

**MINUTES**

**RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**August 11, 2021**

**Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center  
182 East Walnut Avenue  
Rialto, California**

**Board Members**

**Present:**

**Joseph W. Martinez, President  
Edgar Montes, Vice President  
Stephanie E. Lewis, Clerk  
Nancy G. O'Kelley, Member  
Dina Walker, Member (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.)**

**Administrators**

**Present:**

**Patricia Chavez, Ed.D., Lead Innovation Agent  
Derek Harris, Acting Lead Business Services Agent**

**A. OPENING**

**A.1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.**

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President [REDACTED] at 182 East Walnut Avenue,

**A.2 OPEN SESSION**

**A.2.1 Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items**

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

**A.3 CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

As provided by law, the following are the items for discussion and consideration at the Closed Session of the Board Meeting:

**Vote by Board Members to move into Closed Session. Member Walker was not present during this vote.**

Time: 6:02 p.m.

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

**A.3.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/REASSIGN  
MENT OF EMPLOYEES (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54957)**

**A.3.2 STUDENT EXPULSIONS/REINSTATEMENTS/EXPULSION  
ENROLLMENTS**

**A.3.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

**Agency designated representatives: Cuauhtémoc Avila, Ed.D.**

**Superintendent; Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Lead Personnel Agent,  
Personnel Services; and Rhonda Kramer, Lead Personnel Agent**

~~A.3.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING~~  
(d)

v.

~~LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision of Section~~  
**A.3.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. One potential case.

~~A.4 ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION~~

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Clerk Lewis

**Vote by Board Members to adjourn out of Closed Session. Member Walker was not present during this vote.**

Time: 7:09 p.m.

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

**A.5 OPEN SESSION RECONVENED 7:00 p.m.**

~~Open session reconvened at 7:00 p.m.~~

**A.6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Richard Acosta, Milor/Zupanic High School Custodian II, led the pledge of allegiance.

**A.7 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved By** Clerk Lewis

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

The Board of Education accepted the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employee #2131131 from August 6, 2021 through January 10, 2022.

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

The Board of Education denied the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employee #2510231, from August 6, 2021 through October 8, 2021.

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**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Vice President Montes

The Board of Education denied the request for an unpaid leave of absence for classified employee #2366911 August 10, 2021 through December 17, 2021.

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

**Moved By** Clerk Lewis

**Seconded By** Vice President Montes

The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Danetra L. Smith-Wheeler, Emotional Health Therapist.

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

**Moved By** Clerk Lewis

**Seconded By** Vice President Montes

The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Serena ~~Stanko~~ ~~Ed.D. Kueers~~ Middle School Principal

**Approved by a Unanimous 4 to 0 Vote**

#### **A.8 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

**Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**B.1 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION 2020 "MEMBER OF THE YEAR" - RICHARD ACOSTA, MILOR/ZUPANIC HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN II**

Board Vice President Montes presented Mr. Richard Acosta, Milor/Zupanic  
award.

**B.2 STRATEGICS 2021-2022**

Presentation on the 2021-2022 Strategics Plan by Dr. Darren McDuffie, Lead Strategic Agent: Strategics, Congruence & Social Justice, and Elizabeth Curtiss, Lead Academic Agent.

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**C. COMMENTS**

**C.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item not on the Agenda

Talia Brinker, Teacher, Edgely Middle School, ...  
[Redacted text]

He would like to share all the great things they are teaching students, such as thinking, working with documents, and supporting with evidence

[Redacted]

### C.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the Agenda will be granted

Ms. Jeanie Appel, PTA President requested clarification on an item on page 49, Item 3.26 of the agenda as to what parent organization means under the funding umbrella that this would fall under. Mr. Derek Harris was asked to come to the podium and answer her questions. He explained that the Board item on contracted transportation services mentions the different

requesting that the District stop asking students for money. She does not

feel that students should have to raise funds to travel and represent the District. She is requesting that the budget for this item be looked at closer, because it is not fair for students, as students only need to worry about their success.

**C.3 COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

Rialto Education Association (REA), California School Employees Association (CSEA), California Teachers Association (CTA), California School Employees Union (CWA),

[REDACTED]

Chris Gordasco, CSEA President, thanked the Board for returning to in-

[REDACTED]

person meetings. He appreciates seeing them face-to-face, as it shows their dedication to the community. He stated that the District has been attentive of the Board on behalf of classified staff.

Mr. Cordasco thanked Dr. Avila and the Board for recognizing Richard Acosta. This acknowledgement shows the District's appreciation of their members. It is a show of respect and honor for all classified staff. Mr.

Angela Brantley, Rialto School Management Association (RSMA) President, shared that she feels a strong sense of gratitude in the room and it feels amazing. She congratulated Richard Acosta for his recognition.

Heather Estruch, CWA President, said she was glad to be back to in-person school.

**C.4 COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**C.5 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**D. PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

All items on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless pulled by Board of Education members or the Superintendent for individual action.

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

**Vote by Board Members to approve Consent Calendar items, except for Items E.3.8 and E.3.10, which will be voted on separately.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**



**E.1 GENERAL FUNCTIONS CONSENT ITEMS**

**E.1.1 FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 5131.8:  
MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 5131.8: Mobile

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**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.2 INSTRUCTION CONSENT ITEMS None**

**E.3 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT ITEMS**

**E.3.1 WARRANT LISTING AND PURCHASE ORDER LISTING**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve Warrant Listing, Register and Purchase Order Listing of

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**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.2 DONATIONS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Accept the listed donations from Leda Kim Merrill Lynch  
Office: Ketheri Foundation Merrill Lynch Bank Office: James P.

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**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.3 AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE EDUCATION**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with Active Education and Morgan Elementary to provide a structured activity program which

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.4 AGREEMENT WITH BEYOND STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM (SST)**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with Beyond Student Success Team (SST), effective August 12, 2021 through June 31, 2022 to provide a Fund.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.5 2021-2022 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION – REQUEST FOR FUNDS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve consolidated application submission for federal program funding for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District.

**E.3.6 AGREEMENT WITH DR. IVANNIA HINMAN: ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVE LISTENING AND THE ELL SHADOWING PROTOCOL**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Authorize a renewal consultant agreement with Dr. Ivannia Hinman to provide six (6) days of virtual professional development in the area of Virtual English Language Development, active listening and oral language production for ELL's and the ELL Student Support

[REDACTED]

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.7 AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOSTER FOCUS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

[REDACTED]

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.9 AGREEMENT WITH NEVER STOP GRINDING (NSG) IMPACT**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with Never Stop Grinding (NSG) Impact to provide a structured activity program, which encompasses fun and healthy activities with emphasis on social and emotional learning and PRIS best practices effective August 10, 2024 through March 31, 2025

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.11 AGREEMENT WITH RENAISSANCE LEARNING**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

Approve an agreement with Renaissance Learning to provide

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.12 AGREEMENT WITH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT LEADS (SIL) PROJECT**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with System Improvement Leads (SIL) Project effective August 10, 2024 through March 31, 2025

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.13 SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Moved By**

Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By**

Approve Henry Hawks VAPA PTA as a school-connected organization for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, at no cost to the District.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.14 APPROVAL OF BID NO. 21-22-001 DISTRICT PAPER BID TO CONTRACT PAPER GROUP**

**Moved By**

Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By**

Member Walker

Award Bid No. 21-22-001 District Paper Bid to Contract Paper Group for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost not-to-exceed \$304,875.61, and to be paid from the General Fund and Capital Fund.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.15 APPROVAL TO USE PUBLIC BIDS AND CONTRACTS FOR**

**Moved By**

Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By**

Member Walker

Approve CMAS Addendum(s) Duarte USD Bid No. 19-20-04 for the purchase of Classroom/School and Office Furniture, at a cost to be

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.16 AWARD RFP #RIANS-2021-2022-005 PIZZA PRODUCTS TO PIZZA-HUT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve RFP #RIANS-2021-2022-005 Pizza Products to be awarded to Pizza-Hut for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, at a cost to be determined at time of purchase(s) and to be paid from the Cafeteria

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.17 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Declare the specified surplus equipment and miscellaneous items as obsolete and not recoverable for school use, and authorize the

as

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.18 AGREEMENT WITH CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY FOR INTERNSHIP**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with Chapman University for internship program to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.19 AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with University of Southern California (USC) for

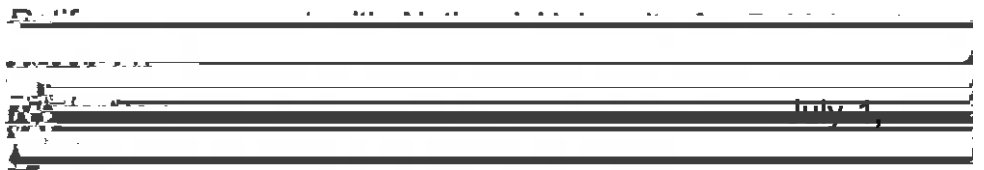


**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.20 AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR PAID INTERNSHIP CREDENTIAL PROGRAM**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker



**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.21 AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX BSHS PROGRAMS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with University of Phoenix for an affiliation with



**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.22 AGREEMENT WITH ELMS COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAM AFFILIATION**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

~~**Seconded By** Member Walker~~

30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.23 AGREEMENT WITH ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY CLINICAL EDUCATION AFFILIATION**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with St. Ambrose University for a Clinical Education Affiliation to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, at no cost to the District.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.24 AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE CLINICAL PRACTICUM**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with California State University, Northridge for a Clinical Practicum Agreement to assist current and future educators in completing state requirements for credentialing

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**



**E.3.25 AGREEMENT WITH SMARTETOOLS**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Ratify an agreement with Smartetools for the subscription use of SmarteHR service, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$43,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund. **Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.26 AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INC., HOT DOGGER TOURS (DBA GOLD COAST TOURS), H & L CHARTER, AND VISSER BUS SERVICES**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve a renewal agreement with Certified Transportation Services, Inc., Hot Dogger Tours (DBA/Gold Coast Tours), H & L Charter, and Visser Bus Services effective September 1, 2021, through and including June 30, 2022, for the provision of transportation services for extra-curricular events and ancillary student transportation support services on an "as needed" basis.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.27 AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMBRIAN GROUP**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with The Cambrian Group to provide staff development on Strategic Emergence Planning, effective August 24, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$25,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.3.28 VENDOR NAME CHANGE FROM ROCKSTAR RECRUITING, LLC DBA STAFF REHAB TO THE STEPPING STONES GROUP**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Approve an agreement with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC replacing the previously approved agreement under the former name of Rockstar Recruiting, LLC dba Staff Rehab. All other terms of the

**E.3.8 AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED THERAPY SERVICES**

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Clerk Lewis

Approve an agreement with Integrated Therapy Services to complete an Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) in the area of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) assessment, to a current student, effective August 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,000.00, and to be paid from the General Fund.

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.3.10 2021-2022 CARL D. PERKINS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2006**

**Moved By** Clerk Lewis

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

Approve the 2021-2022 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 allocated at \$243,493.00 for Career Technical Education program improvements during the 2021-2022 school year at no cost to the District

Approved by a Unanimous Vote

**E.4 FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT ITEMS - None**

**E.5 PERSONNEL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS**

**E.5.1 PERSONNEL REPORT NO. 1261 FOR CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES**

Approve Personnel Report No. 1261 for classified and certificated employees.  
[Redacted]  
Member O'Kelley  
Member Walker  
Approve Personnel Report No. 1261 for classified and certificated employees.  
[Redacted]

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Adopt Resolution No. 21-22-05 authorizing the Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services, to assign various teachers who are

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.5.3 RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-06 - ENGLISH LEARNER AUTHORIZATION WAIVER**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Adopt Resolution No. 21-22-06 authorizing the Lead Personnel Agent, Personnel Services, to employ or assign identified individuals additional time to complete the requirements for the credential that authorizes the service or to provide employing agencies time to fill the position with an individual who will

number of certificated persons who meet the specified employment

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E.6 MINUTES**

**E.6.1 MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF**

[REDACTED]

Member O'Kelley

Member Walker

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held July 14, 2021.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE FOR GUIDING INSTRUCTION (ESGI)**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Vice President Montes

[REDACTED]

**Vote by Board Members.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**F.2 AWARD BID NO. 20-22 002 TO DALKE & SONS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GYMNASIUM BLEACHERS REPLACEMENT AT EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

Award Bid No. 20-22 002 for the Gymnasium Bleachers Replacement at Eisenhower High School to Dalke & Sons Construction, at a cost not-to-exceed \$839,890.00, and to be paid from Fund 35, State School Facilities Fund.

**Vote by Board Members.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**F.3 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S NATIONAL NO KID HUNGRY CAMPAIGN**

**Moved By** ~~Member O'Kelley~~

**Seconded By** ~~Vice President Montes~~

**Vote by Board Members.**

**F.4 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Martha Walker

Accept the first allocation of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$97,784.96 for the following Schools: Bemis, Boyd, Casey, Curtis, Dollahan, Dunn, Fitzgerald, Garcia, Henry, Hughbanks, Kelley, Morgan, Morris, Myers, Preston, Simpson, and Werner Elementary, at no cost to the District.

**Vote by Board Members.**

**F.5 45 DAY BUDGET REVISION**

**Moved By** Member Walker

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

Approve the budget revisions noted below for changes in revenues in order to meet the 45-day revision requirements for Fiscal Year 2021-22 per Education Code Section 42127(h).

**Vote by Board Members.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**F.6 RESOLUTION NO. 21-22-04 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO REQUEST DISBURSEMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA EMPLOYER'S RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST FUND (CERBT)**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Vice President Montes

Approve Resolution 21-22-04 delegating disbursement authority to the Lead Business Services Agent and Lead Fiscal Services Agent.

**Vote by Board Members.**

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**F.7 RESOLUTION 21-22-07 - REMUNERATION**

**Moved By** Member O'Kelley

**Seconded By** Member Walker

Adopt Resolution 21-22-07 excusing the absence of Board President Joseph W. Martinez from the Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Vote by Board Members**

**(Ayes) Vice President Montes, Clerk Linda Hill, Member O'Kelley**

**Member Walker**

**F.8 DISCUSSION REGARDING COMPENSATION AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**G. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved By Clerk Lewis**

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~~Vote by Board Members to return to Closed Session~~

Time: 9:07 p.m.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**H. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved By Clerk Lewis**

**Seconded By Member Walker**

**Vote by Board Members to adjourn out of Closed Session.**

Time: 9:30 p.m.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rialto Unified School District will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dr. John K. ... Walnut Ave, Rialto, California.

Materials distributed or presented to the Board of Education at the Board Meeting are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.

**Moved By** Vice President Montes

**Seconded By** Member O'Kelley

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, the Board joined in a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Arthur Bertrand Cassan, Jr., former teacher/counselor at Eisenhower High School, who passed away on August 1, 2021.

~~Vote by Board Members to adjourn~~

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Time: 9:33 p.m.

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

  
Clerk, Board of Education

  
Secretary, Board of Education