

RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting, Board of Trustees  
District Office, 1000 Yulupa Avenue  
January 12, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Cynthia Evers  
Ms. Nancy Doherty  
Mr. Chris Rafanelli  
Mr. Tom Ford  
Mrs. Cindy Pilar

Administrators: Mrs. Diane Moresi, Superintendent  
Mr. Joe Pandolfo, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Others: Interested parents and staff

**1. OPEN SESSION:**

Open session began at 6:30 p.m.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Evers moved and Mr. Ford seconded to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following at 6:31 p.m.

**2.1 Collective Bargaining Session**

2.1 (a) CTA

2.1 (b) CSEA

**2.2 Personnel Issues Ed. Code 54957**

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

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to return to open session at 6:55 p.m.:  
Unanimous.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS**

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

**5. AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEM APPROVAL**

Mr. Rafanelli moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve the agenda and consent items: Unanimous.

**5.1 Minutes of December 10, 2009 Regular Board Meeting**

**5.2 Williams Settlement**

*Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary, October 1 – December 31, 2009*

**5.3 RESIG Joint Powers Agreement, Resolution #1-10-09**

*Board of Trustees will consider approving a revised Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with RESIG, Resolution #1-10-09.*

**5.4 Rincon Valley Union School District Auxiliary Rates of Pay**

*Board of Trustees will consider approving revisions to the Rincon Valley Union School District Auxiliary Rates of Pay.*

**5.5 BP/AR 6171, Instruction, Title I Programs**

*Board of Trustees will consider approving second reading of BP/AR 6171.*

**5.6 Approval of Warrants:**

- 12/04/09 - 1039047 - 1039088
- 12/09/09 - 1039954 - 1040003
- 12/16/09 - 1041347 – 1041420
- 12/18/09 - 1041908
- 12/23/09 - 1042928 – 1042991
- 12/30/09 - 1043430 – 1043431
- 01/06/10 - 1044054 – 1044097

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR**

Ms. Doherty announced the following:

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| Regular Board Meeting | February 2, 2010<br>District Office, 7:00 p.m.       |
| Board Study Session   | February 10, 2010<br>5927 Chandler Ct.<br>10:00 a.m. |

**7. PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Rebecca Casciani – Matanzas parent –commented on the district’s communication since the last board meeting and thanked Diane Moresi and Joe Pandolfo for their formal communication with Matanzas and Spring Creek parents in December. She emphasized her appreciation for the presentation and would like to see it continue. Ms. Casciani also commented on the district’s proposed plan to expand the 7/8 charter school and would appreciate the board considering the cost for technology if they were to go through with this plan.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Moresi commented on the following:

- Friend's House- The district office staff participated in a holiday "giving" project for the Friend's House and a group from the office was able to deliver the donations and sang Christmas Carols to the residents. A very nice thank you card was received expressing their appreciation.
- Grand Jury- In response to the Grand Jury request for information regarding wellness and nutrition in our district, they will be visiting Sequoia on January 13 for data gathering. Heather Driscoll and Matt Reno will meet with the representatives.
- Special Recognition – Mrs. Moresi presented Mrs. Cynthia Evers with a gavel/plaque recognizing her years of service as Board President, 2005 – 2009 and thanked her for her leadership.

## 9. AWARDS

9.1 Mrs. Evers moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to approve the Resolution for Andy Darrow, **Certificated Employee of the Month** of January, 2010: Unanimous.

Mrs. Evers read the resolution and Mr. Currie read his letter recognizing Andy for his passion, enthusiasm, and energy as a music teacher for our district. Mr. Darrow has recently created three new programs at the Spring Creek Matanzas Charter School—Rock Band, Composition, and Harmonica, which is unique to the school.

Andy thanked everyone and gave a presentation of his work and new programs with the students. He feels fortunate to be in this district working with great colleagues.

9.2 Mr. Rafanelli moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to approve the Resolution for Gail Doolittle-Freitas, **Classified Employee of the Month** of January, 2010. Mr. Rafanelli read the resolution and MRs. Radford, Program Manager-Special Services, read her letter commending Gail for her work as a Full Inclusion Assistant for a student at the charter school. Mrs. Doolittle-Freitas has been a great asset to the students and staff and is appreciated for her ability to help students reach their fullest potential.

Gail expressed her appreciation for this recognition and complimented the Board and administration for selecting such outstanding, dedicated teachers for our district. She enjoys contributing to the success of the students.

## 10. INFORMATION

### 10.1 Madrone Drama Presentation

Madrone School drama students gave a short demonstration of their upcoming presentation “The Wiz.” The cast was introduced, sang a song, and invited all to attend their performance on January 28, 29 and 30.

### 10.2 Student Services Update

Mrs. Moresi reported on the following curriculum and instruction activities:

- District Staff Development Day
  - CPR for classified staff
  - Food Service Training
  - Certificated staff -keynote Don Zundel – “Technology in the Future”
- California Distinguished School--Austin Creek submitted application – timeline in packet.
- GATE curriculum update – Odyssey of the Mind-25 teams – largest number of teams ever.
- Matanzas Intervention Groups – sample of DIBELS intervention group – progress monitoring graphs. Benchmarks are taking place this month.
- Wednesday Inservice will be tomorrow, January 13- schools will work together—Topic: Introduction & Review of Technology Standards for the Classroom.

### 10.3 Rincon Valley Charter School – Expansion Update

Mr. Pandolfo gave a powerpoint presentation, which included a budget update, and reviewed some of the benefits of the Spring Creek and Matanzas reconfiguration and information regarding the possible expansion of the 7/8 charter to the Matanzas campus. The budget update portion included information received at the Governor’s Budget update today, January 12.

Mr. Pandolfo and Mrs. Moresi met with some of the parents and staff of the Spring Creek/Matanzas Charter School in December to review this information and answer questions.

Mrs. Pilar requested that staff continue to survey Sequoia parents and staff regarding the impact the 7/8 charter had on their campus. She stated that there is much to be learned from previous experience. She requested a formal gathering of that information from those who have lived through it. What can we learn to include in our planning? What worked and what did not work?

Mr. Pandolfo gave an update on the QSCB loan. The district has a March deadline to commit or not. The revenue to pay this loan can only be generated by the additional revenue provided by the increased 7/8 charter enrollment, which means the expansion of the RVCS is necessary to repay the debt.

If the Board is committed to expansion of the Rincon Valley Charter School, staff recommends the District proceed with the QSCB bonds. If the Board is not comfortable committing to an expansion of the Charter School at this time, staff should be instructed to inform the California School Finance Authority that we will not peruse this loan.

#### **10.4 Rincon Valley Charter School Registration**

Mrs. Moresi reported on the Rincon Valley Charter School's registration timeline. Initial registration is handled at the district office by Cindy Mendenhall. Applications will be available beginning January 25 at all district sites. The deadline for return is March 26. The parent Family Information Night will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Sequoia gym.

#### **10.5 Race to the Top Initiative**

Mrs. Moresi gave an update on the Race to the Top Initiative. The MOU was signed by Diane Moresi and Board President, Nancy Doherty, and sent to the state on January 8, 2010. Most districts have sent in their MOU with the understanding that there is an opt-out provision. Mrs. Moresi reported that the District will take one step at a time. It is one-time money. Our CTA chose not to sign the MOU. Staff will keep the Board informed.

Mr. Ford commented that we do not want to be obligated to the large amount of work described in the initiative for an insignificant amount of one-time money. The District should be careful due to reporting requirements.

#### **10.6 CSBA Membership and GAMUT Online**

Mrs. Moresi reported that since the Board's decision in December not to join the California School Board Association (CSBA) this year and only enroll in the GAMUT board policy update service, we have been informed by CSBA that this is not possible. In order to use GAMUT, the Board must also be a member of CSBA. The Board discussed this issue and directed staff to research other policy update sources.

### **11. ACTION**

#### **11.1 Audit Report – Rincon Valley Union School District**

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to accept the Rincon Valley Union School District Financial Report/Audit for year ending 2008-2009: Unanimous. No findings.

#### **11.2 Audit Report – Rincon Valley Charter School**

Mrs. Pilar moved and Mr. Ford seconded to ratify the Rincon Valley Charter School Financial Report/Audit for year ending 2008-2009: Unanimous. No findings.

**11.3 Rincon Valley Charter School Admission Requirements, Element 8**

The Board requested to table this item until the February Board meeting and after further discussion with the Charter Executive Committee.

**11.4 Rincon Valley Charter School Governance Structure – Element 4**

Mr. Ford moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to approve the material revisions to the Rincon Valley Charter School Governance Structure, Element 4: Unanimous.

**11.5 Application for County-District School (CDS) Code – Redwood Consortium for Student Services**

Mrs. Evers moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to approve the application for a CDS Code for the Redwood Consortium for Student Services: Unanimous.

When we tried to process CALPADS, State took issue with enrollment tracking. We have to count the enrollment as Rincon Valley's. ADA will be claimed by the consortium districts.

**11.6 Energy Savings**

Mr. Rafanelli moved and Mrs. Evers seconded to authorize the District to go to bid for lighting and lighting control updating at the sites for energy savings: Unanimous.

**11.7 West County Transportation – Withdrawal from JPA-Second Notice**

Mr. Ford moved and Mr. Rafanelli seconded to authorize the District to submit a second notice to withdraw from the West County Transportation JPA, effective July 1, 2010: Unanimous.

**12 PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Evers moved and Mrs. Pilar seconded to approve the following personnel items: Unanimous.

**12.1 Classified – New Hires**

- Kathleen Flanagan, Food Service Cashier, Spring Creek, effective January 5, 2010

**12.2 Classified – Resignations**

- Alicia Puente, EL Assistant, effective January 4, 2010
- Eyob Mehari, Custodian, District Office, effective January 15, 2010

**13. CSEA / RVUTA COMMENTS**

CTA – Gael Reed commented on the RT3 initiative. If the state accepts the application, the District we will need to negotiate with CTA. Ms. Reed opted not want to sign the MOU without consulting membership.

CSEA – Maggie Chandler commented on plumbing issue at Whited, which set off the fire alarm during lunch recess. Staff and students responded very well to fire drill. “Practice does work.”

**14. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Calendar -- the Board reschedule two study session meetings: January 22 was moved to February 24, 2010, 1:00, at Mrs. Evers' home. April 23 board/administration retreat was moved to April 30, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Happy New Year!**

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mid-Year Goals Report
- Consolidated Application Part II
- Special Education Report
- Transportation Update
- Healthy Kids Survey
- Charter School Curriculum
- Summer School Intervention
- Communication Timeline – charter expansion- March

**16. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

None

**17. ADJOURN**

Mrs. Evers moved and Mr. Rafanelli seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. : Unanimous.

Mrs. Diane Moresi  
Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees