

Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting: October 24, 2023  
Open/Closed Session: 4:30 p.m.  
Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

I. OPEN SESSION –President Ayala-Quintero opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

a. ROLL CALL – Melissa Ayala-Quintero, Patty Holohan, Jim O’Neill, Michele Rendler, Alex Vara (Arrived at 5:50 p.m.)

b. Announcements – None.

Staff Attending:

Juan Cabral, Superintendent

Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Ken Wagner, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Sabine Robertson-Phillips, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. COMMUNITY INPUT

1. None.

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

a. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

*No Action* was taken.

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

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**On motion of Michele Rendler, second by Patty Holohan and unanimously carried (Ayes: Ayala-Quintero, Holohan, O'Neill, Rendler; Absent: Vara), the Board took action to:**

**Appoint Jennifer Petty to the position of Child Nutrition Services Operations & Compliance Manager, effective October 25, 2023, at Step 1 of the Management Team Salary Schedule.**

- c. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE JUAN

*No Action* was taken.

- d. OTHER

*No Action* was taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION

- a. The Board adjourned to open session at 4:38 p.m.

VI. REGULAR MEETING – OPEN SESSION

- a. CALL TO ORDER –President Ayala-Quintero opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
- b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Board Vice President Alex Vara
- c. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A Moment of Silence was held for the following individual:

Kevin Fisher, an RUSD Teacher who passed away on September 26, 2023.

- d. ROLL CALL – Melissa Ayala-Quintero, Patty Holohan, Jim O'Neill, Michele Rendler, Alex Vara

Staff Attending:

Juan Cabral, Superintendent

Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Ken Wagner, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Sabine Robertson-Phillips, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

- e. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. COMMUNITY INPUT

1. Paul Blatchley

- Shared that he is a concerned high school parent that lives in Trustee Area 5.
- Expressed that he supports Red Ribbon Week but suggested that students are addicted to their phones and social media.
- Noted that the REV Safety Plan did not mention a football stadium.
- Requested that Association Reports be removed from the Agenda so parents do not have to sit through the reports.

VIII. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

1. None.

IX. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- a. Redlands Teachers Association – Mrs. Abt shared that RTA is continuing to visit school sites further noting that the commitment educators, certificated, classified and management staff have to the students and the community is inspiring and affirming. Mrs. Abt recognized several staff members and thanked everyone for the impact they are making on students.
- b. Redlands Education Support Professionals Association – No report.
- c. Redlands Administrative Personnel Association – No report.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Redlands COMPACT – Mrs. Rendler shared that the first mixer was held at the Burrage Mansion on October 12th. There were 27 students and 18 adults in attendance. The COMPACT Steering committee will meet this Thursday. The clubs at REV and Citrus Valley are looking for an advisor. The students at these schools are anxious to get started for the year and hope an adult steps up to help out.
- b. Redlands Educational Partnership Foundation [REP] – Mrs. Rendler shared that the AAA Academy will have a Fall minicamp on November 20- 22 and anyone interested in attending should go to REP4schools.com to register, as space is limited! Mrs. Rendler further reminded everyone that the Turkey Trot is on Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 2023, and it is open to everyone.

- c. City of Redlands Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – Mrs. Rendler noted that the city is moving forward with the Pump Track, and more information will be coming in the coming months. She further noted that Trick or Treating on Olive Ave is back and the street will be closed from Cajon to Center. Mrs. Rendler wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

#### XI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. Superintendent Cabral noted the following:
  - 1. Noted that he has attended several exciting events including the Resource Fair at RHS. Mr. Cabral thanked everyone for their hard work.
  - 2. Noted that Mission held an eSports Tournament and that the Loma Linda Chief Battalion Leader lead a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to play against the San Bernardino Sheriff. The top two players were 5<sup>th</sup> graders. He further noted that it was a lot of fun and thanked Principal Castorena and the Battalion Chief for the support.

#### XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

#### XIII. BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

On motion of Alex Vara, second by Patty Holohan, and unanimously carried, the Board took action to:

- a. Approve all Consent Items as detailed in Items XIII.b. – XIII.t.
- b. Approve Agreement with Alpha Facilities Solutions, to conduct a complete Facility Condition Assessment and Asset Inventory Update, at a cost not to exceed \$172,992.92, to be funded by Developer Fees and Redevelopment Fee Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- c. Approve Agreement with Creative Mathematics, to provide professional development training, conducted by Kim Sutton for Judson & Brown, Smiley and Cram Elementary teachers, effective November 1, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$6,175.00, to be funded by Title One Funds and split between three sites (Appendix Item).
- d. Approve Agreement with Raincross Inspection, to provide DSA Inspection Services for Redlands East Valley High School Gym HVAC Upgrades for \$34,200.00, to be funded by Covid Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- e. Approve Amendment No. 1 with PCH Architects to provide Architectural Services for Citrus Valley High School Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Project, in the amount of (\$17,500.00), to be credited to Covid Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- f. Approve Amendment No.1 with PCH Architects to provide Architectural Services for Redlands East Valley High School Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Project, in the amount of (\$17,500.00), to be credited to Covid Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).

- g. Approve Amendment No. 1 with PCH Architects to provide Architectural Services for the Redlands High School Girls Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Project, in the amount of (\$17,500.00), to be credited to Covid Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- h. Approve Amendment No.1 with PCH Architects to provide Architectural Services for the Redlands High School Terrier Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Project, in the amount of (\$17,500.00), to be credited to Covid Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- i. Approve Amendment No. 4 with PBK-WLC for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Redlands East Valley High School S Wing Parking Lot Expansion Project to extend the contract date to June 30, 2024. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- j. Ratify/Approve Agreement with Mindfulness in mOtion to provide 1:1 paraprofessional support district-wide, effective October 9, 2023 through December 15, 2023, to be billed per attached rate sheet, funded by Special Education Funds (Appendix Item).
- k. Approve Change Order No. 3 with Wakeco, Inc., for New Offices at the District Office, Bid 6-23, in the amount of \$11,257.30 to be funded by Redevelopment Agency Funds (Appendix Item).
- l. Approve Rejection for all bids, listed under Bid No. 5-24, Restroom Expansion at Orangewood High School.
- m. Ratify Award Bid 22-23 for Charter Transportation Services to Starks Enterprises Transportation Services Inc., for increased rates to be funded by Transportation Funds. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, and Amy Drummond, Purchasing Director I, to sign related documents on behalf of the Board.
- n. Ratify/Approve the use of Best VIP & Limousine, Cardiff Limousine & Transportation and Inland Empire Stages for use of Charter Transportation Services in the absence of a formal bid. Authorize Juan Cabral, Superintendent, Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, and Amy Drummond, Purchasing Director I, to sign related documents on behalf of the Board.
- o. Authorize the destruction of the following surplus/obsolete vehicles: Vehicle # YR/Model VIN License Plate 595 2006 Sprinter Van WDOPD644165936927 1225777.
- p. Accept as complete and approve filing a Notice of Completion with the County Hall of Records for Bid 7-23 with Arrowhead Mechanical, Inc., for HVAC Upgrades at Cope Middle School. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- q. Approve Reject Claim Number 628174 in accordance with Government Code Section 913.
- r. Accept Donations. Instruct the secretary to write letters of appreciation on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).
- s. Approve Payment Transmittal Numbers 24000463 through 24000555 for October 24, 2023, in the amount of \$2,283,889.35. Authorize Jason Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to sign on behalf of the Board (Appendix Item).

- t. Ratify/Approve Attendance at Professional Meetings (Appendix Item).

#### XIV. BUSINESS SERVICES ACTION ITEMS

None.

#### XV. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

On motion of Alex Vara, second by Michele Rendler, and unanimously carried, the Board took action to:

- a. Approve Consent Item as detailed in Items XV.b. – XV.f.
- b. Approve approximately 30 11th grade AVID students from Redlands High School to travel by bus, to Northern California, to participate in the Northern California College Tour where they will explore various college campuses, effective November 15, 2023 through November 17, 2023.
- c. Approve 6 members of Redlands East Valley High School Wrestling team to travel by van, to Buchanan High School in Clovis, California, to prepare for the CIF State competition, effective December 14, 2023 through December 16, 2023.
- d. Approve 26 members of Redlands East Valley High School Spirit Leaders to travel by vehicle, to the Anaheim Convention Center, to compete at the USA Spirit Nationals, effective February 16, 2024 through February 19, 2024.
- e. Approve 6 members of Redlands East Valley High School Wrestling team to travel by van, to Bakersfield, California, to compete at the CIF State competition, effective February 28, 2024 through March 2, 2024.
- f. Approve 28 5th grade students from Kingsbury Elementary School to travel by bus, to Idyllwild Astro Camp, where they will learn about physical science, astronomy, and have the opportunity to adventure in nature, effective March 8, 2024 through March 10, 2024.

#### XVI. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Alex Vara, second by Jim O'Neill, and unanimously carried, the Board took action to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 12, 2023-2024, National Red Ribbon Campaign, supporting Red Ribbon Week, October 23 - 31, 2023 (Appendix Item).

On motion of Patty Holohan, second by Alex Vara, and unanimously carried, the Board took action to:

- b. Approve 2023-2024 Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP) for the following school sites: Arroyo Verde Elementary; Bryn Mawr Elementary; Crafton Elementary; Cram Elementary;

Franklin Elementary; Highland Grove Elementary; Judson & Brown Elementary; Kimberly Elementary; Kingsbury Elementary; Lugonia Elementary; Mariposa Elementary; McKinley Elementary; Mentone Elementary; Mission Elementary; Smiley Elementary; Victoria Elementary; Beattie Middle School; Clement Middle School; Cope Middle School; Moore Middle School; Citrus Valley High School; Redlands East Valley High School; Redlands Senior High School; Orangewood High School; and eAcademy (Appendix Item).

On motion of Jim O'Neill, second by Michele Rendler [Items XVI.c. through XVI.h.], and unanimously carried, (with corrections to Item XVI.c. and XVI.f.) the Board took action to:

**CORRECTION:**

- c. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-002, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester for the 2023-2024 school year ~~with the second semester for the 2023-2024 school year suspended.~~
- d. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-003, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester for the 2023-2024 school year with the second semester for the 2023-2024 school year suspended.
- e. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-004, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester for the 2023-2024 school year with the second semester for the 2023-2024 school year suspended.

**CORRECTION:**

- f. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-005, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester and **all of the second semester** for the 2023-2024 school year ~~with the second semester for the 2023-2024 school year suspended.~~
- g. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-006, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester and all of second semester for the 2023-2024 school year.
- h. Approve the Stipulated Expulsion regarding student 2023-2024-007, expulsion through the remainder of the first semester for the 2023-2024 school year with the second semester for the 2023-2024 school year suspended.

**XVII. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion of Patty Holohan, second by Alex Vara, [Patty Holohan abstaining on Item XVII.e.], and unanimously carried, the Board took action to:

- a. Approve all Consent Items as detailed in Items XVII.b. – XVII.aa.
- b. Certificated - Ratify/Approve new certificated bargaining unit personnel (Appendix Item).
- c. Certificated - Ratify/Approve employment of daily/hourly certificated personnel (Appendix Item).
- d. Certificated - Ratify/Approve revised salary placements/assignments for certificated bargaining unit personnel (Appendix Item).
- e. Certificated - Ratify/Approve extra assignments for certificated personnel (Appendix Item).

- f. Classified - Ratify/Approve new classified contract personnel (Appendix Item).
- g. Classified - Ratify/Approve new classified contract Instructional Paraprofessional - Special Education personnel (Appendix Item).
- h. Classified - Ratify/Approve employment of classified substitute/short-term personnel (Appendix Item).
- i. Classified - Ratify/Approve anniversary step and longevity increments of classified contract personnel, effective October 1, 2023 (Appendix Item).
- j. Classified - Ratify/Approve revised salary placements/assignments for classified contract personnel (Appendix Item).
- k. Classified - Ratify/Approve revised salary placements/assignments for classified contract Instructional Paraprofessional - Special Education personnel (Appendix Item).
- l. Classified - Ratify/Approve extra assignments for classified contract personnel (Appendix Item).
- m. Classified - Ratify/Approve extra assignments for classified contract Instructional Paraprofessional - Special Education personnel (Appendix Item).
- n. Classified - Ratify/Approve classified requests for leaves of absence (Appendix Item).
- o. Classified - Ratify/Accept resignations/separations from classified contract personnel (Appendix Item).
- p. Classified - Ratify/Accept resignations/separations from classified contract Instructional Paraprofessional - Special Education personnel (Appendix Item).
- q. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Beattie Middle School (Appendix Item).
- r. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Clement Middle School (Appendix Item).
- s. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Cope Middle School (Appendix Item).
- t. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Moore Middle School (Appendix Item).
- u. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Citrus Valley High School (Appendix Item).
- v. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Redlands East Valley High School (Appendix Item).
- w. Other - Ratify/Approve employment of temporary athletic team coaches/extended day/Redlands High School (Appendix Item).



- x. Other - Approve volunteers and overnight chaperones for the 2023-2024 school year (Appendix Item).
- y. Other - Ratify/Approve Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement for Participation in The Center for Teacher Innovation Induction Program, between the Redlands Unified School District and Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Authorize Lisa Bruich, Director III, Human Resources, to sign on behalf of the Board of Education (Appendix Item).
- z. Other - Ratify/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Redlands Unified School District and Alliant International University, California School of Education, effective October 24, 2023. Authorize Lisa Bruich, Director III, Human Resources, to sign on behalf of the Board of Education (Appendix Item).
- aa. Other - Approve Student Teaching Agreement between the Redlands Unified School District and Four Three Education, effective October 25, 2023. Authorize Lisa Bruich, Director III, Human Resources, to sign on behalf of the Board of Education (Appendix Item).

#### XVIII. HUMAN RESOURCES ACTION ITEMS

None.

**President Ayala-Quintero reported the following from Closed Session:**

**In regard to the Public Employee Appointment part of the Agenda, she reported the following:**

**During Closed Session, the Board took action to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Kirtan Shah to the position of Director II, Fiscal Services, effective November 6, 2023, at Step 2 of the Management Team Salary Schedule with the following vote: Ayala-Quintero, Holohan, O'Neill, Rendler, voting Aye (Absent Vara).**

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#### XIX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

#### XX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### a. COMMUNITY INPUT

##### 1. Dale Broome

- Shared that his group has been complaining for almost a year regarding the

sexually graphic books in the school libraries. Shared that nine complaints have been submitted and that that six of the library books were found acceptable and has not heard anything on the others.

- Read an excerpt from John Green's book "Looking for Alaska" noting that the book has sexually graphic material. He further shared that the book has been removed from middle school but is still present in two of the high school libraries and feels it is not appropriate.
- Expressed that action from administration is needed and asked the Board to stop stonewalling them on the library books.

2. Lea

- Noted that she watched the meetings online and wanted to address some of the comments heard.
- Urged the Board to place parental notification on the agenda as she feels like parents should know what is going on with their kids and wondered why it is acceptable to let kids make gender decisions without parental consent.
- Inquired about children being their own person and wondered about a child getting in an accident and who would be responsible. Further noting that parents should make decisions for kids.
- Noted that Mr. Cabral had made mention in the past about parents reviewing their child's student record and wondered how parents would go about doing that.

3. Paul Blatchley

- Echoed what the previous parent said and stated that if anyone read the School Safety Plans they would be amazed about how many statements there are about getting parents involved with a student's bad behavior.
- Shared that he doesn't understand why the District would cut parents out of notifications.
- Noted that the last board meeting made him sad as the meetings are getting so far away from the main charge which is educating kids.
- Expressed that the Board should be acting as a check and balance on the District and not just a rubber stamp. He further encouraged the Board to look at agenda and not just approve everything.
- Noted that he felt the whole flag policy discussion does not matter because you can see from the reaction of the teachers that they are just going to ignore it.
- Shared that the Safety Plans don't say anything about pride flags in classrooms and wondered if the flag makes kids feel safe then why isn't it part of safety plan.
- Expressed that people before the meeting were joking about indoctrination and feels that parents should come sit in classrooms because the problem with the District is that the teachers essentially can deliver any content, any way they want and can emphasize certain areas of the curriculum based on their own personal beliefs.
- Feels that more that could be done from the Board and the District.

## 4. Joshua Hall

- Spoke about Assembly Bill 1078, signed into law by the Governor to ensure all students have access to the appropriate materials, sharing that he feels there is nothing educational about queer theory or queer lifestyle.
- Noted that there is a provision in AB 1078 which prohibits removing LGBTQ content and ideology, but feels that people can still exercise their own authority to remove content. Further noting that by not allowing the removal of LGBTQ content, it is going against the stated purpose of ensuring the queer lifestyle and he feels it is not appropriate for students.
- Wondered why we are teaching students about sexuality.

## 5. Candy Olson

- Requested that a new policy be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting since the current book policy does not work.
- Inquired about a previous statement made about how if someone sees a pride flag and disagrees with it, then they can just go away and not talk to them when it comes to students in the classroom. She further shared that she thought that it was interesting to expect children to run away.
- Concerned about the way the English language is being changed by referring to people as “they”.
- Shared that students are being indoctrinated by certain teachers but it may not be known because when you are in the classroom they are not going to talk about controversial subjects.
- Noted that the Board should be more careful when they say indoctrination isn’t going on. Further sharing that children should not have to stare at a flag that is offensive to them.
- Expressed that schools should be all inclusive and the America Flag is not offensive to anyone. Further sharing that everyone should feel comfortable, not just some students.

## 6. Valerie Taber

- Shared that she is concerned about two topics. The first being Salinas Family Counseling as she feels that their profanity on social media is a concern and the second being that it is misleading for people to state that counselors are trying to separate families. Further sharing that no person is required to be in an unhealthy relationship.
- Urged the Board to consider closed captioning to support inclusivity.

## 7. Trisha Keeling

- Applauded the Board for the way they have been standing up to hatred further noting that many of the people speaking do not have kids in RUSD.
- Thanked the Board for continuing to uphold the civil rights of students in the District by making safe spaces for LGBTQ student.
- Shared that she is confident that RUSD will continue to promote inclusion.

- Noted that Safe Redlands Schools make people aware of hatred.

The following comments were emailed prior to the October 24, 2023 meeting, and was distributed to the Board of Education and is summarized as follows:

1. Michelle Whitmore

- Urged the Board to protect queer students and that all kids should feel welcome at school.
- Asked the Board to do right by all student by letting them know that it's ok to be gay.

2. Paulina Angel

- Shared that she serves as Founder and Director of Transgender Resource, Advocacy & Network Service (T.R.A.N.S.), and Executive Director of Trans Community Project in the Coachella Valley.
- Noted that this is nothing more than a blatant attack against Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth and that the Board needs to do better in making schools a safe place for all kids.
- Urged the Board to not take up and vote for these kinds of policies, and to not let hate define the school district.

3. Lissie Antos

- Noted that she is a parent of 2 RUSD students as well as a teacher and wants to make sure that the Board understands that the Flag Policy group is trying to link the acceptance of LGBTQ members of our community to abuse against children and so-called "indoctrination" of students.
- Voiced strong support for not instituting a flag policy.

4. Robert Bourne

- Understands that there is discussion about banning all flags from RUSD campuses other than the US or California flags and would like to voice support for freedom of expression.
- Asked the Board to allow students and faculty their appropriate freedoms.

5. Gesto Tweet

- Noted that he was a high school student who attended RHS and was involved in GSA.
- Shared that the LGBTQ+ flags may seem benign, but they are incredibly important to a lot of people on campus, even though there may not be a lot of people showing express support.
- Urged the Board to not change the current policy to ban LGBTQ+ flags as it will bring nothing but harm to every school campus.

## XXI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Superintendent Cabral noted that the District wants parents to be as involved as possible. Further noting that the number of volunteers at the school sites is abundant. He provide details on the fingerprinting process for field trip volunteers and noted that it is going well.
2. He further noted that parents can access school records by making an appointment with the school and can work with the school librarian on restricting access to any books that parents feel are inappropriate. Parents can also be notified if a child tries to check out books that the parents don't want them to read.
3. He shared that there are currently books going through the review process.

## XXII. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

## a. Michele Rendler:

1. Noted that she had a great time at the Resource Fair a few weeks ago. Families in attendance were given food, pajamas, toothbrushes, as well as other things and she loved that the Black Student Union and the Hispanic Club from Orangewood were there promoting the good things they are doing on campus and in the community.
2. Shared that she attended The New Teacher Reception that afternoon was a great event and she enjoyed meeting some of the new teachers.
3. Noted that she always enjoy the mural judging at RHS! The students are very creative and she and her husband attended RHS's Homecoming Game and the REV game.
4. Shared that the Superintendent's Awards at RHS was great and thanked everyone who helped make it possible.
5. Participate in the Parent University workshop put on by the FACE team and thanked everyone involved for the hard work in developing these workshops for RUSD families!
6. Thanked Wendy McClung, from CRYROP, for the presentation on ROP in RUSD. 25 families participated on Zoom earlier that day and there were 8 families in-person that evening. Everyone enjoyed hearing about the different classes offered at our schools.
7. Shared that Victoria had their very own pumpkin patch for preschool through kindergarten. The children were so excited to "pick" a pumpkin from the newly constructed kindergarten playground. She thanked Mrs. Patel, principal at Victoria, for the invitation.
8. Noted that a new non-profit has started up here in town. Healthy Easy Valley Drug Free Coalition is comprised of Redlands, Yucaipa, Highland and Mentone. The main focus is to work together to reduce underage drug use in our East Valley community.

Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of every month. If anyone is interested in attending they should contact her.

9. Thanked everyone who spoke during public comment, noting that she appreciates their passion and dedication to the educational journey of all RUSD students.

10. Congratulated Fernanda on her new position..

b. Alex Vara:

1. No comments.

c. Patty Holohan:

1. Noted that she enjoyed the RHS Homecoming Murals and that the seniors were impressive.
2. Congratulated Jennifer and welcomed Mr. Shah.
3. Congratulated Coach Comadena and Coach Glassen on the CBL win and the excellent year that they had.
4. Noted that she is looking forward to attending the Optimist Meeting with Superintendent Cabral where she will be speaking.
5. Shared that she is excited for Civics Day next week and appreciated working with the Optimist Club.
6. Noted that Redlands Bowl Golf Tournament is on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead Country Club. Anyone wishing to participate should reach out to the Redlands Bowl. She further thanked Mr. O'Neill who will be golfing that day.
7. Stated that Breast Cancer Awareness Week is winding down and reminded everyone to continue to have loved ones screened. Shared that she just passed the 10-year mark.

d. Jim O'Neill:

1. Gave shout-outs to Coach Comadena for continuing to help the tennis students excel, Jennifer with the golf team, and Corrine with the RHS Volleyball team as they are undefeated again. Further noting the RHS sports programs are stellar.
2. Shared that he received positive feed back on the Superintendent's Awards and was sorry that he could not attend.
3. Stated that Ken Morse, Coordinator of Facilities, did an outstanding job presenting updates on projects at RUSD during the Kiwanis Meeting.
4. Welcomed Jennifer and thanked Kirtan for making the move to Redlands.

e. Melissa Ayala-Quintero:

1. Thanked Carianne, Christine and Superintendent Cabral for the hard work behind the scenes at the Superintendent's Awards as she has received lots of great feedback.
2. Reminded everyone that the Smudgepot game is coming up and encouraged families to come out further and reminded them to have conversations about safety so everyone is safe and can have a good time.

XXIII. CLOSED SESSION

- a. None.

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Adopted:

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Clerk, Board of Education

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Date