

RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting, Board of Trustees
District Office, 1000 Yulupa Avenue
October 4, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Nancy Doherty
Mrs. Cynthia Evers
Mr. Chris Rafanelli
Mrs. Carol Lynn Wood
Mr. Tom Ford

Administrators: Dr. Casey DeAngelo, Superintendent
Mr. Joe Pandolfo, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Others: Interested parents and staff

1. OPEN SESSION

Ms. Doherty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Rafanelli moved Mrs. Evers seconded to recess to closed session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the following: Unanimous.

2.1 (a) RVUTA

2.1 (b) CSEA

2.2 Personnel Issues Ed. Code 54957

**3. OPEN SESSION: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Evers moved and Mr. Ford seconded to adjourn closed session and return to open session at 5:55 p.m.: Unanimous.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS

Ms. Doherty announced that no action was taken in closed session.

5. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS

None

6. AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEM APPROVAL

Mr. Rafanelli moved and Mr. Ford seconded to approve the agenda and following consent items: Unanimous.

**6.1 Minutes of September 6, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
Minutes of September 27, 2011 Board Study Session**

6.2 Williams Settlement Act

Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary, July 1 – September 30, 2011.

6.3 BP/AR’s for Second Reading

- BP 0420, School Plans/Site Councils . revise
- AR 0420, School Plans/Site Councils . new
- BP 0411, Section 504 . delete
- BP/AR 0440, District Technology Plan, new
- BP 0510, School Accountability Report Card . revise

6.4 Budget Revisions

This represents adjustments to the working budget, which require updating to the financial system.

6.5 Approval of Warrants:

- 9/07/11 - 1149017 . 1149086
- 9/07/11 - 1148956
- 9/14/11 - 1150446 . 1150522
- 9/28/11 - 1153518 - 1153626

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Ms. Doherty announced the following meetings:

Board Study Session	October 11, 2011 District Office, 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	November 1, 2011 District Office, 6:00 p.m.

8. PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. D’Angelo commented on the following:

- API/AYP report will be shared this evening. We will make some revisions to our district LEA plan to address interventions to help us reach the AYP growth target in all subgroups. The district does a great job. We want to continue that work so we make sure all students are successful.

10. AWARDS

10.1 Classified Employee of the Month of October, 2011

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to approve the Resolution for Rosemarie Rhode, Classified Employee of the Month of October, 2011: Unanimous.

Mr. Ford read the resolution. Mr. Herfurth read his letter complimenting Rosemarie Rhode for her excellent work as Noon Duty and RSP Aide at Binkley. She does an excellent job of working with students and always has a smile on her face.

10.2 Certificated Employee of the Month of October, 2011

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Ford seconded to approve the Resolution for Heather Bronston, Certificated Employee of the Month of October, 2011: Unanimous.

Mrs. Wood read the resolution. Mr. Reno read his letter commending Heather Bronston for being dedicated, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, hard working, and caring. She is a team leader for kindergarten and has been with the district for 15 years.

11. INFORMATION

11.1 API/AYP Report

Dr. DeAngelo reported on the District's API/AYP results. The Board reviewed the 2011 API and AYP reports showing both the 2010 Base API and the 2011 Growth API for the district and each school. All of our schools are over 800 API.

The Adequate Yearly Progress, AYP, is the federal accountability system which measures the progress made toward meeting the federal NCLB targets. The Board reviewed the reports showing how the district and each school did on meeting all of their targets. Valid scores are from students who have been with the district for one year. Safe harbor is given to schools that have made enough growth the year before in a subgroup. The target for 2011 was 67.6% proficient or above in language arts, and 68.5% in math.

Additional interventions are being implemented at all sites to help improve AYP growth in all subgroups. The target growth for 2012 will increase.

11.2 Student Services Update

Dr. DeAngelo reported on the September 14 Wednesday In-service and the September 23rd buy-back day.

On September 14, teachers had an opportunity to attend two technology related classes of their choice. The eight classes offered were designed to address various skill levels. Various administrators and teachers presented the classes. Teachers felt that sessions were valuable and appreciated the range of classes, the element of choice, and the opportunity to have colleagues sharing their skills. They would like to see more technology classes offered in the future.

The final teacher buy-back day was held on September 23rd, with the focus on Treasures implementation of writing and the technology resources in Treasures. Writing was chosen as the topic based on input from the Language Arts Committee and results from the Curriculum and Instruction Survey. Kindergarten teachers met as a grade level group, while other grade levels were combined: 1-2, 3-6, RSP, Title I, and principals. Teachers and principals felt the training provided useful information and clarified many of the questions that they hoped would be addressed. Teachers now have a greater depth of understanding about writing and how the writing program in Treasures supports their teaching and student learning. The time with technology seemed too short and all grade levels would like more time with this.

11.3 Board Policy Review – First Reading

Dr. DeAngelo introduced the recommended policies one at a time. This month was the 1000s/Community Relations. The Board gave their input and revisions were noted. The following policies will come back to the Board in November for Action:

BP 1000 Concepts and Roles -. current and revised (two-way communication with the community.)

BP 1100 Communication with the Public . new

We do not currently have this policy. This will serve as a guide for our district communication plan.

BP 1113 District and School Web Sites . current and revised

Photos of groups can be published as long as student names are not included. The recommended policy includes a statement about this. This will also be included in the district's first day packets.

BP/ AR 1220 Citizens Advisory Committees . current & revised policy, new AR Brown Act information is in these policies.

BP/AR 1240 Volunteer Assistance . new policy and current & revise AR

It is recommended that we have this policy as there is a new law requiring that a volunteer possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate if they work directly with students and are not supervised by certificated staff.

BP 1260 Education Foundation . new policy

The recommended policy describes the relationship between the district and the foundation. The Board would like language regarding website clearance in this policy as well.

BP 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials . current and revised

The recommended version includes reference to the district's Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint Procedures.

BP 1312.4 Complaints Concerning Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs .
delete

AR 1340 Access to District Records – current & revised AR

The recommended version is very similar, but it also stipulates that personal information of employees is not disclosed to the public.

The following policies will come back as further discussion at the November 1st Board meeting. Dr. DeAngelo will get more input from principals and parents regarding these policies.

BP/AR 1230 School-Connected Organizations . new policy and AR

We do not currently have a Board Policy and Regulations regarding school-connected organizations such as our parent clubs and PTA organization that each school currently has. The policy describes the relationship between the district and each of these organizations. The regulations establish a process for the Governing Board to authorize a school-connected organization each year. The Governing Board feels this would build a better connection with parent clubs. The Board would like to add that parent club communications be approved before putting them on the website.

BP/AR 1321 Soliciting Funds from and by Students . current & revised BP and new AR

Dennis Walsh, parent and resident of the district, spoke regarding a fundraiser at Austin Creek and his concerns about the reward incentive. He spoke to the principal and PTA president regarding this practice. He would like the rewards to be school based, not individually based, so that no child is left out of a school activity based on financial ability.

The Board discussed school fundraisers, incentives, support of programs and additional revenue.

11.4 Rincon Valley Union School District Communications Plan

Dr. DeAngelo discussed the development of the RVUSD Communications Plan. He made some revisions to the previous start of the Communication Plan. The Board would like the plan to include who will communicate what to whom. Dr. DeAngelo will elaborate on this in the plan and bring it back for further review in November.

11.5 Rincon Valley Union Teachers' Association's Initial "Sunshine" Collective Bargaining Agreement Proposal with the Rincon Valley Union School District 2011-2012

The Board of Trustees received RVUTA's "Sunshine" proposal for 2011-2012. The proposal includes the following:

In addition to negotiating salary, benefits, and calendar, RVUTA would like to open negotiations on the following items:

1. Article XV #5 regarding the use of Wednesday planning time.
2. Article XV #22 regarding planning time for primary classes.
3. Offer the Golden Handshake and/or Retirement Incentive to eligible employees.

12. ACTION

12.1 Rincon Valley Charter School Programmatic Audit Addendum 2010-2011

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to approve the Rincon Valley Charter School's Programmatic Audit Addendum for 2010-2011: Unanimous. Dr. DeAngelo will be working with the Charter Executive Committee to create a Single Plan for Student Achievement.

13. PERSONNEL

Mr. Ford moved and Mr. Rafanelli seconded to approve the following personnel items: Unanimous.

13.1 Certificated – Long Term Substitutes

- Erika Meza, Madrone, effective October 3, 2011

13.2 Certificated – New Hire

- Carla DiBasilio, Charter Instructor, effective September 16, 2011

13.3 Classified – New Hires

- Nicole Price, Intern Counselor, effective August 29, 2011
- Will Kerwin, Day Care Assistant, Spring Creek, effective September 1, 2011
- Kelly McCarthy, Intern Counselor, effective September 6, 2011
- Stephanie Shelton, Sub Noon Duty, Sub Science Facilitator, Austin Creek, effective September 12, 2011
- Niki Heumann, Intern Counselor, effective September 22, 2011

13.4 Classified - Resignation

- Aimee Feezell, Noon Duty, Matanzas, effective August 17, 2011

13.5 Certificated – Leave of Absence Request

- Miriam Favela, Teacher, Madrone, effective October 3, 2011 . June 5, 2012
- Kimberly Darlington, Teacher, Madrone, effective October 24, 2011 . June 5, 2012

14. CSEA / RVUTA COMMENTS

None

15. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Redwood Consortium for Student Services Report
- Annual Accounting Developer Fees -Resolution
- Public Self-Insurers Annual Report
- Communication Plan
- BP/ARs 1230 and 1321

17. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Transportation Report

18. ADJOURN

Mrs. Evers moved and Mr. Rafanelli seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27p.m.
Unanimous.

Dr. Casey DeAngelo
District Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees