

**RICHGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

July 16, 2020

5:30 pm

MINUTES

OPENING CEREMONY

The Board of Education meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Clerk, Marisela Lopez in the Richgrove School District gymnasium located at 20908 Grove Drive in Richgrove, California.

ATTENDANCE

	Arrive	Leave	Absent
Alexandra Guerrero, President	5:30	6:50	
Marisela Lopez, Clerk	5:30	6:50	
Yaneli V. Carrillo, Member	5:30	6:50	
Paul Cervantes, Member	5:30	6:50	
Martha Martinez, Member	5:30	6:50	
Mario Millan, Secretary	5:30	6:50	

BOARD AGENDA

The Board reviewed the board agenda as presented.

Motion

Motion by M. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the board agenda as presented. Vote; 5-0

BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed the board minutes for the Meeting of (Regular) June 11, 2020.

Motion

Motion by Mrs. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to approve the board minutes for regular meeting of June 11, 2020. Vote; 5-0

ASB Report

No ASB report was provided at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Correa, RSD teacher, shared his concerns on behalf of RSD staff. Concerned with growing number of cases in TC. He mentioned a case in AZ where one teacher died from virus. Staff feels it would be unsafe, irresponsible to open school when it cannot guarantee safety. Would like to go with 100% Distance Learning.

Ruben Paniagua, ex-alumni, now works in LA in a similar community as Richgrove and has seen how the virus affects the Latino community; summer camps, choir and church members all had outbreak. Safest choice is closing.

Ricardo Navarro, RSD teacher for over 20 years said that although he misses teaching in person we must make safety a priority.

Johnathan Aguirre, ex-alumni, is worried about the children's welfare at home. We must have deep contingency plans in place.

PUBLIC HEARING

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

The Board received the following information;

Campus Upgrades-Repairs/Quotes for Future School Projects;

Permanent Modular Classrooms (Modernization) Mr. Millan provided the Board with an update on the existing and/or new construction projects on campus. Phase 1 is almost complete. We had to change an order because the separate interior classrooms,

11 of them, had no smoke detector which would create a fire issue. Cost of adjustment was \$12,477. There was also a glitch in the carpet color. We are also receiving quotes for foot-controlled sinks and signage regarding Covid-19 data preparedness.

Lou Vasquez, Facilities Director, shared information regarding hands-free restroom partitions, no-touch thermostats, PPE for students and staff and misters and disinfectants. He also provided updates regarding our community WIFI. We are working North to South and providing hotspots for rural areas. Hopefully, by August 3 we will have full computer access and will distribute backpacks with laptops to our students. He thanked our community members for allowing us to set up antennas in their homes.

**CONSENT AGENDA/
ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS**

- District Warrants The Board reviewed the current Business Warrants (June 11, 2020 to July 9, 2020). The Board reviewed the information presented.
- Motion Motion by Mrs. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to approve the district warrants. Vote 5-0.
- Interdistrict Agreements Interdistrict Attendance Agreements approved.
- Motion Motion by Paul Cervantes, seconded by Mrs. Carrillo to approve. Vote 5-0.
- Employment Ratification Employment ratification of Katrina Meneses, RSP Teacher, and Alexis Hernandez, 4th grade teacher as presented.
- Motion Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve Employment Ratification as presented. Vote; 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider/Approve Budget Revisions Ms. O'Shaughnessy mentioned that she did not have enough information at this time and would like to table this item until the August board meeting.
- Motion Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to approve budget revisions. Vote; 5-0.
- MOU Certificated Retirement Incentive The MOU was reconsidered as it would not be fair to Mrs. Sperry who just retired. It may be considered in the 2020-21 school year.
- Motion Motion by Mr. Cervantes, seconded by Ms. Martinez to approve the MOU Certificated Retirement Incentive as presented.
- Mandatory Use of Masks During Work Hours For our own safety and for the safety of others it was suggested that all wear masks while on school grounds unless we are working alone.
- Motion Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the wearing of masks during school hours. Vote; 5-0.
- Covid-19 Return to School The options of AM/PM or Distance Learning were suggested to our parents. Many chose

Plan and Procedure	DL. We will have daily screenings, thermometer checks, plexiglass shields and spacing of bus students, alternated recess breaks and grab and go lunches. We are also hiring a new Sanitation Technician to disinfect classrooms frequently. We have purchased \$40K worth of PPE and are prepared for a 14-day quarantine. However, Governor Newsom will speak tomorrow and may not allow us to open.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mrs. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to approve the Covid-19 Plan and Procedure. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Award Milk and Bread Bids 2020-2021	After comparing competitive bids, the bid from Flower's Baking Company was accepted.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mr. Cervantes, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the Milk and Break bids as presented. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Injury and Illness Prevention Plan 2020-2021	As per Title 8 of CA Code of regulations, RSD is required to establish, implement and maintain the IIPP with Superintendent overseeing the Plan.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mrs. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to approve the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan as presented. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Employment Supplement For Covid 19	The Employment Supplement to be included in staff handbooks.
Motion	<u>Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the insertion of Employment Supplement Covid 19 into staff handbooks. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Possible Change of School Calendar	Suggested possible changes to the school calendar for 2020-2021. We may push off start of school date.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mr. Cervantes, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve changes to school calendar 2020-21. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Giving Sup't authority to Open/close school	The board can make decision or after receiving input from staff, community and board members Superintendent granted authority to open or close school as needed based on Covid 19 situation.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mr. Cervantes, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the Superintendent having authority to open/close school as needed. Vote; 5-0.</u>
Giving Sup't authority to Change daily/weekly schedule	After receiving input from staff, community and board members Superintendent granted authority to change daily/weekly schedule as needed based on Covid 19 situation. Mrs. Guerrero suggested school be kept closed for a while. Mr. Cervantes felt the best place is school, but safety is our greatest issue. Mrs. Lopez and Ms. Martinez agreed; staying closed is the best idea and that safety should come first. Mr. Millan said he would make a decision tonight and send out a letter to the community informing them. As of today, Preschool is open or they will not receive funds.
Motion	<u>Motion by Mr. Cervantes, seconded by Mrs. Lopez to approve the Superintendent having authority to open/close school as needed. Vote; 5-0.</u>

Scheduling of August Board Meeting

By board consensus it was approved to schedule the board meeting for August 13, 2020 @ 5:30PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Board went into Closed Session to discuss student suspension/expulsion, personnel items, and collective bargaining matters or to confer with legal counsel.

Time:

OPEN SESSION

Board returned to Open Session with the following action items.

Time:

Motion

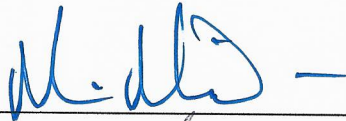
Motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Cervantes to adjourn the Regular meeting of July 16, 2020. Vote; 5-0.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. Time: 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Millan, Secretary



Marisela Lopez, Clerk

