ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

CONSENT

April 1, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID# 937 3993 4030 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 6:31 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, Mr. Harold Sullins, and Dr. Jennifer Fang were 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.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

Minutes: That the Agenda, be approved, as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the <u>board@rosemead.k12.ca.us</u> email account for submissions of public comment. There were none.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Benitez began Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
 - Rosemead Teachers' Association, California School Employees Association and its Rosemead Chapter 9, Management, Confidential, and Unrepresented
- 2. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54946.9(d)(2) and (e)(2):
 - One (1) Matter
- 3. Public Employee (Appointment, Employment, Reassignment, Evaluation, and Discipline/Dismissal/Release)

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:42 p.m.

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

President Benitez reported that the Board of Trustees took no action in closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Benitez requested for Mr. Harold Sullins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S):

Student of the Month, April 2021 – Most Improved:
 President Benitez congratulated and recognized the following 6th grade recipients: Valeria Nanez, Encinita; Jesus Vargas, Janson; Lam Tran, Savannah; David Truong, Shuey; and Muscatel students: Mariana Portillo, 7th grade and Bijou Hsu, 8th grade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the <u>board@rosemead.k12.ca.us</u> email account for submittals of public comment. There were four (4), as follows:

1. Mrs. Jocie Wilson, Muscatel Principal

"Greetings President Benitez, Members of the Board, and Superintendent Ruvalcaba.

On behalf of the students and staff of Muscatel Middle School, I would like to formally invite you to attend Muscatel Middle School's first-ever, virtual Leadership Day. Leadership Day will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

You'll receive an invitation flyer from Ms. Bracamonte with a Zoom link to follow. It would be our honor to have you join us in this celebration of our gifted, student leaders."

2. Mrs. Jan Brydle, Shuey Principal

"Good evening Board President Benitez, Clerk Armenta, Trustee Peña, Trustee Esquivel, Trustee Quintanilla and Superintendent Ruvalcaba. This is just a reminder that we will be

having our 2nd Virtual Spring Festival tomorrow at 9 am. It is a webinar, and students, teachers, staff and families have submitted videos. It will be about an hour long. I hope you can join us. Mrs. Bracamonte has the link to the webinar. Thank you and have a great evening."

3. Ms. Hoori Chalian, Coordinator of Special Education & Student Support Services "Good Evening President Benitez, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, and trustees-

Thank you for the opportunity to address you and our community tonight on the eve of the 14th annual United Nations sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day.

World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated each year on April 2nd. Throughout the month, organizations such as Autism Speaks focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support.

Each year, throughout the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world come together to <u>Light It Up Blue</u> in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them.

Autism-friendly events and educational activities take place all month, aiming to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, foster worldwide support and inspire a kinder, more inclusive world.

This April, we join them to continue our efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change through acts of KINDNESS.

Kindness can help create a world where all people can reach their full potential.

Tonight, I challenge each member of our RSD family to LIGHT UP our community through acts of KINDNESS to create a more inclusive world for people with autism!

#LightItUpBlue #LightupwithKindness"

4. Dr. Gabriel Cardenas, Janson Principal

"Good evening Board Members and Superintendent Mr. Ruvalcaba,

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to the Janson staff. I am thankful to work with an amazing team as they continue to work tirelessly to ensure we transition into a smooth Hybrid opening. These past two weeks we welcomed back our PreSchool and TK-2nd graders and I must say, was probably one of my best highlights as a principal this year. It was a great site to see students back on campus and looking forward to welcoming our 3rd-6th graders after Spring Break. On behalf of the Janson family, we wish all of you a Happy and restful Spring Break!

Thank you"

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided a brief highlight on the following topics:

- Congratulated the Students of the Month and shared that this is the highlight of the meeting when we get to recognize the hard work of our students.
- Congratulated and thanked our amazing Rosemead SD family and team for preparing our schools for the return of our TK-2 students and 7th grade students at Muscatel. He added that at this time the District has welcomed back all preschool, TK-2, and 7th grade students. Lastly, he shared that we are looking forward to welcoming back our 3rd-6th graders and 8th graders after Spring Break.
- Introduced the Muscatel Middle School Builders Club Team to provide their update.
- Wished for everyone to have a wonderful and restful Spring Break
- Review of the contents in the night folder:
 - o April 1, 2021 Board of Trustees Agenda Amendment 1
 - o Consent Personnel Status Report Certificated Amendment 1
 - o Consent Personnel Status Report Classified Amendment 1
 - o Action Contract agreement attachment PowerSchool
 - o Discussion Reopening of Schools Update
 - Action Resolution No. 20-21/07, In Support of People of Asian Ancestry and Condemning Harassment, Violence and Hatred Toward People of Asian Descent
 - Action Contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, for an increase Bandwidth Usage Districtwide
 - o Trustee Mail (if any is received after Board packet delivery)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Benitez shared on the following topics:

1. Thanked teachers and staff for all the hard work for the reopening of schools and acknowledged how happy students are for going back to school.

BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Clerk Armenta expressed thanks to Principals Mrs. Brydle, Dr. Cardenas, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Chang, and Mrs. Soto, in addition to Office Manager Mrs. Meza for their site tours last week and thanked them for their hospitality. She shared that they were at the door welcoming her for the site tours where she was able to see the aesthetics of the classrooms and setup. Ms. Armenta thanked the maintenance and custodial crews for their tireless work and dedication to the schools. She thanked the secretaries for greeting her and taking her temperature which demonstrated that we are following safety protocols for everyone who enters the campuses, documenting, and ensuring everyone remains safe. Clerk Armenta also shared that she was the guest speaker for the Muscatel Project Human Rights Club and was thoroughly impressed with the questions from the students, including What she would tell herself if she were a student at Muscatel right now. Ms. Armenta thanked Ms. Amezquita for inviting her as a guest speaker and felt honored and privileged. She also shared that it is great to see the amazing types of individuals that the District is producing, the students are amazing at the work they produce and it's an honor to see them reach such great life milestones. Lastly, she wished everyone a very well deserved Spring Break and Easter celebrations with their family.
- 2. Trustee Esquivel congratulated the Students of the Month and shared that he enjoyed all the site visits where he was able to see all the preparation to get ready for students to return to in-campus instruction. He shared that each class has a box of PPE supplies and sees that

a lot of hard work and thought has gone into the preparation. Trustee Esquivel thanked Superintendent Ruvalcaba for leading the way to help us prepare and shared that it is apparent that everyone came together to make sure that our plans were going to work towards ensuring that all students and staff are safe. He shared that he was able to visit Janson when students were back in class and expressed how interesting it is to see teachers teaching both the students in person and online at the same time by using the PolyCams including the interaction between students who were in person and online. Mr. Esquivel reported that the City of Rosemead will be distributing vaccines at the community center for all who are qualified and those interested can locate additional information on the city's website or speak with Mrs. Mandy Wong. Lastly, he wished everyone a blessed Easter and asked everyone to stay safe.

- 3. Trustee Peña shared that she was privileged to visit all the schools and thanked Principals Dr. Cardenas, Mrs. Soto, Mrs. Brydle, Dr. Chang, Mrs. Goldstone, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Noriega for the site tours. She shared that she enjoyed the Shuey video and thanked Mrs. Brydle for sharing it. She also gave kudos to Mr. Lopez for the visit to his ELL class where he was fully engaged with his students with their progress being very apparent. Trustee Peña thanked Dr. Chang for the little bag she left for her. During her tours Mrs. Peña was able to see the tank less water faucets and inquired whether we would have more available. She congratulated all the Students of the Month for April on their awards. Lastly, she wished everyone a great Spring Break and asked everyone to remember to smell the roses.
- 4. Trustee Quintanilla reported that he visited Muscatel and Encinita schools for the reopening of schools. He thanked Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Noriega, and Dr. Change for their site tours and shared that it was amazing to see all the schools prepared for the students to return with all the protocols in place and PPE. He is amazed to see how quickly staff has prepared all the campuses to welcome back students. He gave kudos to all staff for their hard work. Mr. Quintanilla shared that on Saturday he drove by Muscatel and saw all the custodial and maintenance crews working feverishly preparing the campus for students to return. He gave kudos to them for working together on the final touches. Lastly, he wished everyone a blessed Easter and Spring Break.
- 5. Clerk Armenta thanked Mr. Noriega for his tour of Muscatel Middle School.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. Rosemead School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School
Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 for the 2020-2021
Reopeners

There were no public comments.

2. <u>California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 Initial</u>
<u>Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District for the 2020-2021 Reopeners</u>

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

General Functions:

- 1. Personnel Status Report Certificated (Amendment 1) and Classified (Amendment 1)
- 2. Purchase Orders as of February March, 2021 (on file), and Warrants for budgeted expenditures (excluding PO# 52496)
- 3. Minutes of the March 4, 2021, Board of Trustees' Meeting

4. Donation Report

Minutes: That the Consent Agenda, be approved, as amended, excluding Purchase Order # 52496.

Motion made by: Mr. Quintanilla Seconded by: Ms. Armenta

Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes

Votes: Mr. Esquivel Yes Mr. Quintanilla Yes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S): None

ACTION ITEM(S):

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

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

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

- 1. Document Tracking Services (Districtwide)
- 2. Marcia Brenner Associates (MBA) Alert Creator Plugin (Districtwide)
- 3. PowerSchool Group, LLC Student Information System (Districtwide) (amended)
- 4. Read.Write.Think., LLC (Encinita)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

5. Swing Education (Districtwide)

, be approved, as amended.

Motion made by: Ms. Armenta Seconded by: Mr. Esquivel

Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes Votes: Mr. Esquivel Yes Mr. Quintanilla Yes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

May Study Session

Minutes: That the Board of Trustees Confirm the Next Scheduled Study Session for the Month of May, 2021, as May 20, 2021, on the topic of: SB 86 – Present a Draft of the Expanding Learning Grant/Opportunity Plan as outlined by SB 86, be

approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Armenta Seconded by: Mr. Esquivel

Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes
Votes: Mr. Esquivel Yes Mr. Quintanilla Yes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

Rosemead School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, for the 2020-2021 Reopeners

Minutes: That the Rosemead School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, for the 2020-2021 Reopeners, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Esquivel Seconded by: Mr. Quintanilla

Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes Votes: Mr. Esquivel Yes Mr. Quintanilla Yes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

<u>California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District, for the 2020-2021 Reopeners</u>

Minutes: That the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District, for the 2020-2021 Reopeners, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Esquivel Seconded by: Mr. Quintanilla

Roll Call
Votes:Ms. ArmentaYesMrs. PeñaYesYesMr. EsquivelYesMr. QuintanillaYes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

<u>Muscatel Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) 7th & 8th grade McGraw Hill - StudySync Curriculum Adoption</u>

Minutes: That the Muscatel Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) 7th & 8th grade McGraw Hill - StudySync Curriculum Adoption, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Armenta Seconded by: Mrs. Peña

Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes Votes: Mr. Esquivel Yes Mr. Quintanilla Yes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

<u>Updated Policies – Second Reading for the Administrative Services Division</u>

Minutes: That the Updated Policies – 2nd Reading for the Administrative Services Division, including:

- Board Policy No. 3280, Sale or Lease of District Owned Real Property
- Administrative Regulation No. 3280, Sale or Lease of District Owned Real Property
- Board Policy No. 3530, Risk Management Insurance
- Administrative Regulation No. 3530, Risk Management Insurance
- Board Policy No. 4157, Personnel
- Administrative Regulation No. 4157, Personnel

, be approved.

Motion ma	ade by:	Mrs. Peña	Seconded by:	Mr. Quintanilla
Roll Call	Ms. Armenta	Yes	Mrs. Peña	Yes
Votes:	Mr. Esquivel	Yes	Mr. Quintanilla	Yes
	Mrs. Benitez	Yes	•	

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

- 1. Updated Policies 1st Reading for Administrative Services Division, including:
 - Board Policy No. 4119.11, Sexual Harassment
 - Administrative Regulation No. 4119.11, Sexual Harassment
 - Administrative Regulation No. 4157.1, Work-Related Injuries

NEW BUSINESS

Exhibit 1 Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up

- Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided the following updates:
 - In preparing for the April 17 study session we originally planned to have someone following the Board with a camera to ensure participation by members of the public. In conversations with the technology department regarding logistics coupled with the requirement to maintain social distancing 6 feet apart, this was going to be a very big challenge. We've also received interest from members of the public, members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, that they are interested in touring the sites with us. Therefore, staff is recommending that we modify the plans to start the meeting via zoom in the Boardroom for opening procedures, proceed to site tours in-person following a site schedule with times, and return to the Board room for closing procedures via zoom. This revised schedule would allow for the members of the public who are interested in participating in the site tours to do so in-person. Superintendent Ruvalcaba also shared the reason for the site tours to identify the facilities needs of our District by site as listed on the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The site tours would afford Trustees the ability to align the needs listed in the FMP to the actual physical facilities on each campus. At a future meeting, the Board would set a priority list and go through each of the sites to prioritize the projects and decide which projects would be funded.

- It was the Board's unanimous consensus to proceed with the new plan for the study session.
- Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that staff will detail the site tour schedule
 as much as possible to ensure that interested members of the public can
 attend if they elect to.
- o Shared that the Board requested an approximate cost and a comparison of what was necessary to upgrade the Encinita Classroom. He shared that there are two options we are faced with: 1. Consider a Board emergency resolution similar to Savannah Classroom #1 which would expedite the process, or 2. Consider going through the formal bid process through DSA which would prolong the process. Mr. Sullins shared the details of both options and answered questions. He also shared that the formal bid process would prolong the project with work possibly starting in September or October whereas an emergency resolution would result with the classroom by the beginning of the school year in August.
 - It was the Board's consensus to proceed with the traditional bid process.
- Trustee Esquivel asked everyone to be safe and responsible during the upcoming Spring Break.
 - Shared that he likes the water stations at each school and noticed that we only have 1 per school at this time. He inquired on the cost per unit.
 - Assistant Superintendent Sullins shared that the cost is \$1,800-2,400 per unit/dependent on the vendor.
 - Trustee Esquivel suggested that possibly the Educational Foundation of Rosemead can provide support in this area.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that the District can add additional units to each campus, if there is a Board consensus.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to move forward with an additional unit to each campus.
 - Proposed a resolution against hate, all lifestyles, general on every race, creed, religion, lifestyle, etc.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to bring forth a resolution.
- Trustee Quintanilla inquired if the District could utilize some of the one-time funds to begin replacing the vehicles.
 - Assistant Superintendent Sullins shared that the District has already begun researching the cost of replacement of the fleet and research outside funding opportunities.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to begin the replacement process for the M&O fleet.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

1. Update on the Reopening of Schools

Superintendent Ruvalcaba presented an update on the Reopening of Schools and current COVID cases. See presentation attached.

ACTION ITEM(S):

Resolution No. 20-21/07, In Support of People of Asian Ancestry and Condemning Harassment, Violence and Hatred Toward People of Asian Descent

Minutes: That the Resolution No. 20-21/07, In Support of People of Asian Ancestry and Condemning Harassment, Violence and Hatred Toward People of Asian Descent, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Armenta Seconded by: Mr. Esquivel Roll Call Ms. Armenta Yes Mrs. Peña Yes

Roll CallMs. ArmentaYesMrs. PeñaYesVotes:Mr. EsquivelYesMr. QuintanillaYes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

Contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the District's Internet Service Provider, for an Increase in Bandwidth Usage Districtwide

Minutes: That the Contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the District's Internet Service Provider, for an Increase in Bandwidth Usage Districtwide, be approved.

Motion made by:Mr. QuintanillaSeconded by:Ms. ArmentaRoll CallMs. ArmentaYesMrs. PeñaYesVotes:Mr. EsquivelYesMr. QuintanillaYes

Mrs. Benitez Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: That the April 1, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, be adjourned at 9:21 p.m. in memory of all the lives that were lost in Orange County yesterday.

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

Signed,

President Benitez



Reopening of Schools Update April 1, 2021



State Tier System for Reopening

	1/19	2/01	2/09	2/15	2/23	3/2	1/12	3/16	3/23	3/30
Adjusted Case Nates*	75.5	38.7	317	200	12.3	12	52	41	37	31
Positivity Rate*	171	113	95	12	51	35	25	20	18	15



State Tier System for Reopening





Rosemead

	Week Prior to 2/02/2021	Week Prior to 2/16/2021	Week Prior to 2/23/2021	Week Prior 10 1/2/2021	Veek Prior to 3/9/2021	Week Prior 18 3/16/2021	Week Prior 10 3/23/2021	Week Prior 10 1/30/2021
Confirmed Cases	508	#4	75	60	35	24	12	1
Total Cases	4,318	4,659	4,729	4781	4622	44	4964	4668



TK-12 School Reopening Guidance

- is Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- County of Las Angeles Public Health (CLAPH)
- CLAPH Exposure Hanagement Plan



Rosemead Basics

- Complete the Daily Health Screening

 Contact supervisor If reporting symptoms or a potential exposure
 Wear a mask over the nase and mouth at all times except when in a room/office alone
 Consistently marmain at least 6' of distance between left and others
- Do not eat in the same entires space with others, enting with others may be done outside with sufficient distancing
- Practice (request hand washing/sanitizing
- Participate in Rousine Testing
 See something: say something: "Don't forget your mask." "Cood morning! Did you do your temperature."



Rosemead Reopening

Questions?

- SDC, PreK, Dt. Z, and Pth. grade Hybrid has begun
 Grades 3, 4, and 8 begun April 12
 Grades 5 and 6 begun April 19