

MINUTES
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education

March 1, 2023

Rialto Unified School District

Members Present: **Stephanie E. Lewis, President**
 Joseph W. Martinez, Clerk
 Evelyn P. Dominguez, Member
 Edgar Montes, Member
 Steven Gaytan, Student Board Member

Members Absent: **Nancy G. O'Kelley, Vice President**

Staff Present: **Cuahtémoc Avila, Ed.D., Superintendent**
 Rhea McIver Gibbs, Ed.D., Lead Strategic Agent



Martha Degortari, Executive Administrative Agent, also present
was Jose Reyes, Interpreter/Translator

A. OPENING - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney, Carlos Villegas of Fagen, Freedman and Fulfroost, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Clark Martinez
[Redacted]

Vice President O'Kelley was absent. Vote by Board Members to adopt the agenda:

Approved by a Majority Vote

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, any person wishing to speak on any item not on the Agenda will be granted three minutes.

None.

D.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be granted three minutes.

Ana Gonzalez, Representing Alianza Latina, shared that she wanted to express her concerns regarding the item on today's agenda to discuss the need for a Board training, proper etiquette, and Robert's Rules of Order.

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seeing chaos between the Board. She said the Board needs to do better.

Mirna Ruiz, Parent and Community Member, commented that she is very glad to hear that a Board training will be taking place. She reminded the Board that they need to look at what is happening in the District. She said they need to focus on student and staff needs, as there is no need to

Celia Saravia, Representing Parents of Children with Special Needs, extended an invitation to their annual celebration of the holy sacraments on April 16, 2023, at the San Bernardino Cathedral. She also commented on the importance on continuing to recognize District employees who work so hard to support students. She said that there are so many staff members that deserve recognition and unfortunately, she would not have enough time to mention them all. She commented that they do not favor the Nutrition Services staff but they deserve all the recognition they receive because of their hard work, particularly since the pandemic. She mentioned that while many were at home during COVID, Nutrition Services staff was out making sure that students and community members received food. She also asked

Edgar Montes, Board Member, shared that he submitted a request form to make his public comments because he noticed that the agenda tonight

He requested that the Board find a way to work together. He said he knows that a third of the Board is still new. He understands that there is a need for a Board Governance Workshop, but does not agree to go about the process in the way it is being done tonight. He indicated that he will speak up every time he sees that the Board is being denied the right to speak. He was glad

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DISCUSSION

PLANNING FOR GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP AND RESOLUTION

The Governing Board is planning a governance-focused workshop for **March or April, 2023**. The Governing Board will consider and may vote to

designate topics to be addressed at the Workshop, including but not limited to

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Approved by a Majority Vote

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By Clerk Martinez

Seconded By Member Montes

Vice President O'Kelly was absent. Vote by Board Member _____

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Approved by a Majority Vote



Clerk, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education