

Twin Rivers USD Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

November 14, 2017 6:00 PM

Twin Rivers Unified School District

5115 Dudley Boulevard, Bay A

McClellan, CA 95652

Attendance Taken at 6:02 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:

Vice President Linda Fowler called the regular board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the boardroom.

President Michelle Rivas arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Trustee Basim Elkarra arrived at 6:32 p.m.

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

Student Board Members Alexander Grandinetti of Rio Linda High School, and Delilah Williams of Grant Union High School were present.

Student Board Members Valeria Perez Sanchez of Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12, Tyus Carey of Foothill High School, and Romeo Anderson of Highlands High School were not scheduled to be in attendance.

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 Expulsions #A17-18; #A18-18 [Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918]

5. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation.
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (2) [Government Code Section 54956.9] - 2 Potential Cases

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

Minutes:

Vice President Fowler 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:

Vice President Fowler recessed the open session meeting at 6:03 p.m., at which time the Board convened in closed session in the Walnut Room.

E. 7:00 P.M. RECONVENE

Minutes:

President Rivas reconvened the public meeting at 7:13 p.m.

1. Introduction of Interpreters

Minutes:

Paul Barajas, Spanish Interpreter, and Oliver Thor, Hmong Interpreter, 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 #A17-18, #A18-18

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve Student Expulsion #A17-18. 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

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve Student Expulsion #A18-18. 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

4. Presentation of Colors by Rio Linda High School JROTC Color Guards

Minutes:

Rio Linda High School JROTC Color Guards presented the colors.

5. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Trustee Basim Elkarra

Minutes:

Trustee Basim Elkarra led the flag salute.

F. REPORTS

1. Student Board Members

Minutes:

Student Board Member Alexander Grandinetti reported activities planned and held at Rio Linda High School over the last several months, including movie night for Halloween and many different fundraisers; the success of Rio Linda's Five-star Program and student involvement and engagement activities on campus; the arrival of SAT scores and preparation for college by seniors; and Rio Linda High School students' excitement about the upcoming Thanksgiving Break and fun things planned for Christmas in December.

Student Board Member Delilah Williams reported that Grant Union High School had its Homecoming activities in October as well as Red Ribbon Week to promote Grant's drug awareness activities and anti-drug program; recognition of Peace Day on campus and inclusion of refugee students; a blood drive held on campus in November and another planned for February; college application preparation and submission by students; a Thanksgiving and turkey drive to be held this Saturday; and designation of December as the season for giving back to the community through community service.

Trustee Fowler reminded Student Board Members that they could participate in Board discussions as items are addressed on the agenda.

2. Board President

Minutes:

No report.

3. Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Martinez welcomed everyone to tonight's board meeting, announced next week's Thanksgiving break for students, and stated that there's a lot to be thankful for in Twin Rivers, such as the new Robotics Program due to the LCAP and LCFF.

G. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPROVE Personnel Recommendations

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Personnel Recommendations. 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:

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

H. RECOGNITION

1. Hmong New Year Celebration

Minutes:

In honor of Hmong New Year, the Board recognized the relevant and important contributions of our Hmong community members, families, students and staff. In celebration of their heritage and culture, members of the Hmong Club from Grant Union High School addressed the Board and presented a preview of a dance to be performed at the upcoming Hmong New Year Celebration.

2. Robotics Competition Teams

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees recognized Twin Rivers' robotics competition teams for their innovation and problem-solving, and for proudly representing their schools and the District in the first Lego Robotics Competition.

3. Middle School Fall Sports

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees recognized Twin Rivers middle school league champions for their outstanding accomplishments, athletic performance, and for proudly representing their schools and the District throughout the fall season.

4. Budget Services for being Awarded the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International Meritorious Budget Award for 2017-18

Minutes:

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International awarded its Meritorious Budget Award to Twin Rivers Unified School District for its 2017-2018 adopted budget. The District received this prestigious award on its first year of submission for the 2010-2011 budget and every year thereafter.

Budget Services staff was formally recognized tonight by the Board of Trustees for a job well done.

I. PRESENTATION/ACTION

1. ADOPT Resolution No. 676 - School Board Promotes the Well-Being and Growth of Every District Student, Especially of Sacramento's Native American Students

(Revised to School Board Recognizes the History of Sacramento's Native American Students)

Minutes:

Mary Thompson Hummingbird of the Kiowa Tribe, Albert Titman Maidu of the Miwok Tribe, and Cyndi LaMarr of the Pit River Paiute Tribe were recognized for their Native American Heritage in recognition of Native American Heritage Month during the month of November and were presented Resolution No. 676 by the Board of Trustees in support and recognition of the History of Sacramento's Native American students.

J. RECESS/RECEPTION

Minutes:

President Rivas recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m. for a reception in recognition of tonight's honorees.

K. RECONVENE

Minutes:

President Rivas reconvened the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Student Board Members Alexander Grandinetti and Delilah Williams departed for the evening during the recess.

L. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda with agenda item L11 removed and tabled. 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 L11 removed and tabled:

1. APPROVE October 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes:

Approved - October 10, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

2. ADOPT Resolution No. 677 - December 2017 Observances and Celebrations

Minutes:

Adopted - Resolution No. 677 - December 2017 Observances and Celebrations.

Approved observances and celebrations include: National Special

Education Day, Computer Science Education Week, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and December 25 Public Holiday.

3. RATIFY Payment of Salaries and Bills for October 2017

Minutes:

Ratified - Payment of Salaries and Bills for October 2017.

For the expenditure report reflecting payments of bills and salaries made October 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017, contact Fiscal Services.

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

Minutes:

Approved - Routine Administrative Contracts \$35,000 and above.

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

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

Minutes:

Ratified - Routine Administrative Contracts below \$35,000.

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

6. APPROVE Routine Construction Contracts

Minutes:

Approved - Routine Construction Contracts.

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

7. AWARD Contract for Content Management System

Minutes:

Approved - Awarded contract to CatapultK12 to provide a Content Management System, based on the strength of their proposal and competitive cost/value to the District. Contract total is \$103,959.

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

Minutes:

Approved - Additional 2017/18 Schools' Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).

Approved summaries are Babcock, Foothill High School, Highlands High School, Keema High School, Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy, Miles P. Richmond, Pacific Career & Tech High School, Pathways Community Day School, and Regency Park.

9. APPROVE Schools' Addendum to the 2017/18 Single Plan for Student Achievement

Minutes:

Approved - Schools' Addendum to the 2017/18 Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Frontier Elementary revised Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) to match Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS).

10. REVIEW Williams Quarterly Report - July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017

Minutes:

Reviewed - Williams Quarterly Report - July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

During the first quarter (July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017), one complaint was received and resolved.

11. APPROVE Student Calendars for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 School Year

Minutes:

This agenda item was removed from the Consent Agenda and tabled at the request of Superintendent Martinez.

12. APPROVE Out-of-State and Overnight School Sponsored Travel Requests

Minutes:

Approved - Out-of-state travel requests of employees and overnight school-sponsored trips for students from various sites as listed on the travel logs, dated November 14, 2017.

M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ORGANIZATIONS

1. Alumni Associations

Minutes:

No report.

2. Employee Organizations

Minutes:

No report.

N. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - HEARING OF PUBLIC

Motion Failed: A motion was made to accept Comment Cards for Agenda Item 01 at this time that were not turned in by 7:00 p.m., prior to the open session meeting. Failed with a motion by Basim Elkarra and a second by Bob Bastian.

No Michael Baker

No Bob Bastian

Yes Basim Elkarra

No Linda Fowler

No Ramona Landeros

No Michelle Rivas

No Rebecca Sandoval

Minutes:

There were no public comments.

Trustee Elkarra recommended that interested members of the public email their comments to each Trustee regarding Agenda Item 01.

O. PRESENT/DISCUSS/ACTION - SCHOOL/STAFF

1. PUBLIC HEARING - PRESENT and ADOPT Resolution No. 675 - Westside Preparatory Charter School

Motion Passed: A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 675 - Westside Preparatory Charter School. 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:

Dr. Sara Noguchi, along with Principal Ellen Giffin of Westside Preparatory Charter Frontier Campus, and Tim Hammon of Regency Park Elementary, presented a proposal for the expansion of Regency Park and Westside Charter, including the timeline for the expansion, the structure for the expansion, review of academic data for Westside Preparatory Charter, and public hearing/action item material revision for Westside Charter.

Trustee Baker asked why expand Westside to Regency Park instead of making Regency Park a traditional K-8 school.

Dr. Noguchi reported that within the short timeline, building onto Westside's success would help to support the success of a K-8 campus at Regency Park as the district expands on what is already working.

Trustee Elkarra requested the number of students at Norwood during the expansion.

Dr. Noguchi reported that she would forward the requested information to the Board in a Board Communication.

Mr. McGuire reported that 58 6th graders currently attend Norwood and approximately 25 of them come from the Regency Park area and the other students are from other schools within the district.

President Rivas shared her personal experience as a parent of a student at Westside Preparatory Charter, reported the benefits to students and parents pertaining to the expansion of Westside Charter to Regency Park, and thanked Dr. Martinez and staff for this opportunity and experience for Regency Park families.

Trustee Fowler reported her support of the expansion to provide continuity and support to help keep students in their area.

Trustee Bastian reported that he would vote in support of the expansion and shared his son's attendance at Westside Charter and his

success as an adult. He asked if portables would be brought in to handle the growth and if there is a plan for traffic control.

Dr. Noguchi reported that portables would be brought in and that monitoring drop-off and pickup of students is part of planning for the expansion.

Mr. McGuire briefly stated the status of the work on the portables.

Trustee Sandoval asked if Westside is an independent or dependent charter and stated her support as a dependent charter to help alleviate concerns for families in the Regency Park area. She also asked if the boundaries would be changed.

Dr. Noguchi reported that Westside Preparatory Charter is a dependent charter. The boundaries are not being changed at this time; however, if approved, boundaries might be considered.

President Rivas opened the public hearing for comments from members of the public.

There were no public comments.

President Rivas closed the public hearing.

The Board proceeded with a motion and vote on Resolution No. 675 - Westside Preparatory Charter School, material revision for Westside Charter and expansion to Regency Park.

2. PRESENT New Accountability System - California Schools Dashboard

Minutes:

Uve Dahmen, Director of Assessment & Accountability, and Cynthia Andrews, Director of Special Projects, presented a review of the new California Schools Dashboard, highlighting the state and local indicators.

Mr. Dahmen reported that when the official data becomes available, the report would look like what was presented this evening. Tonight's presentation provided an overview of how the six indicators are going to be reported together. This sample data is from 2017. The first official data will be released the week of November 27, 2017.

Dr. Martinez reported that the district received this information a couple of weeks ago. The data points provide a self-assessment on the survey. The district will continue to develop a rubric to identify what the numbers truly mean for our students and us. Our job is to be highly critical about what we're doing and how effective we are and to figure out exactly how to develop a rubric that would identify and coincide with the phrases. As reported, the official data will be released the week of November 27.

President Rivas stated concern about the suspension rates. She requested information regarding the types of support and resources available for teachers and school site staff and the impact on the suspension rate.

Ms. Young stated that the information would be provided to the Board in a Board Communication.

Dr. Martinez reported that the suspension data used in tonight's presentation is last year's data. Next year's data will be different and will provide a true number based on things done in support of lowering the suspension rate.

Trustee Sandoval asked if all students were asked about the school climate, specifically, safety.

Mr. Dahmen reported that all students in grades 7-12 were asked about school safety.

President Rivas thanked Mr. Dahmen and Ms. Andrews for their presentation.

3. PRESENT Induction Update

Minutes:

Teresa Rowan, Director of Co-Curricular Activities & New Teacher support, presented an update on new teacher support for induction and interns, including new teacher classifications; district impact; program goals; mentor experience, training, and teacher support; year 1 and year 2 induction teachers; teacher interns; training and support; and next steps to continue monitoring progress, to continue support of mentors and new teachers, to finalize spring cohort meetings, and to develop a pilot program for 2018-2019.

President Rivas thanked Ms. Rowan for her presentation.

4. FIRST READING of Revised Board Policy

Minutes:

The following Board Policies (BP) and Exhibits (E) were presented for a first reading: BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention, BP 5145.6 Parental Notifications, E 4112.9 Employee Notifications, E 4212.9 Employee Notifications, E 4312.9 Employee Notifications, and E 5145.6 Parental Notifications.

There were no recommended revisions.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - The Sycamore School Petition

Minutes:

President Rivas called the public hearing to order.

Kenneth Durham, Lead Petitioner of The Sycamore School, addressed the Board to present The Sycamore School charter petition for the term of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023, submitted to the District on October 23, 2017.

Trustee Fowler asked about the City of Sacramento's support and vested interest in this charter, as well as a lot of individuals from Natomas. She also asked why the students don't want to go to Norwood Middle School.

Mr. Durham stated that there are various reasons why students don't want to go to Norwood. He said one family moved to the Arden area because "the school just wasn't right for them."

Trustee Fowler stated that she has a problem with this thinking. If Norwood School isn't good enough, it seems that if the more affluent families would send their children there, it would make Norwood better.

Trustee Fowler asked who would pay for the roads to get in and out of the location and who would bring in the water.

Mr. Durham stated that he thinks Trustee Fowler's concerns can be addressed and resolved together.

Trustee Baker stated that the City of Sacramento is listed as a partner. He asked if the City Council voted to support the charter as a partner and if Mr. Durham had discussion with the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Durham stated that the City Council has not voted, but he is willing to try to get the City Council and Board of Supervisors on board with the charter.

Trustee Sandoval asked about funding applications mentioned in Mr. Durham's presentation.

Mr. Durham stated that Twin Rivers is seeking funds for five of its charters, but not for the development of their proposed charter site.

President Rivas asked what programs the charter wants that are not currently offered at Rio Linda High School.

Mr. Durham stated that the ACT Program and the CTE trade programs at Rio Linda are not programs he's looking at for his children. Families are looking for an option for their children to graduate from a school in their community when they leave Regency Park. This is not a specific thing or a specific program, it's about a promise that they have a path.

President Rivas asked Mr. Durham to clarify a statement he made when he said, "Kids don't learn from people they don't like."

Mr. Durham reported that this statement was not about the staff or teachers at Regency Park. He had an opportunity to get his children in MP3 and took it. One child never attended Regency Park and the other child was frustrated with them as parents because she had to go to Regency Park. As parents they made a choice based on how they were going to get their children through 12th grade.

President Rivas asked about plans for Special Education students.

Mr. Durham stated that when possible, there would be full inclusion to service the site. In the petition they would not be their own SELPA; they would not go with El Dorado County; they would use SCOE through the district to have the same Special Education services as any student would in Twin Rivers.

Mr. Durham shared that he was approached by a member of Twin Rivers United Educators' leadership and has provided a copy of the proposal to TRUE. TRUE has not indicated one way or the other, yet, whether they support or oppose the charter petition.

Trustee Bastian asked about water agreements.

Mr. McGuire reported that Twin Rivers does have water agreements with the City of Sacramento.

Trustee Bastian shared his son's positive experience at Westside Prep and his success as an adult; asked how Mr. Durham felt about the Panhandle and Rio Linda's Agri-Science Program.

Mr. Durham expressed support related to the Panhandle and what's happening there and stated that the charter school would not compete with the Agri-Science Program at Rio Linda High School.

President Rivas asked why petition Twin Rivers instead of Natomas since NP3 is in Natomas and the desire of petitioners is to have their children in the Natomas School District.

Mr. Durham reported that Twin Rivers students would have the priority for attendance at the charter within Twin Rivers boundaries.

Dr. Martinez stated that attendance priority information for charter school students would be provided to the Board by Twin Rivers' legal counsel for clarity.

Mr. Durham reported the impact to Regency Park and across the district; the Board of Directors listed in the petition; the petition is for one school; there are no other petitions; and they are not seeking to serve a CMO.

Mr. Durham thanked the people who came to speak on behalf of the charter and Shari Kantor, one of the Founding Board Members, for being present.

President Rivas thanked Mr. Durham for his presentation and for answering the Board's questions.

President Rivas closed the public hearing.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to take action on the petition at its December 12, 2017, board meeting.

P. HEARING OF PUBLIC (If Needed)

Minutes:
No comments.

Q. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Minutes:
No comments.

R. BOARD COMMENTS

Minutes:
Trustee Rebecca Sandoval shared that she attended the Masters in Governance classes presented by California School Boards Association (CSBA), where she received valuable information and training pertaining to: the foundation of effective governance and setting direction; policy and judicial review and student learning and achievement; school finance; human resources and collective bargaining; community relations and

advocacy and governance integration. She proudly announced that a few weeks ago she received her CSBA Masters in Governance.

Trustee Ramona Landeros wished Rio Linda High School Football Team good luck in their second round playoff game against Christian Brothers.

Trustee Basim Elkarra announced his attendance at a reception at McGeorge School of Law to welcome the new Dean; attendance at the State Board of Education meeting; and attendance at Congresswoman Doris Matsui's press conference to address the current tax plan, where a teacher and a student talked about how the tax plan would affect schools.

Trustee Baker wished fellow Trustees a "Happy Thanksgiving" and announced that he would not be present during the first day of the Delegate Assembly at the CSBA Education Conference in San Diego due to a family obligation. Trustee Baker asked if Trustee Sandoval would take notes during his absence and provide a report. He also wished everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable time off with their families.

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

Minutes:

A second closed session meeting was not needed.

T. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

A second closed session meeting was not needed.

U. 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, Tuesday, December 12, 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.

V. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business, President Rivas adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steven Martinez, Ed.D., Superintendent

Approved and ordered entered into the official proceedings of the school district on February 13, 2018.

W. NOVEMBER 14, 2017, MULTILINGUAL AGENDA

Minutes:

Note: Agendas for the November 14, 2017, regular board meeting were posted and made available to the public in English and in Spanish.

Clerk of the Board