-to-School Night; the Capitol celebration; the Urban League's reception for the new UC Davis chancellor; the Central Labor Council picnic on Labor Day; a press conference, along with Dr. Martinez, with Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi in support of the Dream Act; the Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council tour, also with Trustee Fowler; the screening of a documentary called, "They Came for Us," about the Japanese American mass incarceration in World War II, held on Saturday, spoke on a panel afterwards, and received a copy of the documentary for Twin Rivers; and the National Voter Registration Day press conference at Grant High School, along with Trustee Landeros.

Dr. Martinez reported the recent passing of Carolyn Cowles, principal of Foothill Oaks Elementary School, after a long illness. He requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Cowles.

President Rivas shared that the last conversation she had with Ms. Cowles was very positive and Ms. Cowles was complimentary of the district, her colleagues, the staff at her school, and how supportive everyone was as she struggled with her illness. President Rivas thanked everyone who supported Ms. Cowles and stated that she hopes Ms. Cowles' family can find comfort in knowing that she was well supported in Twin Rivers during her illness.

R. BOARD MEET IN SECOND CLOSED SESSION (If Needed)

Minutes:

A second closed session meeting was not needed.

S. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

A second closed session meeting was not needed.

T. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

1. Report on Any Action Taken in Closed Session [Government Code Section 54957.1]

Minutes:

A second closed session meeting was not needed.

2. Announcement of Next Meeting

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees will meet again, unless otherwise announced and approved by the Board of Trustees, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. (closed session), 7:00 p.m. (public session) to be held at Twin Rivers Unified School District, 5115 Dudley Boulevard, Building A, McClellan, CA 95652.

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Minutes:

There being no further business, President Rivas adjourned the meeting in memory of Carolyn Cowles at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steven Martinez, Ed.D., Superintendent

Approved and ordered entered into the official proceedings of the school district on October 24, 2017.

V. SEPTEMBER 26, 2017, MULTILINGUAL AGENDA

Minutes:

Note: Agendas for the September 26, 2017, regular board meeting were posted and made available to the public in English and in Spanish.

Clerk of the Board