

**ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES**

CONSENT

February 18, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular study session meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID# 938 9318 6799 at 6:30 p.m., following the guidance issued via Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 and # N-25-20.

CALL TO ORDER

President Benitez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present via roll call included: Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Mr. John Quintanilla, Ms. Nancy Armenta, Mrs. Veronica Peña, and Mrs. Diane Benitez.

Superintendent Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba was also present. All audience members connected electronically via Zoom.

President Benitez made the following statement:

As a result of Governor Newsom's Executive Order for the elimination of public gatherings, the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees must conduct their public meetings virtually. In order to ensure the board's business is heard clearly, we would like to respectfully request for all attendees to mute their microphones unless you are requested by the Board President to address the Board.

President Benitez made the following statement:

As a result of the current national health emergency COVID-19 and as per Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 signed on March 17, 2020, a local legislative body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

As per the Governor's Executive Order, the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees will conduct this meeting with all participation via Zoom Meeting, which is accessible to the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Minutes: That the Agenda, **be approved.**

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Ms. Armenta	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mr. Quintanilla
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submittals of public comment.

1. Aaron Cantrell, Janson Custodian:

“Good evening Board President Benitez, Clerk Armenta, Board of Trustees, and Superintendent Ruvalcaba,

My name is Aaron Cantrell, and I am a custodian at Janson School. I am writing this letter in regards to the reopening of schools. With the possibility of schools reopening on the horizon, I would like to share my thoughts on the matter that I feel are really important for the students and staff of the Rosemead School District. While I do feel that we have a great plan in place for the reopening of schools, I do feel that right now is not the time to do so. I feel that we should not reopen schools until we have every member of staff vaccinated, or at least those who want to be. We are so close to having that process started, a few weeks away actually. What are the real risks of continuing with Distance Learning for a few more months, while we make sure our staff is safe? A vaccinated staff also means students and their families at home, especially those who are older or sick, will be safer. The students will have a better learning experience when the staff isn't stressed or scared of getting sick and/or dying from Covid-19. Also, the students are less likely to get sick themselves.

Most of us who work in the school district are from the community; and many, like myself, feel like the Rosemead School District is their extended family. So I ask you not to look at us as employees, but rather look at us as family members. You wouldn't want your mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, or son risking their lives when the added safety of a vaccine is so close at hand. So I ask that you please wait, and let us get vaccinated before we reopen the schools any further.

I know at the Rosemead School District we like to be Leaders and be the first to do things, but maybe this time we can take a step back. Let someone else take the lead on reopening schools, so we can learn from what they've done; and do it better and safer, with our staff vaccinated, because we don't want to be known as the first to do it wrong.

Thank you for your time and consideration.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S):

1. ERP Honor Roll District Recognition by California State Senator Susan Rubio

Senator Susan Rubio presented certificates and honored the District and each school for their hard work and dedication by being named on the ERP Honor Roll. Senator Rubio also shared the work for education she has dedicated her time to and briefed the Board on her work towards Senate Bill 70 and Senate Bill 86.

FOCUS TOPIC(S):

1. Significant Disproportionality (SigDis) Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Plan

Coordinator of Special Education and Student Support Services Ms. Hoori Chalian provided an overview of the plan and thanked the team who has worked on this plan since last Spring. See presentation attached.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided a brief highlight on the following topics:

- o Thanked the students and staff for their hard work throughout the year and gave kudos to all sites on being named an ERP Honor Roll awardee.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Benitez shared on the following topics:

1. Thanked all the schools, teachers, and staff for their dedication and congratulated everyone for being named a ERP Honor Roll awardee.

BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clerk Armenta shared the same sentiments as the Superintendent and President Benitez and shared that the hard work and dedication of staff doesn't go unnoticed. She stated that their dedication is the foundation of the education provided to all our students and thanked everyone for their unwavering support and dedication. Ms. Armenta expressed a heartfelt thanks to all staff and asked everyone to continue keeping themselves safe.
2. Trustee Esquivel congratulated all five schools for achieving the honor roll and is amazed that we were able to achieve this honor considering everything that is going on. He enjoyed the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion meeting that was hosted for parents and found it very educational. Mr. Esquivel thanked everyone for everything they do for our students.
3. Trustee Peña thanked and congratulated all five schools for receiving the honor roll. She thanked Senator Rubio for taking the time out of her schedule to be with us this evening and for honoring our schools, students, and staff. Mrs. Peña shared that she was able to participate in the Engineering class over the weekend and saw how students learned how to turn on a light bulb. She thanked Dr. Chang and Dr. Fang for the Mandarin DLI presentation and looks forward to seeing the program grow. She thanked all the teachers in our district for their hard work and dedication and expressed how much she really appreciated everything each one does for our students and families.
4. Trustee Quintanilla echoed everything everyone shared and gave kudos to all teachers, staff, and administrators for the ERP honor roll. He shared that he is proud to be part of the Rosemead School District and congratulated everyone for being recognized. Thanked Senator Rubio for her presentation of recognition awards. Mr. Quintanilla expressed that the Mandarin DLI presentation Dr. Chang gave to parents was nice and that he was able to see the presentation.

ACTION ITEM(S):

Nomination of John Quintanilla, a Board Member of a Los Angeles County School Board, an active Los Angeles County School Trustee Association (LACSTA) Member District, as a LACSTA Executive Board Member for the Position of President for a Two-Year Term, be Cast and a Completed Application Submitted by the Nominee to the Superintendent's Office for Submittal and Receipt by LACSTA by the Deadline of March 1, 2021

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<u>Motion made by:</u>	Ms. Armenta	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mrs. Peña
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

Memorandum of Understanding between the Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) and the Rosemead School District Regarding the Implementation of a COVID-19 Testing Pilot

Minutes: That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) and the Rosemead School District Regarding the Implementation of a COVID-19 Testing Pilot, **be approved.**

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Mr. Esquivel	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Ms. Armenta
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report

Minutes: That the Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report, including:
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

1. Primary Diagnostics, Inc. – COVID-19 Testing Pilot
, **be approved.**

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Mr. Quintanilla	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mr. Esquivel
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Minutes: That the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plans, **be approved.**

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Ms. Armenta	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mrs. Peña
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

E-Rate Year 24 Proposals

Minutes: That the E-Rate Year 24 Proposals, **be approved.**

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Mr. Esquivel	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mr. Quintanilla
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM(S):

Consideration of Action Regarding the Reopening of Schools

Minutes: That the Consideration of Action Regarding the Reopening of Schools, **be approved.**

Motion made by: Ms. Armenta Seconded by: Mr. Quintanilla
Trustee Armenta rescinded her motion and Mr. Quintanilla rescinded his second.

Minutes: That the Consideration of Action Regarding the Reopening of Schools, Superintendent recommendation, as follows:

- Invite back all of our SDC and struggling English Learner students
- Invite back our Shuey Pre-K students
- Submit our TK-6 reopening plans to DPH/CDC for review
- Begin planning for Hybrid learning starting with youngest students first
- In person one-on-one, and small group assessments, and related services for Special Education and English Learner students
- Continue rotation for staff able to work from home
- Allow staff who find working from site(s) more productive to do so
- March 1, 2021 projected date of the beginning of the small cohort in person instruction

, be approved.

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Mr. Quintanilla	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Ms. Armenta
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

NEW BUSINESS

Exhibit 1 Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up

- Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided the following information updates
 - Shared that the updated matrix is updated with the CareSolace service information from Ms. Armenta.
- Trustee Quintanilla shared that as a part of a Zoom call with the Small School Districts Association (SSDA) he won a raffle prize for a \$5,000+ food services application and forwarded the information to Superintendent Ruvalcaba for follow up.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Sullins and Director of Nutrition & Wellness Ndahura have already followed up with the vendor.
- President Benitez suggested that the Board of Trustees consider presenting all the Board Communications as one for mutual topics to help eliminate the repetitiveness, with individual items shared at the end.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: That the February 18, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, **be adjourned** at 8:29 p.m.

<u>Motion made by:</u>	Mr. Quintanilla	<u>Seconded by:</u>	Mrs. Peña
<u>Roll Call</u>	Ms. Armenta Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
<u>Votes:</u>	Mr. Esquivel Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez Yes		

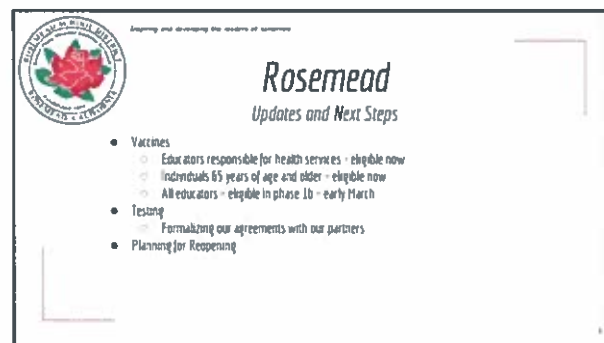
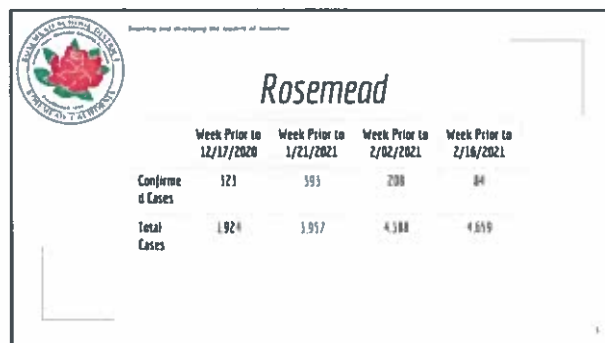
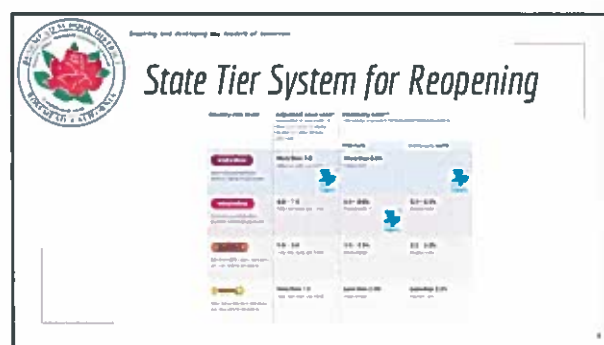
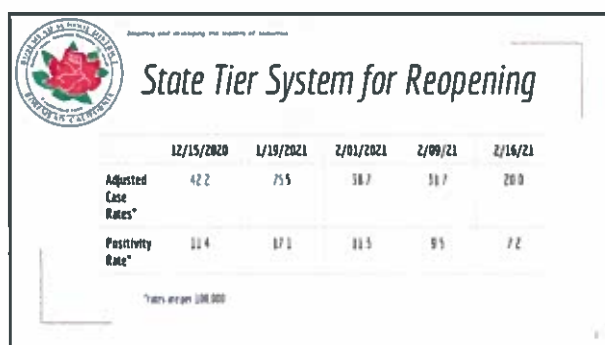
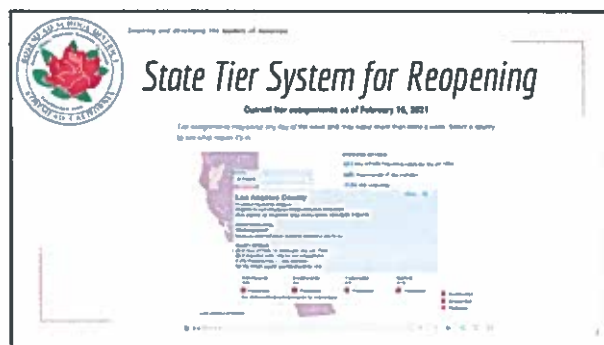
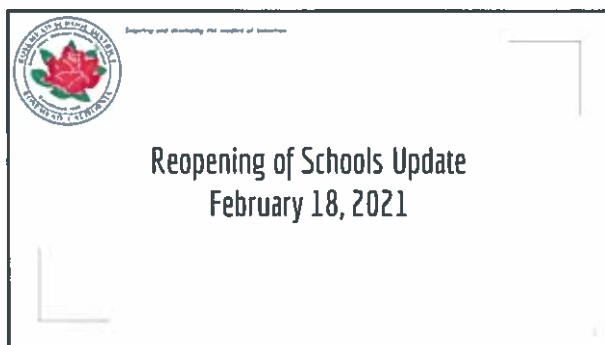
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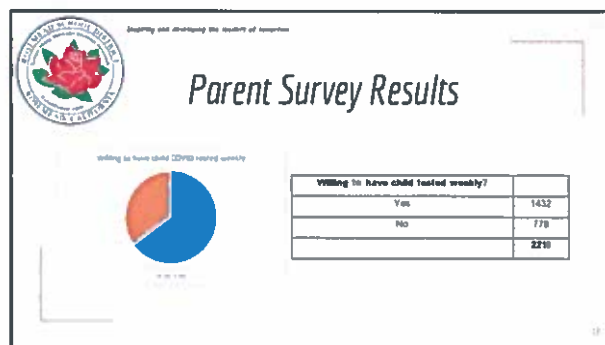
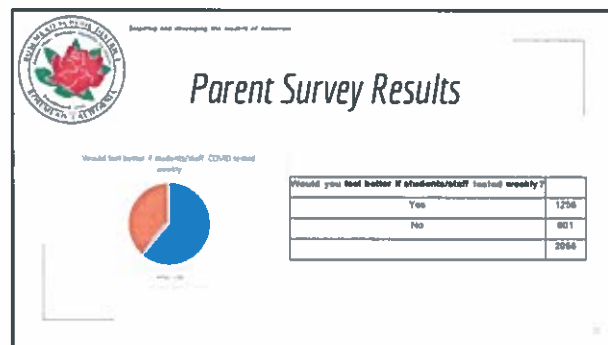
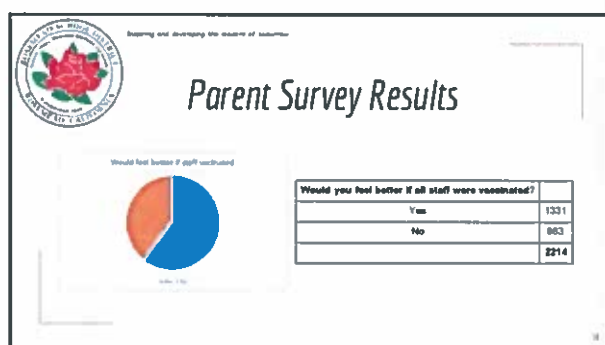
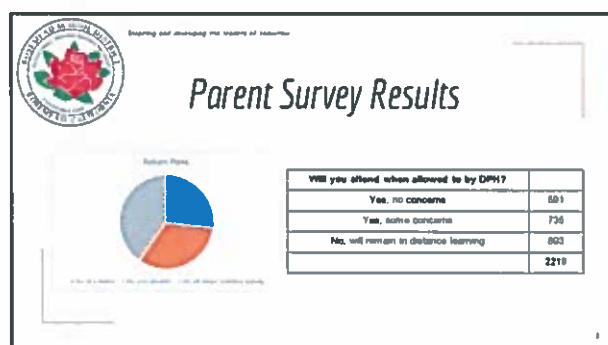
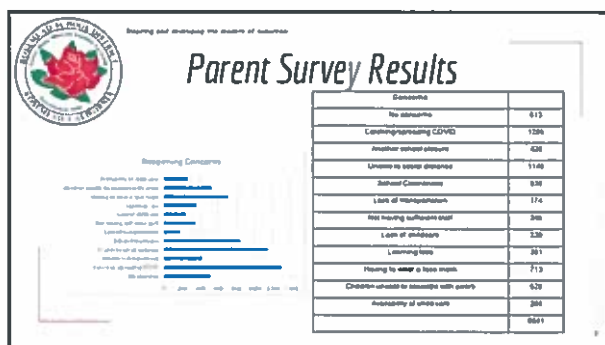
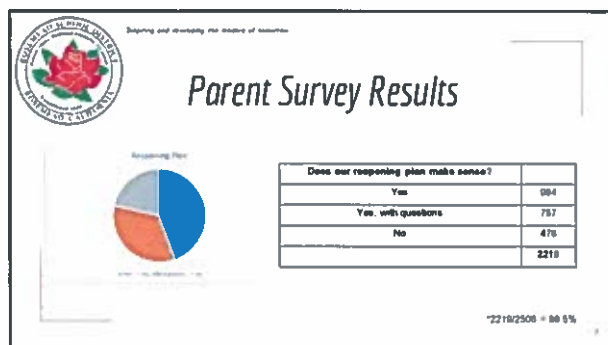


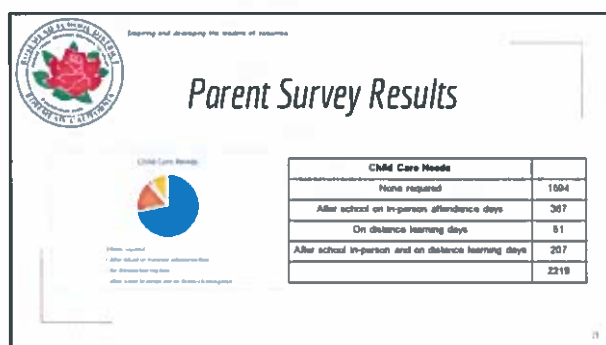
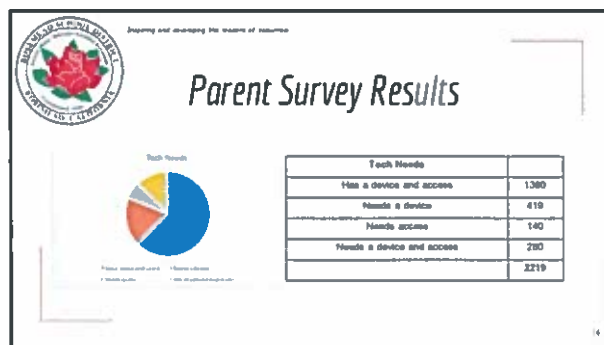
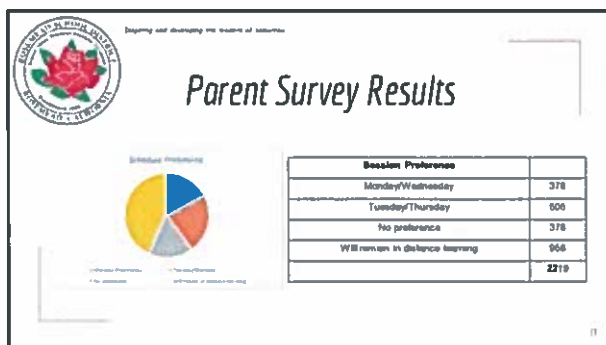
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Clerk Armenta







Ensuring and developing the means of resources

Questions?

- Ensuring and developing the means of resources
- ## Recommendation
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