



**Regular Meeting**  
**01/16/2025 06:30 PM**

6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM /  
IN-PERSON)

After the Completion of Open Session - CLOSED SESSION  
7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)**

**After the Completion of Open Session - CLOSED SESSION**

**7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)**

**Continuation of Closed Session After the Completion of Open Session Items**

This meeting will also be held electronically via Zoom Meetings and in-person capacity.

**PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON:** Adherence to current Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols:

Rosemead School District

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**PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC:**

**Zoom Call-In# (346) 248-7799**

**Zoom Meeting ID# 845 8051 9037**

**Passcode: 737121**

## **Attendees**

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### **Voting Members**

Mrs. Diane Benitez, President

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Clerk

Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Trustee

Mrs. Veronica Pena, Trustee

Mr. John Quintanilla, Trustee

### **Non-Voting Members**

Dr. Philip D'Agostino, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Dr. Jennifer Fang, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Mr. Alejandro Gaeta, Network Administrator  
Mrs. Cynthia Bracamonte, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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**I. NOTICES - Public Comments / Speaker's Requests**

**II. NOTICES**

**III. Call to Order by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Benitez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**IV. Members Present \_\_\_\_\_ Members Absent \_\_\_\_\_**

President Benitez read the following statement:

The Rosemead School District Board of Trustees will conduct their public meetings in-person along with a virtual Zoom cast. In order to ensure the board's business is heard clearly, we would like to respectfully request for all Zoom attendees to mute their microphones unless you are requested by the Board President to address the Board.

**V. MEETING RECORDED**

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**VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

That the Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)**

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as possible, and understand that the Board will not engage in a debate with visitors, but you may be given an opportunity for further questions and answers when a specific item is presented in the agenda.

Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were four submissions received for closed session topics:

- Vidal Rico
- Deena Mancha
- Stephanie Olayo
- Victor Lopez

#### **VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.**

#### **IX. CLOSED SESSION**

President Benitez announced that the Board of Trustees would recess the meeting to closed session to consider the following closed session items:

**A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENT, EVALUATION, AND DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE) - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

Participants: Dr. Philip D'Agostino, Dr. Maria C. Rios, and Dr. Jennifer Fang

- Substitute Administrator

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

- District Negotiators: Participants: Dr. Philip D'Agostino and Dr. Maria C. Rios
- Employee Organization: Rosemead Teachers Association; California School Employees Association and its Rosemead Chapter 9; Management; Confidential; and Unrepresented - Provide direction regarding negotiations

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - CASE NO. 21STCV02467**

Participants: Dr. Philip D'Agostino and Dr. Maria C. Rios

**D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2)**

Participants: Dr. Philip D'Agostino, Dr. Maria C. Rios, and Dr. Jennifer Fang

- Two (2) Matters

**E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

Participant: Dr. Philip D'Agostino

- Superintendent

**X. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

Trustee Quintanilla announced that he would recuse himself from item C.

Superintendent D'Agostino shared that Legal Counsel Mrs. Christine Hsu will join closed session.

President Benitez recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:48 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Benitez adjourned closed session at 7:36 p.m.

**XII. REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:38 p.m.

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if any)**

President Benitez announced that the Board of Trustees took the following actions in closed session:

- 1.Appointment of Ginny Ford as a Substitute Administrator, effective January 7, 2025, with the following Board vote:

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

- 2.Appointment of Jan Brydle as a Substitute Administrator, effective January 7, 2025, with the following Board vote:

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

## **XV. MEETING RECORDED**

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## **XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: \_\_\_\_\_**

President Benitez requested for Jennifer Fang to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **XVII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION AND STUDENT PRESENTATION(S)**

President Benitez recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:55 p.m.

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:10 p.m.

### **A. Students of the Month January 2025 - Academic**

President Benitez presented recognition plaques to the following students: Elementary 6th grade Ian Schober-Valdez, Encinita; Ivy Ho, Janson; Aimee Lin, Savannah; Nikita Huynh, Shuey; and Muscatel 7th grader Elias Youn, and 8th grader Amanda Gutierrez.

### **B. Student Recognition Perfect Attendance for December 2024, by Hoori Chalian, M.Ed., Coordinator, Special Education & Student Support Services**

### **C. Recognition of Nutrition & Wellness Teams**

President Benitez presented certificates of recognition to the Encinita team: Arsenia Welemin, Christina Cam, Judy Yan Zhou, and Cynthia Viramontes; Janson team: Maria Nunez, Susanne Coronel, Ruth Solano, Yolanda Martinez, and Maura Perez; Muscatel team: Susana Alberto, Soo Fong Yee, Rosa Yopez, and Maria Ibanez; Savannah team: Mary Barreras, Adela Siliezar, Irma Bejarano, and Anna Liao; Shuey team: Carmen Canales, Maria Preciado, Emily Xua, America Vuong, and Priya Shriwastav; and District Office team: Raymond Miranda, Lynn Nguyen, and John Rivera.

### **D. Recognition of School Site Office Teams**

President Benitez recognized and presented certificates to the school site office teams, Encinita team: Bertha Castro, Connie Beltran, Gloria Martinez, and Kori Hindman; Janson team: Michelle Drain, Ruth Vazquez, Krystal Ly, and An Ly; Muscatel team: Christina Price, Amber Garcia, Luz Perez, and Elena Barajas; Savannah team: Evelyn Meza, Francisco Rueda Lucatero, Jennifer Romero, and Questa Lee; Shuey team: Leah Kilpatrick, Arcelia Catalan, and Angelica Rivas-Rojas.

### **E. Recognition of Dr. Jennifer Fang, as Interim Superintendent**

President Benitez recognized Dr. Jennifer Fang for her work as the Interim Superintendent from July 1 - December 31, 2024.

Certificates were presented to Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fang:

- Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Armenta, City of Rosemead City Council

- President Florencio Briones and Trustee Qui Nguyen, El Monte Union High School District
- Gigi Lee, Field Representative, Congresswoman Judy Chu
- Mauricio Lopez, Field Representative, Assemblymember Mike Fong
- Ray Jan, Rosemead Chamber
- Lieutenant General Bulmaro Magallon and President Danny Salas, Kiwanis Club
- Certificates were provided by Assessor Jeff Prang
- Certificates were provided by the Garvey School District

**F. Recognition of Outgoing 2024 Board President John Quintanilla**

President Benitez recognized John Quintanilla for his leadership as President for the 2024 calendar year.

Certificates were presented to outgoing Board President:

- Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Armenta, City of Rosemead City Council
- President Florencio Briones and Trustee Qui Nguyen, El Monte Union High School District
- Gigi Lee, Field Representative, Congresswoman Judy Chu
- Mauricio Lopez, Field Representative, Assemblymember Mike Fong
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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were two submissions received:

- Cami Case
- Jan Brydle

## **XIX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Dr. Philip D'Agostino shared the following:

- Excitedly shared that this is his first official board meeting.
- Thanked Dr. Fang for her work as Interim Superintendent.
- Thanked Mr. Quintanilla for his leadership as President.
- Thanked the Board for entrusting him with the responsibility as Superintendent.
- Reported that the meeting was being simulcast on the district's YouTube channel and appreciated all the work Mr. Gaeta did to make it happen.
- Expressed heartfelt gratitude to the incredible staff, teachers, and administrators who stepped up with remarkable acts of heroism in response to the devastating fires that swept through the Los Angeles Basin last week. From organizing the grab-n-go lunches and pivoting to online learning to ensuring the campuses were clean. He thanked the entire Rosemead district community for stepping up.
- Extended his deepest gratitude to the staff, teachers, parents, and community members for the incredible strength, compassion, and unity shown during the difficult time as the community mourns the passing of our beloved Encinita principal, Sam Joo. He recognized Ms. Hoori Chalian, who coordinated the mental health team to support staff and students. Shared that Sam's legacy of kindness, leadership, and care will live on through each of us, and he is profoundly grateful for the way everyone has honored his memory by coming together with such grace and resilience.
- Recognized and is grateful to Mrs. Ginny Ford and Mrs. Jan Brydle, retired administrators who have stepped in to help support the Encinita family.
- Thanked Mrs. Pei Perez for organizing the school-wide vigil in Sam's honor.
- Shared that it was great to be able to visit all five schools in one day, where he was amazed to see the normal day at each campus with students engaged, and the passion demonstrated by teachers.
- Reported that the Marquee installation for all schools is pending Department of School Architecture (DSA) approval and that once approval is received, the marquee projects will be worked on concurrently. Dr. D'Agostino expressed gratitude to Dr. Maria Rios for her work on the projects and gratitude to the facilities team.
- Shared that he met with the PTA Presidents, where the conversation surrounded itself around vision. He will continue to meet with other groups to share his vision for the district.
- Shared that he met with CSEA President Ms. Christina Price to establish a relationship.
- Provided the following highlights:
  - DLI fair next Saturday at Encinita
  - ASB Muscatel made a thank-you banner for first responders
  - Savannah PBIS lunch with the principal on January 24, and the Kindness Week January 27-31
  - Shuey is doing friendship grams on January 27-31, including stress balls and positive affirmations
  - Janson is sending letters to firefighters in partnership with the Anderson Mundfer Family and the YMCA and has an English Learner Advisory meeting on January 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Lastly, he shared that he is absolutely grateful and humbled by the warm welcome and support he has received from all the staff, teachers, and district leaders, but especially from Maria Rios, Jennifer Fang, and Cynthia Bracamonte.

## **XX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Benitez shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month for January.
- Congratulated the students who received perfect attendance recognition.
- Congratulated the office staff and nutrition & wellness teams for their recognition and thanked them for everything they do for the students.
- Lastly, welcomed back and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

## **XXI. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Peña shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month, Nutrition & Wellness, and office teams. Thanked Mr. John Rivera for everything he does for the students and staff.
- Thanked Dr. Fang for her leadership as Interim Superintendent and shared that this is the second time that she has supported the community.
- Thanked Mr. Quintanilla for answering all her calls and appreciated the support he provided to her personally.
- She acknowledged that this was a tough year and that it is important that the team band together. She continuously asks everyone to be kind to each other.
- Wished everyone to have a blessed New Year and asked everyone to focus on what we have, not the material things.
- Shared that the staff had a beautiful memorial for Sam Joo, and she was honored to be in the presence of his wife and daughters.
- Welcomed Superintendent Dr. Philip D'Agostino to the Rosemead family and shared that she appreciated him.

Clerk Armenta shared the following:

- Expressed that in the midst of everything that our community is going through, it was a good start to the meeting filled with celebrations and recognitions today.
- Sadly, she shared that as she walked into the boardroom this evening, she looked in the back of the room and Sam wasn't there. She expressed great sadness and a tremendous weight on all our hearts. Her heart goes out to the Encinita school community, and she will continue to keep his family in her prayers. She shared that his memorial was a true testament to how much he was loved and admired.
- Thanked Mrs. Ginny Ford and Mrs. Jan Brydle for always stepping in to be the backbone and cornerstone of the district when we turn to them to provide support.
- Expressed that we count our blessings and always be grateful and kind to one another.
- Thanked Mr. John Rivera for his energy, which is so contagious and how he is always there to support his staff. She thanked him for everything he did.
- Recognized Ms. Hoori Chalian for stepping up and organizing the mental health support and for previously coordinating the multi-disciplinary panel.
- Thanked Mrs. Rachael Nicoll for always giving such wonderful presentations on data, and always demonstrating her enthusiasm.
- Thanked the principals for their dedication and leadership at each school site.
- Thanked Trustee Quintanilla for his leadership and expressed appreciation for his availability when she called. She appreciated that he always listened and made himself available.



- Lastly, she officially welcomed Superintendent Dr. D'Agostino and shared that she is happy that he is in Rosemead. She shared that he is a peacemaker and gives the feeling of calmness when he speaks. She is looking forward to his stewardship.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Expressed that the first responders in our district are the maintenance & operations team, who came out each day to check on the schools to ensure they are safe. He also recognized the nutrition & wellness teams who prepared and gave lunches to our students. He was happy that the district was able to provide meals for our students, sharing that some students count on the meals provided during the school day.
- Shared prayers for all the staff who lost their homes due to the fires. Recognized teachers who were sharing clothing due to the evacuations and felt the outpouring of love and care for one another.
- Gave a big shout-out to our district first responders.
- Officially welcomed Superintendent Dr. D'Agostino to the Rosemead family and shared that the board is here to support him and the staff.
- Gave a shout-out to the students of the month, recognizing the amazing speeches. He was impressed by everything the staff has done to educate our students.
- Thanked Mrs. Ginny Ford who is always ready to step in to support the district.
- Thanked Mrs. Jan Brydle for stepping in to support Encinita in partnership with Mrs. Ford.
- Expressed that he still can't believe that Sam is gone and that he will be truly missed.
- Thanked the nutrition & wellness team and was amazed at Mr. Rivera's talents.
- Thanked Dr. Fang for stepping in as Interim Superintendent, appreciating her efforts during the transition.
- Thanked outgoing Mayor Steven Ly for his service to the City of Rosemead.
- Congratulated incoming Mayor Margaret Clark and incoming Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Armenta.
- Thanked Mr. Quintanilla for his leadership as President.
- Expressed that he likes and appreciates the artwork in the room, especially the penguins.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year and Lunar New Year.
- Lastly, he thanked everyone for everything they did and shared to be thankful for everyone as they may not be there the next day.

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following:

- Expressed gratitude during his presidency to Mrs. Bracamonte, Dr. Rios, and Dr. Fang for helping him maneuver the year.
- Shared that he attended the winter programs where the 1st graders performed, and it was so heartwarming. He thanked Mrs. Lawrence for inviting the Board.
- Attended the Janson Preschool winter event and shared that the principal allowed him to pass out the presents.
- Attended the Encinita winter program, the last time he saw Sam Joo. He shared that it was so unreal that he was no longer with us. Expressing that he saw Sam's genuine love for the students, staff, and the community.
- Attended the district office Christmas luncheon, giving kudos to Ms. Myrene Mangali for the fun games.
- Attended the El Monte Union High School District recognition of their outgoing president and vice president and installation of their new board members.

- Shared that the vigil for Sam Joo at Encinita was very well attended, and he brought one of the lights that were passed out. He thanked Pei Perez, her husband, and the PTA for organizing the event. Recognizing that a lot of staff was present for the vigil in honor of Sam's memory.
- I congratulated the students of the month, but I will miss reading the write-ups for each student. Their speeches are amazing, and it is so heartwarming.
- Thanked Mr. Rivera for everything he does and shared that when he visits a campus he makes it a point to stop by the cafeteria first.
- Thanked Ms. Chalian for putting together the recognition for perfect attendance.
- Welcomed Superintendent Dr. D'Agostino to Rosemead and recognized that his first-week experience wasn't expected but that the board was there to support him. He looks forward to the great things he will bring to the district.
- Thanked Mrs. Ginny Ford and Mrs. Jan Brydle for being co-principals at Encinita and co-presidents for the Educational Foundation.
- Gave special kudos to Dr. Rios, sharing that a couple of weeks ago he called Mrs. Bracamonte, as he saw there was no crossing guard by Savannah. And as he returned from the errand, he saw Dr. Rios had stepped in to help the students and families cross.
- Lastly, he thanked all the teachers and staff of the whole district for everything they do.

**XXII. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None**

**XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Mr. Esquivel rescinded his motion.

Mr. Quintanilla rescinded his second.

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved, excluding consent item D: Use of Facilities Application: 2024-2025 L.A. Alhambra Soccer (Mildred B. Janson and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools).

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

That the Consent item D: Use of Facilities Application: 2024-2025 L.A. Alhambra Soccer (Mildred B. Janson and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools), be Tabled to the February 20, 2025 agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

- A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified**
- B. CONSENT - Minutes of the December 13, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- C. CONSENT - Purchase Orders of November, 2024 - December, 2024 (on file), and Warrants for Budgeted Expenditures**
- D. CONSENT - Use of Facilities Application: 2024-2025 L.A. Alhambra Soccer (Mildred B. Janson and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools)**
- E. CONSENT - Obsolete Technology (Educational Services)**
- F. CONSENT - Annual Scoliosis Screening - 7th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Boys (Muscate Middle School)**
- G. CONSENT - Service/Consultant Proposals/ Bid Awards/ Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report**
  - 1. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Galileo Learning, LLC (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
  - 2. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - HUBBE, INC., (Districtwide) [NEW]**
  - 3. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - LIFT Enrichment, Inc. (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
  - 4. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Woodcraft Rangers (Districtwide) [NEW]**
  - 5. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Document Tracking Services (DTS) (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
  - 6. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Gynzy, Inc. (Savannah Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
  - 7. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Kahoot! (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [AMENDMENT]**
  - 8. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Kahoot! (Savannah Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
  - 9. CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Brigaid (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**

10. **CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - American Association of School Administrators (AASA) [NEW]**
11. **CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) [NEW]**
12. **CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) [AMENDMENT]**
13. **CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - Canva US, Inc. [NEW]**
14. **CONSENT - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) [NEW]**

**XXIV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S): None**

**XXV. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**A. ACTION - Confirmation of Next Scheduled Study Session Board Meeting for the Month of February, 2025, as February 20, 2025**

That the Board of Trustees Confirm the next Study Session Board Meeting currently scheduled for February 20, 2025, be Approved, on the topics of Governor's Budget Workshop, the California School Dashboard, and the Use of Facilities application for L.A. Alhambra Soccer.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**B. ACTION - Resolution No. 24-25/05, Authorized Signatures for the 2025 Calendar Year**

That Resolution No. 24-25/05, Authorized Signatures for the 2025 Calendar Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**C. ACTION - School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for the 2023-2024 School Year**

That the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for the 2023-2024 School Year, be Approved. The Board requested for Educational Services to create a legend on how to read the SARCs.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - No

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

**XXVI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): None**

**XXVII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS - Exhibit 1 - Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up**

Superintendent D'Agostino shared the following updates to the Matrix:

- Reviewed the matrix sharing, that there are items that date back to 2019. He requested time to review the matrix with the cabinet team to check on the status of each line item, including starting cross-training and support for Mrs. Bracamonte.

Clerk Armenta shared the following:

- Proposed that once there is 100% containment of the surrounding fires, the Board will recognize the fire departments in Rosemead and San Gabriel, including the Sheriff's department.
  - The Board nodded in agreement.

President Benitez shared the following:

- Inquired whether Superintendent D'Agostino spoke with the PTAs to see if they can do a food drive.
  - Superintendent D'Agostino shared that he spoke with the PTA presidents, who are working on a drive.

**XXVIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)**

The Board of Trustees adjourned and completed the closed session agenda at 7:36 p.m. Items XXVIII. Public Comments on Closed Session Items through XXXIII. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session were not required.

- XXIX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_ p.m.
- XXX. CLOSED SESSION
- XXXI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_ p.m.
- XXXII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at \_\_\_\_ p.m.
- XXXIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if any)
- XXXIV. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

President Benitez adjourned the January 16, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting at 11:15 p.m., be Approved, in memory of our beloved Principal Sam Joo.

Motion made by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

XXXV. NEXT MEETING DATES



Diane Benitez, President



Nancy Armenta, Clerk

# Student of the Month Awards

January 2025



Encinita  
Elementary School

*Ian Wilbert Schober-Valdez*

Ian is an intelligent and hardworking individual who effortlessly balances his sharp wit with a warm sense of humor. Known for his kindness and unwavering support for others, he brings positivity and encouragement to everyone he meets. As a valued member of the Lighthouse Leadership team, Ian's dedication and leadership inspire those around him. A true lover of knowledge, he is an avid reader who constantly seeks to expand his understanding of the world, enriching both his life and the lives of those fortunate enough to know him. Congratulations, Ian on being Encinita's Student of the Month! We are proud of his accomplishments and are excited to see what his future holds.

~Dr. Nguyen and Mrs. Kong, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Mildred B. Janson  
Elementary School  
*Ivy Ho*

The 6th grade teachers of Mildred B. Janson Elementary School are proud to recognize Ivy Ho as Student of the Month for the month of January. Ivy is an excellent student, a creative writer and she continually shows her use of the 8 Habits through her consistent effort in doing her work and looking for new challenges throughout the school day. Ivy is working above her grade level and she ensures that she turns in quality work. Ivy is a respectful and considerate person who is always willing to help those around her. Mildred B. Janson Elementary School and the 6th grade teachers are proud to select Ivy Ho as Student of the Month for January and congratulate Ivy on her accomplishments this year.

~Mr. Aguilar, Mrs. Gonzales, and Mrs. Hus, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Savannah  
Elementary School  
*Aimee Lin*

Savannah Elementary proudly recognizes Aimee Lin, a remarkable 6th grade student, as our Academic Student of the Month. Aimee's exceptional talents in creativity, artistry, and multilingual skills illuminate our school community with diversity and innovation. Her proficiency in reading and mathematics stands as a testament to her dedication to academic excellence, earning her the well-deserved status of a Golden Apple Honor Student. Aimee displays some of her talents by being on Savannah's Student Lighthouse Team, playing the recorder and singing, and speaking Cantonese. Congratulations, Aimee, on being recognized as our Student of the Month for your outstanding achievements and contributions to our school community. Bravo from your teachers

~Ms. Arrasca, Ms. Wong, and Ms. Lam, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Emma W. Shuey  
Elementary School  
*Nikita Huynh*

Nikita is a standout student who excels not only in academics but also in creativity and character. In the classroom, Nikita consistently demonstrates a passion for learning. Whether it's solving complex math problems or writing insightful essays, she approaches every subject with enthusiasm and determination. Her ability to grasp new concepts quickly and apply them in unique ways has made her a role model for her peers. What truly sets Nikita apart is her creativity. Whether it's coming up with innovative ideas for projects or thinking outside the box during group activities, Nikita brings a fresh perspective to everything she does. She is always ready to share her ideas and inspire others to think differently, making learning an exciting and dynamic experience for everyone. Beyond academics, Nikita is a member of our Student Lighthouse Team and embodies the qualities of a true leader: hardworking, thoughtful, and always ready to lend a hand. Congratulations, Nikita! Keep up the amazing work!

~Ms. Almaraz, Ms. Pettus, and Ms. Shotko, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Muscatel  
Middle School  
*Elias Youn*

Elias Youn is an outstanding 7th grade biology student who exemplifies academic excellence and exceptional citizenship. His curiosity and passion for learning drive his success, while his kindness and respect inspire his peers and teachers alike. Always willing to help and encourage others, Elias contributes positively to our classroom environment every day. In my 28 years of teaching, Elias stands out as one of the nicest and most genuine students I've ever had the privilege to teach.

~Mr. Lugo, 7th gr Science Teacher



7th grade



*Muscatel*  
*Middle School*  
*Amanda Gutierrez*

I would like to nominate Amanda Gutierrez as student of the month for 8th grade science. Amanda has been a pleasure to teach the entire year. She is kind, polite, positive, and interacts so well with her peers and adults. Amanda takes her learning seriously and always completes her work. Amanda is a great team player and has been such a positive influence with the students in her group. She truly makes teaching a wonderful experience, and I cannot thank her enough for her leadership in science class this year.

~Mr. Tulley, 8th gr Science Teacher



8<sup>th</sup> grade