

## JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Jurupa Unified School District is to educate each student to the highest levels of academic achievement and prepare students to succeed in life.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION Carl Harris, President Michael Rodriguez, Clerk Mary Burns John Chavez Sam Knight  
SUPERINTENDENT Elliott Duchon

### NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006 EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM, 4850 Pedley Road, Riverside, CA 7:00 p.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. **Call to Order in Public Session** (President Harris)  
Roll Call: President Harris, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Burns, Mr. Chavez, Mr. Knight  
Roll Call Student Board Members: Jessica Gwilt, Salayha Ghoury
- II. **Public Verbal Comments**  
This item is placed on the agenda for the purpose of hearing public comments on the matter before the Board of Education.
- III. **Consider Establishing Small Learning Communities at Rubidoux High School**(Mr. Duchon)  
Currently, the Rubidoux High School campus on Opal Street is serving as the temporary site for Mission Middle School while that school is being renovated. Rubidoux High School has been temporarily located on the Patriot High School site. Next school year, about one quarter of the classrooms on the Rubidoux High School Opal Street site will be renovated. The rest of the campus will be available for use.

For the past three years a Blue Ribbon Committee has been meeting to plan for the best programs for the Rubidoux High School campus. Having three high school campuses affords the opportunity to offer alternative programs for our high school students. The Blue Ribbon Committee has focused on the establishment of Small Learning Communities at the Rubidoux High School campus. A High School Planning Team was formed to plan the details. At a previous meeting the Board gave staff the go ahead to plan Small Learning Communities at the Rubidoux High School campus.

Dr. Susan Jindra, Assistant Superintendent Education Services, and Mr. Paul Jensen, Director of Secondary Education, will provide a presentation on the planning for Small Learning Communities.

### **III. Consider Establishing Small Learning Communities at Rubidoux High School**(Mr. Duchon)

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After many months of planning, the Blue Ribbon Committee and the High School Planning Team have focused on two areas to begin. They are as follows:

- (1) Early College Program – This program would work in conjunction with Riverside Community College classes on the Rubidoux High School campus. This would enable students to work on an Associates of Arts degree while in high school. It would also provide an opportunity for members of the community to attend community college classes on the Rubidoux High School campus.
- (2) Health and Public Safety – Careers in health and public safety provide job opportunities in many areas. Again, working with Riverside Community College, this program would be vocationally oriented to careers in nursing medicine and aligned with medical occupations and public safety. Students would still complete the A-G requirements for the University of California system.

These Learning Communities would ultimately consist of between 300 to 500 students. The following options are available to the Board:

- (1) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, establish the above two Learning Communities at the Rubidoux High School campus. In future years, continue the expansion of these academies and develop other academies in the areas of technology, engineering and fine arts. Rubidoux High School would only have Small Learning Communities and not be a comprehensive high school. Rubidoux High School would be exclusively Small Learning Communities.
- (2) In conjunction with the above academies at the Rubidoux High School campus, consider re-opening Rubidoux High School as a comprehensive high school on part of the campus and Small Learning Community academies on the other part of the campus, if not enough students are enrolled in the academies. This would provide for the growth that is anticipated over the next several years in the District. It would also allow for the establishment of future academies at any of our three high school campuses. This would happen in the 2007-2008 school year. Prior to that, attendance areas would be drawn for all three campuses. Students from throughout the District would be eligible to attend the academies. The school would still offer sports and other extra-curricular activities.
- (3) Re-open Rubidoux High School as a comprehensive high school without Small Learning Communities.

Ultimately, the Rubidoux High School campus will need to serve approximately 2,000 students. Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, we would hope to house 200-300 students on the Rubidoux High School campus. This number needs to increase with high school growth. One concern is that if Rubidoux were to house only specialized academies, 2,000 students would be enrolled in these academies. It is difficult to predict how many students would enroll in academies. Furthermore, we would like to see academies operating at all three high schools.

Once the Board has given direction to staff, administration will provide a staffing plan for the Board's approval. Irrespective of which option the Board chooses, it would be advisable to return some students to the Rubidoux High School campus for the 2006-2007 school year. However, about ¼ of the classrooms will be unavailable in the 2006/2007 school year in order for modernization to be completed.

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The recommendation of staff is to pursue Option 2. This would allow the maximum flexibility to accommodate growth and afford the opportunities of Small Learning Communities. Rubidoux High School would continue to serve as a comprehensive high school with separate Small Learning Communities located on the campus. This will preserve the heritage of Rubidoux High School. This option would also allow the District to establish Small Learning Communities at all three campuses. If there are enough students enrolled in academies at Rubidoux High School, the school could remain exclusively academies and still support sports and other extra-curricular activities.

**IV. Consider Community Input Regarding High School Name** (Mr. Duchon)

Members of the community have suggested that the Board revisit the naming of both Patriot and Rubidoux High Schools. The concern that has been brought to the Board centers around the issue of the Rubidoux High School heritage and what would happen with programs such as sports and band. If the Board selects Option 2 above and the Rubidoux campus houses both a comprehensive high school and Small Learning Communities it would continue to have many, if not all, of the programs including sports that would normally be a part of a comprehensive high school. If the Board selects Option 1 above, the Rubidoux High School campus would serve only Small Learning Communities and would most likely not support such activities as sports, cheerleading, and other specialized programs such as band.

The Board has been asked to re-examine the issue of what name properly fits each high school. The original plan was to have the Patriot High School site serve as Rubidoux High School for three years (while Rubidoux High School is being renovated) and open as Patriot High School in the 2008-2009 school year. This could be moved ahead one year to the 2007-2008 school year if the Board selects Option 2 above and reopens Rubidoux High School as a comprehensive high school with academies in the 2007-2008 school year. Students could choose which high school they wanted to graduate from. If they wanted their diploma to come from Rubidoux High School they could complete their high school education at Rubidoux High School or vice versa if the Board decided to allow them to have intra-district transfers.

Next year, the Small Learning Communities could open on the Rubidoux High School Opal Street campus as an annex to Rubidoux High School and both schools would operate as Rubidoux High School for the 2006-2007 school year. In the 2007-2008 school year, Patriot High School would take on its name and Rubidoux High School would resume as Rubidoux High School on the Opal Street campus.

Another option would be for the new high school to become Patriot High School for the next school year and the campus at Opal Street becomes Rubidoux High School with only Small Learning Communities operating next year. If the Board selects this option, sports teams would be playing under the Patriot name next year and there would be no Rubidoux teams until the 2007-2008 school year.

The third option that has been proposed by members of the community is to switch the names of the two schools with the current Patriot site on Camino Real permanently becoming Rubidoux High School and the academies at Opal Street becoming Patriot High School.

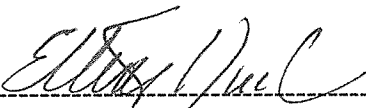
**V. Request of Supervisor Tavaglione to Fund a Stadium**

(Mr. Duchon)

A number of meetings have been held with Supervisor Tavaglione and staff from the Economic Development Agency. Supervisor Tavaglione is proposing to provide a long term, interest free loan, which would be repaid out of Redevelopment monies to fund the building of a stadium. The cost of a stadium would be approximately \$3 to \$4 million and repayment would be approximately \$200,000 per year for 15 years. Given that this would only provide enough funds for one stadium, the Board should determine whether that stadium should be built at Patriot High School or rebuilt at Rubidoux High School. Administration recommends entertaining the idea of building a new stadium at Rubidoux High School on the Opal Street campus. This option would provide two stadiums for the District's three high schools, one on the east side and one on the west side of the School District. By placing a stadium at Rubidoux High, there are easier connections to the sewer and power lines and there is enough area to provide for adequate parking.

It is common practice in a number of districts with multiple high schools to share stadiums. Having two complete stadiums for three high schools would be more than adequate to meet the athletic needs of the three schools. In addition, there is a request for the Economic Development Agency to build an Aquatics Center across from the Patriot High School campus. If the Board determines to rebuild the stadium at Rubidoux High, the District would continue to pursue building an Aquatics Center at Patriot High, so each campus would have a unique facility to be proud of.

**VI. Adjournment**

  
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Elliott Duchon, Secretary to the Board of Education

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