

**MINUTES**

**RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education**

**March 15, 2021**

**Dr. John R. Kazalunas Education Center**

**Meeting was held virtually and available to the public**

**Via YouTube stream**

**Members Present:** Joseph Martinez, President  
Edgar Montes, Vice President  
Stephanie E. Lewis, Clerk  
Nancy G. O'Kelley, Member  
Dina Walker, Member

**Dr. John R. Kazalunas, Student Board Member**

**Staff Present:** Guadalupe Avila, Ed.D. Superintendent

**A. OPENING**

Call to order - 4:00 p.m.

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education, which was held virtually and available to the public via YouTube stream, was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, Mr. Joseph W. Martinez, led the pledge of allegiance.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**C.1 COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Cassandra Rodriguez, Rialto High School Teacher**, indicated that as a teacher and mother of two children in the District, she believes it is imperative that outdoor physical activity is resumed for students who play sports. After being at home for a year, she indicated that she has seen her son become less and less active and more dependent on video games and social media. Sports have always been a positive distraction for her son and so many other students. She understands that while those who believe allowing their children to resume sports may be putting them at risk, she

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her appreciation for the meeting tonight and for once again discussing the

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She indicated that as a wife, mother, and daughter of a cancer patient (she

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are ready to resume their lives, and are falling behind, while communities

around us are successfully moving forward. He said his children are doing

He shared that regarding the pandemic, he is sure that all have suffered in

Mr. Solano indicated that families need an outlet and children are at playgrounds throughout California, and questioned how long are we going

to quarantine students and force them to live their lives on the internet

**Crystal Lozano, Mother of two students at Kordyak Elementary**

the board videos or the few written updates is distressing.

She indicated that all other neighboring districts are reopening, and Rialto USD is left in the dark with the same quote on the website from Dr. Avila. She feels it is starting to leave the impression that Rialto USD simply does not want to put in the effort to reopen as the other districts are.

**Jonathan Otero, Varsity Soccer Captain for Carter High School,**

requested that the Board vote yes to return high school sports for

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[REDACTED] cases The current numbers for

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athletics can be done outside observing the county public health rules of wearing mask being 6 feet apart and washing hands. This is all that

[REDACTED]

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for kids to find some normalcy and begin to rebuild their social emotional health that has been damaged as a result of this pandemic. She realizes that as a Board, they are faced with a very difficult and important decision. There must however be balance in protecting the students physical well

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effort, determination, and time that so many student athletes have put in the program to stay active and compete representing their schools and city.

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Member Walker

**Sponsored By** Clerk Lewis

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

**Approved by a Unanimous Vote**

**E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**E.1 RESOLUTION NO. 20-21-25 TO RECONVENE CERTAIN OUTDOOR YOUTH SPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CALIFORNIA**

**Moved By** Member Walker

**Sponsored By** Member O'Kelley

**AMENDMENT:** That the proposed amendment to the Resolution be approved as is with the exception of the essential start date being

**Vote by Board Members.**

President Martinez (Aye); Vice President Montes (No); Clerk Lewis (Aye);  
Member O'Kelley (Aye); Member Walker (Aye)

**Approved by a Majority Vote**

**Moved By**

**Seconded By** Clerk Lewis

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