

# ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2615 Sierra Meadows Drive Rocklin, CA 95677

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Steve Paul, *Vice President*  
Greg Daley, *Clerk*  
Camille Maben, *Member*  
Wendy Lang, *Member*



**OCTOBER 15, 2014**

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION, EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE — 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES — 7:00 P.M.**

**EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION (6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.)** – The District held its 18th annual Employee Recognition Years of Service Event, recognizing RUSD Elementary employees with 10, 15, 20, 25 30 and 35 years of service. Board of Trustees thanked those being recognized for their dedicated service and long term commitment to students and the community. Secondary employees along with support staff in Nutrition Services, Transportation, and Maintenance and Operations and the District Office will be recognized at the November 5 Board Meeting held at the District Office (6:30 p.m.).

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** – President Todd Lowell called the regular meeting of the Rocklin Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2014 in the District Administration Office located at 2615 Sierra Meadows Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677. A quorum was established.

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: Todd Lowell, *President*  
Steve Paul, *Vice President*  
Wendy Lang, *Member*

Trustee(s) Absent: Greg Daley, *Clerk*  
Camille Maben, *Member*

Student Representative: Trevor Bohatch, *Rocklin High School*

Administrative Staff: Roger Stock, *Superintendent*; Deborah Sigman, *Deputy Superintendent*; Barbara Patterson, *Deputy Superintendent*; Colleen Slattery, *Assistant Superintendent*; Sue Wesselius, *Senior Director*; Karen Huffines, *Director*; Marty Flowers, *Director*; Mike Fury, *Chief Technology Officer*; Shari Anderson, *Principal Valley View Elementary*; Brian Arcuri, *Principal, Antelope Creek Elementary*; Amanda Makis, *Principal Rocklin Elementary*; Jim Trimble, *Principal Sunset Ranch Elementary*; Mark Williams, *Principal Victory High School*; David Bills, *Principal Rocklin High School*; Kari Auwae, *Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA)*; Joe McLean, *TOSA*; Lara Kikosicki, *TOSA*; Jeri Farmer, *TOSA*.

3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Trevor Bohatch introduced the Whitney High School AFJROTC Color Guard then led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **SPECIAL REPORT CITY OF ROCKLIN, SUMMER CIVIC CAREER PROGRAM:**

Diana Ruslin, City of Rocklin Councilmember, shared information regarding the Summer Civic Career Program that was implemented, in partnership with RUSD, to provide high school students with real world learning experiences. Thirteen students from all three RUSD high schools participated in the three week summer program. Diana thanked Amber Tillary, Rocklin High School Career Counselor, along with all three high school principals and staff who were involved in the program's success. Students

Thomas Brennan (VHS) and Lydia Tahraoui (RHS) read their post program essays to Trustees about the positive impact of the program.

Trustee, Todd Lowell, asked if the Summer Civic Program would be extended next year for more than three weeks. Diana responded that extending the program is a possibility, depending on student need and resources available. Todd thanked the City of Rocklin for their leadership and for providing RUSD students the opportunity to participate and grow in their career skills. Trustee, Wendy Lang, shared that that she too appreciated the relationship that the City and the School District have together and how proud she was of the students who participated, specifically thanking those who took the time to attend the Board Meeting and share their essays.

- 5.0 **AUDIENCE/VISITORS PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – Todd Lowell welcomed all visitors and invited them to speak on agenda items at the conclusion of the Board’s discussion. He also invited visitors to speak at this time regarding non-agenda items and announced that the public portion of the meeting would be recorded. The following comments regarding non-agenda items were noted:

Ms. Darlene Gates addressed the Trustees in regards to the “cost of Senior Citizens attending sports programs” at secondary schools. Ms. Gates has lived in Rocklin for 16 years and has two granddaughters who are very involved in sports at WHS. She attends several games a week, which can be costly on a senior budget. She requested that high school(s) consider reducing senior citizen sports entrance fees to a more affordable \$3 (currently \$5). Todd Lowell asked if she had contacted WHS regarding the issue. She responded that she had, but did not receive a response. Trustees thanked her for her time to bring this to their attention and asked Deputy Superintendent, Deborah Sigman, to follow up.

- 6.0 **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S)** – Student Representative Trevor Bohatch provided a detailed report on a variety of District-wide events happening at elementary and secondary Schools.

- 7.0 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT** – Steve Paul shared that he was thankful for the great Homecoming event held at Rocklin High School recently. The football game against Del Oro was attended by more than 6000 fans. He mentioned that senior quarterback, Max O’Rourke, was injured, but on the road to recovery. Wendy Lang also attended the Homecoming game and was moved by the “Matt Redding Award” and “Rick Morris Recognition.” Todd Lowell shared that Rick Morris, a beloved Rocklin High School teacher, with 35 years of service, passed away recently. Morris made a significant impact on generations of Rocklin Thunder students and families with his photographs and videos of nearly every significant event held at RHS. He leaves behind a legacy to both RHS and the community. A memorial for Morris will be held, Sunday, Nov 2, 1pm, at the Rocklin Event Center. Superintendent Stock shared that the District was recently chosen by the SME Education Foundation Partnership Response in Manufacturing Education (PRIME) as one of six high schools in the nation to receive funding for its Manufacturing Education Program. Dan Frank, Rocklin High School teacher, led this process, which will provide \$35k of equipment and software updates to connect manufacturing students, educators, and the industry to grow the next manufacturing generation workforce.

8.0 **ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.1 **BOARD MINUTES** – Request to approve Board minutes.  
8.1.1 Sept 17, 2014 (Regular Session)
- 8.2 **APPROVE CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Certificated Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 8.3 **APPROVE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT** – Request to approve personnel items included on the Classified Personnel Report. (Colleen Slattery)
- 8.4 **APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-15-07 - A RESOLUTION DELEGATING BARBARA PATTERSON AS REPRESENTATIVE AND ROGER STOCK AS ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT POWERS BOARD FOR SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP (SIG) 2014-15** - Request to approve a resolution delegating Barbara Patterson as

- representative and Roger Stock as alternate representative to the Joint Powers Board for SIG for the 2014-15 school year. (Barbara Patterson).
- 8.5 **APPROVE STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO** – Request to approve Student Teaching Agreement with California State University Chico. (Colleen Slattery)
- 8.6 **APPROVE FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE PLACER COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (PCOE)** – Request to approve agreement with PCOE to provide lunches to the Pathways Charter iCARE Program. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.7 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ROCKLIN TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (RTPA)** – Request to approve MOU with RTPA to continue release time for RTPA Association President for 2014-15. (Colleen Slattery)
- 8.8 **APPROVE REVISED SECURITY FLEX 125 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SECURITY BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY** – Request to approve the revised agreement with Security Benefit Life Insurance Company. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.9 **APPROVE BUDGET REVISIONS** – Request to approve RUSD budget revisions. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.10 **APPROVE QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS** – Request to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending September 30, 2014. (Deborah Sigman)
- 8.11 **APPROVE COMPUCLAIM MEDI-CAL BILLING OPTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT** – Request to approve the agreement with CompuClaim for Medi-Cal billing. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.12 **APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP(S)** – Request to approve the following overnight field trips. (Deborah Sigman).
- 8.12.1 Valley View Elementary, Grade 6 students to attend overnight field trip to Alliance Redwoods Conference Center in Sonoma County, CA (December 2 – Dec 5, 2014).
- 8.12.2 Breen Elementary, Grade 6 students to attend overnight field trip to Sly Park Environmental Education Center in El Dorado County, CA (December 1 – Dec 5, 2014).
- 8.12.3 Ruhkala Elementary, Grade 4 students to attend overnight field trip to Coloma in El Dorado County, CA (October 22 – October 24, 2014).
- 8.12.4 Sierra Elementary, Grade 3 students to attend overnight field trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey County, CA (April 9 – April 10, 2015).
- 8.12.5 Sunset Ranch Elementary, Grade 5 students to attend overnight field trip(s) to “Age of Sail” in the San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA (November 4 – 5, 2014; November 12 – 13, 2014 and December 1 – 2, 2014).
- 8.13 **ACCEPT DONATIONS** – Request to accept the following donations. (Barbara Patterson)
- 8.13.1 \$500 from Renaissance Learning for the back-to-school staff barbecue.
- 8.13.2 \$500 from Measured Progress for the back-to-school staff barbecue.
- 8.13.3 Cash, gift cards to Walmart & Target and miscellaneous school supplies from St. Peter & Paul Church.
- 8.13.4 Miscellaneous school supplies collected by the employees of Gap, Inc.
- 8.13.5 \$120 from PG&E Corporation to Breen Elementary.
- 8.13.6 \$3,710.25 from Breen PTC to purchase Chromebooks at Breen Elementary.
- 8.13.7 Fourteen iPad minis, 14 cases and 2 iTunes from Miguel Ruiz to Parker Whitney Elementary.
- 8.13.8 \$3,000 from Rock Creek PTC to use towards Leader in Me for 2014-15 at Rock Creek Elementary.
- 8.13.9 A violin from the Pluta family to Rocklin Elementary.
- 8.13.10 \$2,388 from Noodles & Company to Rocklin Elementary.
- 8.13.11 \$1,000 from Mr. & Mrs. Barnes to the Sly Park Scholarship Fund at Rocklin Elementary.
- 8.13.12 \$300 from the GAP Foundation Money for Time Program at Ruhkala Elementary.
- 8.13.13 \$230.76 from Wells Fargo Bank Matching Gift Program to Ruhkala Elementary.

- 8.13.14 \$901.53 from Target Take Charge of Education to Ruhkala Elementary.
- 8.13.15 \$798.17 from Target Take Charge of Education to Sierra Elementary.
- 8.13.16 \$9,175 from Intel Volunteer Grant Program to Twin Oaks Elementary.
- 8.13.17 \$420 from Scott Becker to the SAT Prep Class at Rocklin High.
- 8.13.18 \$1,080.60 from Target Take Charge of Education to Rocklin High.
- 8.13.19 \$1,216.65 from Target Take Charge of Education to Whitney High.
- 8.13.20 \$100 from the Stauffer Family/Capital Bandwidth to Whitney High.
- 8.13.21 \$100 from Shane & Sarah Leverenz to Whitney High.
- 8.13.22 \$100 from Michele Colombo to Whitney High.
- 8.13.23 \$100 from Atlee & Kelly Horner to Whitney High.
- 8.13.24 \$5000 in labor and materials from Bayside Church, North Campus to Breen Elementary, Spring View Middle School, Victory High School, Whitney High School and Rocklin High School

Todd Lowell noted his absence at the September 17, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting and requested to pull Item 8.1 to be brought to November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval. Following this, a **MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Lowell, aye.

## 9.0 **ACTION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA**

- 9.1 **HOLD PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 14-15-06 – AFFIRMING SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2014-15** – A public hearing was held regarding Resolution 14-15-06, affirming sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for 2014-15. Hearing no comments from the public, President Lowell closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 14-15-06 – APPROVE RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2014-15** – A **MOTION** was made by Wendy Lang and seconded by Steve Paul to approve resolution 14-15-06 affirming sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for 2014-15. Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Lowell, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- 9.2 **APPROVE BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) - A MOTION** was made by Steve Paul and seconded by Wendy Lang to approve revisions to the following policy and regulation. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9.2.1 BP 5141.21 Students Administering Medications and Monitoring Health Conditions
  - 9.2.2 AR 5141.21 Students Administering Medications and Monitoring Health Conditions

## 10.0 **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 10.1 **California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) and California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) Rate Increase and Cost Update** – Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations, provided an update on increased pension rates and cost updates for California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) and California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS). Both pension funds are underfunded, particularly CalSTRS. The CalPERS Board and California State Legislature recently addressed the unfunded liabilities with a mandate that increases employer contribution rates over the next seven years. Based on current salaries and staffing, the cumulative financial impact of the pension rate increases by 2021 will be approximately \$6.4 million. In 2015-16 it will be an increased cost of \$965,000 to the District's budget for employee pensions over the current year. These additional costs will have a significant impact on District resources as there is currently

no dedicated funding source provided. These mandatory costs will have to be paid with future new revenues from the State, and absent new revenues, by reduction of services.

Todd Lowell shared that this increase will be a drastic mandate and have a significant impact on the District.

- 10.2 **Advanced Placement Spanish, Text Book Adoption** – Marty Flowers shared Information on Advanced Placement Spanish Textbook Adoption. Information included materials currently being utilized by Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish, the most up-to-date textbook available for this course, encompassing all new changes to the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. Wendy Lang asked if the new textbook adoption will be available in an electronic version. Marty Flowers will research and provide information to the Board through a Board Communication.
- 10.3 **Academic Content Standards, Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Materials, Providing the Context for Implementation Activities and Expenditures** – Deborah Sigman, Marty Flowers and Karen Huffines, presented to Trustees an update on content standards, curriculum frameworks and instructional materials. In 2010, the state of California adopted new rigorous academic content standards in English Language Arts and Math. Districts throughout CA are determining the most appropriate and opportune way to implement new standards. RUSD is no exception and is moving forward with deliberate and comprehensive implementation of the standards and an adoption of standards aligned instructional materials. This is a multi-year, multi-faceted effort with the end goal is to make students “college and career ready.” The team presented information on current academic standards implementation activities, current instructional materials expenditures, and projected adoption timelines and expenditures. The District has specific strategic priority plans to develop capacity for new curriculum and materials through the 2018/19 school year. Plans for implementation include teacher training, professional learning opportunities, and collaboration.

Comments: Wendy Lang asked for the best way to support and respond to parents who want to support their students in this transition. Specifically, what is the best way for parents to ask questions? Deborah Sigman shared that the National PTA has a variety of good materials that the District will look into as a resource and possible link to RUSD website. Todd Lowell asked about the current status of the writing program “Excellence in Writing?” Karen Huffines explained we have never made one specific writing program mandate and there has always been effort to give teachers “options” to provide teachers freedom to choose what works best for their classroom. Excellence in Writing is a supplemental writing program. Deborah Sigman shared with Trustees, that as the District moves forward, it will continue to look closely at what makes a good quality writing program and support it the best way possible. The Board will be provided with information on how the District is addressing all three areas.

11.0 **PENDING AGENDA** – No items were placed on the Pending Agenda.

12.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:05 regarding the following matters:

- 12.1 *Public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code section 54957.*
- 12.2 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases)*
- 12.3 *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation as authorized by Government Code section 54956.9 (Sacramento Court Case No. SA-CE-2562-E)*
- 12.4 *Conference with Labor Negotiators as authorized by Government Code Section 54957.6:*  
 District Representative(s): Roger Stock, Superintendent  
 Barbara Patterson, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations  
 Colleen Slattery, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

- 13.0 **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – President Lowell reconvened the meeting to open session.
- 14.0 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** – The Board of Trustees took action to approve two settlement agreements: OAH Case No. 2014080689 and OAH Case No. 2014080053. The vote was Paul – aye, Lang – aye, Lowell, aye.
- 15.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – President Lowell adjourned the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

*Please note that additional information distributed to the Board of Trustees before or during the meeting and not included in the agenda packet can be obtained by calling the District Office at (916) 630-2230.*