

**JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 1994**

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the Jurupa Unified School District Board of Education was called to order by President Sam Knight at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 1994, in the Education Center Board Room, 3924 Riverview Drive, Riverside, California.

Members of the Board present were:

ROLL CALL **Mr. Sam Knight, President**
Mrs. Mary Burns, Clerk
Mr. David Barnes, Member
Mr. John Chavez, Member
Mrs. Sandra Ruane, Member

Staff Advisers present were:

STAFF PRESENT **Mrs. Benita Roberts, Superintendent**
Mr. Jim Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Education Services
Mr. Rollin Edmunds, Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Mr. Kent Campbell, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Mrs. Barbara Reul, Director of Business Services
Dr. Linda Lenertz, Director of Curriculum & Categorical Projects
Dr. Bill Hendrick, Administrator of Education Support Services

CLOSED SESSION

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION
-Motion #236 **MR. CHAVEZ MOVED THE BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: TO CONSIDER STUDENT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 48900 AND 48915; PERSONNEL REPORT #19; AND TO DISCUSS ITS POSITIONS REGARDING ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION AND INSTRUCTING ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS. MRS. RUANE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 6:02 p.m. the Board recessed to Closed Session in the Superintendent's office.
At 6:35 p.m. the Board adjourned from Closed Session.

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER At 7:00 p.m. President Knight called the meeting to order in Public Session.

ROLL CALL President Knight, Mrs. Burns, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Chavez, and Mrs. Ruane.

FLAG SALUTE President of the Board Sam Knight led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**INSPIRATIONAL
COMMENTS**

President Knight called for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Andra Pacak who lost her life in an automobile accident on April 24, 1994.

Board member John Chavez read a poem in honor of Mother's Day.

COMMUNICATIONS SESSION

**RECOGNIZE THE "DAY
OF THE TEACHER"
MAY 11, 1994**

The Superintendent recognized May 11, 1994, as the "Day of the Teacher" in the State of California. She also announced that Sandra McBrayer, a San Diego teacher who teaches homeless students, was saluted by President Clinton as the National Teacher of the Year. This recognizes the efforts on behalf of children not only by Jurupa's teachers, but teachers all over the United States. President Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be." This year's theme, "You Touched and Enriched My Life" honors teachers in Jurupa Unified School District who enrich the lives of nearly 16,500 students. The Superintendent urged everyone to thank teachers for the many things they do for the children in this country.

**RECOGNIZE ACADEMIC
OLYMPIC WINNING
TEAM**

The Assistant Superintendent Education Services introduced mentor teachers Dallas Darwin and Margie Forward who commented on the Fourth Annual Academic Olympics for sixth graders recently held at Indian Hills School. Stone Avenue, Pedley, and Sky Country Elementary Schools each had a nine member team. The students had booklets containing questions involving geography, math, reading and complex problem solving. The basic foundation of this project was to challenge students with higher level activities as they prepare for the CLAS test maintaining the right perspective. Mr. Darwin noted that all students in the elementary level have access to this project and will be able to use practice booklets for schoolwide competitions. Five schools participated in the preliminary rounds for the competition: Pedley, Rustic Lane, Stone Avenue, Sky Country, and Sunnyslope. In its first year, Stone Avenue School was the Champion. Sky Country School was the reigning champion for the two previous Olympic events. Mr. Darwin expressed appreciation to everyone for their support. Mr. Barnes was one of the judges and Mr. Chavez was in attendance.

Mr. Darwin introduced 1994 district champions, nine students from Stone Avenue Elementary School: Cody Deniz, Mychael Rodriguez, Joanna Monroe, Michelle Duffy, Joshua Evans, Alexis Ellison, Alan Klackner, Vincente Guillen, and Sean Wilmott; and team coach Bob Cmelak. President Knight thanked the mentor teachers and district staff for a magnificent job of conducting the 1994 Academic Olympics.

**BOARD'S INITIAL
PROPOSAL TO CSEA**

The Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services stated that the Board has reviewed its response proposal in Closed Session to reopen 1993 negotiations with CSEA. If there were no objections from the Board, the proposal will be made available to the press and CSEA. A copy will be in the Superintendent's office for review. A hearing session on the proposal will be held at the May 16 Board meeting. The proposal will then be recommended for adoption to begin negotiations.

**ACCEPT DONATIONS
-Motion #237**

MR. CHAVEZ MOVED THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WITH LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO BE SENT: 5,500 SQUARE YARDS OF 18" CARPET TILES FROM JOHNSTON FLOORING OF MIRA LOMA FOR USE AS NEEDED IN THE DISTRICT; \$100 FROM CLINT AND KAREN BRADFORD OF MIRA LOMA FOR USE IN JURUPA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S THEATER CLUB. MRS. BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UPDATE ON
STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The Superintendent stated that earlier in the school year she had announced to the Board that administration would establish a strategic planning committee to guide the district's efforts for the next few years. The first meeting of the committee was recently held to develop Part I of a district plan. Part II of the plan would be developed by the schools next year. The committee included administrators, parents and other community members. They developed a mission statement and several goals for the district. The Superintendent asked that proposed Part 1 be presented to the Board in a Study Session at 5:00 p.m. at the May 16 Board meeting, and then be presented for final approval at a future meeting. The Board was in consensus to schedule a study session at 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 1994.

UPDATE ON CLAS TEST

The Superintendent referred to page 3 of the agenda, Changes in the Administration of the CLAS test. On Friday morning, April 29, the district learned that Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction William Dawson, announced that school districts may allow parents to request that their children be exempted from the CLAS testing program. Since certain grades of students were in the process of taking the test, the Superintendent stated that she took the action to send a letter to the parents regarding their right to ask for their children to be exempted. A special meeting was called with principals to announce the changes and review the letter to parents. On the morning of May 2, the district received a fax from the State Department of Education which reiterated its position that school districts are mandated to administer the test under state law. The Superintendent reported that some parents have asked to exempt their children and she has indicated the children may stay at home that day or come to school and do an alternative assignment. The letter to parents in the supporting documents stated that the principal must be notified in writing. The Superintendent commended the principals for their support and discussing the issue with parents. Board members received a testing schedule for the school sites involved and a packet of sample questions. She hoped that her action to send a letter to parents was one the School Board would support.

Mr. Chavez asked if the advisory from the acting superintendent mentioned requesting permission from all parents for their children to take the test. The Superintendent replied that it was mandatory to take the test, therefore, a request was needed only from those parents who wished to opt out of the testing program.

Mr. Barnes asked if all the district's exams were scored. The Superintendent replied that about 40% were scored. She concluded that legal counsel has recommended that the district follow the State education code and administer the CLAS test. Parents were given an opportunity to opt out if they chose to do so. The principals and Mr. Taylor and his staff have had numerous discussions on the phone with parents who had questions on the testing program. President Knight thanked the Superintendent and staff for their efforts on behalf of the school district.

**REPORT FROM
RUBIDOUX STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Christina Reyes, Rubidoux High School student representative, made the following report on current events:

Sports

May 3 - Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball versus Canyon Springs

May 6 - Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball versus North

May 3 - Track and Swimming Preliminaries

May 5 - Track and Swimming Finals

Congratulations to all Color Guard members for their outstanding performance at the Winter Guard Championships. Out of 140 high schools, the girls took second place.

REPORT FROM
RUBIDOUX STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
(Cont'd)

Activities

ASB Nominating Convention went very well. Elections will be held May 5-6. Fifteen students were running for office.

Rubidoux High School Golf Classic was successful. Board member David Barnes was a participant.

Cinco de Mayo will be held during fourth period.

REPORT FROM JURUPA
VALLEY STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE

Jennifer Strona, Jurupa Valley High School student representative, made the following report on current events:

Sports

Springs sports were doing well. Almost every team has qualified for CIF.

May 2 - Track CIF preliminaries

May 3 - Varsity Baseball versus Elsinore (currently in second place)

May 4 - Swimming team preliminaries at Centennial

May 6 - Swimming team Finals at Centennial (clinched league championship)

Golf team is currently third in league.

Varsity Boys Tennis qualified for CIF.

Activities

May 3 - ASB Nominating Convention has been scaled down to use less class time.

May 13-14 - Theater performances of Parody of Friday 13th.

May 27 - Theme of the Prom is "Almost Paradise". It will be held at Irvine Meadows Pavilion.

The Choir went on tour last weekend to San Francisco and performed in the dome of the Capitol building.

The Silver Brigade competed in the prestigious Maytime Band Review in National City. The combined unit placed second. On May 6 the Silver Brigade's Percussion Ensemble leaves for a weekend competition in Tulare, California.

On behalf of the students, Mrs. Roberts and Dr. Hendrick were personally thanked for sending the trauma team to the school to deal with the loss of their students.

PUBLIC VERBAL
COMMENTS

President Knight noted that Public Verbal Comments section was an opportunity for citizens to address the Board.

COLLECTION OF
ALUMINUM CANS

Sandra Mason, Chief Job Stewart for CSEA, representative for San Bernardino and Riverside on the State Education Committee for CSEA, and a parent, expressed concern about a relative of an employee collecting aluminum cans at Jurupa Valley High School. Classified personnel have been informed that they cannot collect cans for personal gain. ASB has hired an individual who is a non-district employee to collect cans and use the proceeds for projects approved by ASB. There was also confusion whether the money collected would be used for a school Marquee or the existing Jurupa Valley High School Food Services Scholarship Fund. President Knight stated that the Superintendent would review the issue.

**COLLECTION OF
ALUMINUM CANS
(Cont'd)**

Gloria Calderon, cafeteria worker at Jurupa Valley High School, distributed a statement regarding a conflict over the collection of aluminum cans. A volunteer is allegedly collecting cans and being paid for his services. Mrs. Calderon's main concern was that since no employee was suppose to derive financial gain, then neither should a volunteer hired by ASB.

**TEACHER'S COMMENTS
ON THE CLAS TEST**

Karen Bell, tenth grade English teacher at Rubidoux High School, noted that she administered the CLAS test last year and it was a very satisfying experience. The students did very well and better than most of the school at neighboring districts. The Language Arts Department has been learning to teach students in new ways. The experience has been very positive for teachers because they are teaching within the state framework and the result has been better students. She encouraged parents to support the CLAS test because children will benefit from it.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS & COMMENTS**

Board member Mary Burns stated that she has received a communication from NEA-J, requesting the Board pay tribute to Cesar E. Chavez by adopting a resolution in his memory similar to the resolution passed by the CTA State Council. Mrs. Burns stated that she appreciated Mr. Chavez's support of basic human rights and his organizational skills which alerted the nation to workers being sprayed with pesticides. Particularly interesting in CTA's resolution was the portion which called for a districtwide poetry, essay, etc. contest which focused on Mr. Chavez's life. Mrs. Burns requested that a similar resolution appear on a future agenda for the Board's consideration. Board member John Chavez added that he also supported the resolution but noted that it should not include any mandated day off. However, the resolution should dedicate some time to educate students of the works of Cesar Chavez.

Board member David Barnes stated that the 18th Annual Rubidoux High School Golf Tournament had 120 participants. Mr. Barnes noted that he has participated in all 18 events and also served on the committee this year. Proceeds will support the Rubidoux High School scholarship fund. ROTC's Col. Carroll and his team won the golf tournament.

Board member John Chavez commended the student representatives for an excellent job; and congratulated Stone Avenue students for their outstanding performance in the Academic Olympics.

President Knight encouraged everyone to attend the annual Celebration of Education, sponsored by the Riverside County Office of education, on May 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Landis Auditorium at RCC. Gary Hale, principal of Sunnyslope School, and Pat Hernandez, secretary at Jurupa Middle School, were candidates for county awards.

ACTION SESSION

**APPROVE MINUTES
-Motion #238**

MR. CHAVEZ MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 1994 AS PRINTED. MR. BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVE SUMMER
SCHOOL PROGRAM
-Motion #239**

The Assistant Superintendent Education Services stated that the agenda includes a list of summer school offerings. The district will only receive ADA for 7% of its total enrollment for summer school instruction, and is required to provide classes in core academic programs at the high school level first, and then to special education.

**APPROVE SUMMER
SCHOOL PROGRAM
-Motion #239
(Cont'd)**

The Assistant Superintendent noted that because of the 7% cap, elementary summer school class will not be offered. The district has always operated within the funds it received from the State of California.

MR. BARNES MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE THE 1994 SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERINGS AS PRESENTED IN THE AGENDA. MRS. RUANE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AFFIRM SUBMITTAL OF
SCHOOL-BASED
TECHNOLOGY GRANTS
APPLICATIONS
-Motion #240**

MRS. RUANE MOVED THE BOARD AFFIRM ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO ALLOW VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL-BASED EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY GRANT. MRS. BURNS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AWARD BIDS 94/08L &
94/09L CONSTRUCTION
OF PERALTA SCHOOL
-Motion #241**

The Assistant Superintendent Business Services reported that the public bid opening was held January 12, 1994. Separating bids for construction and site work were required because the cost of site work was more than 10% of the estimated construction cost. Both bids were combined into one project by one contractor. The successful low bid of \$4 million from Chartered Construction Corporation of Los Angeles was within the state allowable without utilizing any of the deductive alternates. Documentation was forwarded to OLA in Sacramento for review and acceptance. The State Allocation Board approved the bid as submitted on April 13, 1994.

Mr. Barnes stated that he had no objections to awarding the bids, but was concerned about building schools that the district cannot afford to open. The Superintendent replied that administration was planning a very careful review of ways to enhance the district's financial condition so that Mira Loma Middle and Peralta Elementary Schools can open in the fall. Administration was working with principals for additional savings in ADA. Energy management was another source of income. The Superintendent pointed out that opening Peralta in the fall would provide relief to overcrowded schools such as Rustic Lane, West Riverside, and Ina Arbuckle Elementary Schools.

In response to Mrs. Ruane's question, the Superintendent replied that the State has been notified by letter that Mira Loma Middle School was being used for other purposes this year because of financial conditions. There has been no correspondence from the state indicating they had not approved.

MR. CHAVEZ MOVED THE BOARD AWARD BIDS 94/08L AND 94/09L, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SITE WORK OF PERALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CHARTERED CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION. MR. BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION
94/31 TO ENCUMBER
FUNDS FOR 1994/95
FISCAL YEAR
-Motion #242**

MR. BARNES MOVED THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION 94/31, AUTHORIZATION TO ENCUMBER FUNDS FOR THE 1994/95 FISCAL YEAR. MR. CHAVEZ SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONTINUE TO DISCUSS
CONCEPT OF
AGRICULTURE AREA
SECURITY AT JURUPA
VALLEY HIGH**

The Superintendent stated that Board member Mary Burns had received a request from a citizen to have the Board consider the concept of providing housing for a person to serve as a resident watchman in Jurupa Valley High School's agriculture area to minimize theft and vandalism.

