

**Regular Meeting
05/01/2025 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

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

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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

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Attendance

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

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 6:31 p.m.

IV. Members Present _____ Members Absent _____

President Benitez made 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

This meeting will be audio and video recorded. Trustees have received background information regarding each agenda item prior to the meeting thus ensuring a thorough review of each item.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the Agenda, 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.

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

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each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Please state your name, make your presentation as brief 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 no submissions received for closed session topics.

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

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

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

- One (1) Matter

D. 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

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

Participant: Dr. Philip D'Agostino

- One (1) Matter

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

Participant: Dr. Philip D'Agostino

- Superintendent

X. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at _____ p.m.

President Benitez recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:34 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at _____ p.m.

President Benitez adjourned closed session at 7:41 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 7:37 p.m.

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

President Benitez announced that the Board of Trustees took no action during closed session.

Superintendent D'Agostino announced that Trustee Quintanilla excused himself for closed session item #D.

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XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

President Benitez requested for Henry Luu to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

XVII. MUSCATEL STUDENT LEADER'S REPORT

Student Leaders: Matthew Liu, Angie Zhao, Sabring Ung, and Isabella Landerous reviewed the current and upcoming events at Muscatel.

XVIII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION AND STUDENT PRESENTATION(S)

A. Students of the Month, May 2025: Academic

President Benitez recognized and presented plaques to the following students: Elementary School, 6th grade: Emily To, Encinita; Leah Chi, Janson; Henry Luu, Savannah; Jason Ta, Shuey; and Middle School: Kody Tuong, 7th grade, and Judy Chow, 8th grade.

B. Shuey Running Club

President Benitez presented certificates to the Shuey Running Club students: Andrea Jimenez, Andre Huang, Audrey Ton, Cadence Pongcharoen, Doanh

Tran, Christine Lee, Desin Vuong, Elaina Huynh, Elaine Hu, Evan Verkouteren, Hinson Chiu, Ivan Huang, Jason Ta, Jayden To, Kendrick Kim, Kennedy Gonzalez, Kent Gonzalez, Khloe Lin, Kira Valenzuela, Kylie Lin, Liam Wong, Lisa Yao, Maylaniee Lau, Mia Nguyen, Mindy Tran, Nathan Chen, Nicholas Chea, QUincy WONG, Rachel Tran, Ryan Xu, Scarlett Lopez, Sichen Ge, Sophia Lopez, Ted Tian, Terrance Zhong, Gia Nghi Phung, William Granados, and Kelli Esparza; and Coach Gabriel Garcia.

C. Encinita Soccer Team

President Benitez presented certificates to the Encinita Soccer Team students: Aaron Gonzalez, Adewunmi Fadiya, Aiden Chen, Alicia Zhang, Autumn Liemsithisak, Billy Cruz, Brandon Avila, Carolyn Wu, Cesar Manriquez, Crystal Su-Nguyen, Evan Dang, George Yung, Henry Villatoro, Isabella Nguyen, Jayden Perez, Jayla Hernandez, Jeremiah Cutz, Johan Peralta, Jonathan Pujols, Julian Romano, Justin Basilio, Kendra Hernandez, Keven Martinez, Kevin Yu, Logan Leon, Luke Hu, Michael Tarango, Nick Montoya, Olivia Colon, Robert Maldonado, Ruben Maralit, Santiago Flores, Steven Li, Tuyen Minh Lac, Victor Flores, William Phan, and Mason Chen; Coaches Bertha Castro and Rosemarie Estrada.

President Benitez recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:45 p.m.

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:51 p.m.

XIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)

Pursuant to Board Bylaw No. 9323, we would like to encourage members of the public to present their views to the Board regarding matters listed in the agenda. At regular meetings of the Board, members of the public may address the Board on agenda items, as well as any other items of concern that fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. If you want to address an agenda item, you have the option of speaking at this time or at the time the item is being discussed by the Board.

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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were four (4) submissions received for open session:

- Miriam Wazirkajoyan
- Shirley Conde
- Jan Brydle
- Cami Case

XX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent D'Agostino shared the following:

- A lot of work was completed during the spring break, and we are very proud of the maintenance crew. Thanked the staff who worked during the break.
- On Tuesday, he had lunch with RTA President Cami Case and other association presidents. One of the topics discussed during the luncheon was safety.
- Congratulations to the Shuey team, who won the Conga Kids competition and will move on to the Semi-Finals, where Superintendent Terrance Thurmond will attend.
- Received an invitation to see Cousin Danny's assemblies at the schools and saw that the assembly was very well-received by the students, in preparation for the testing season. He shared that the energy during the assembly was very good.
- Shared that the team is working on the promotion planning for Muscatel and that there will be a shade structure on the stage.
- Recognized the principals on National Principals' Day today. He stopped by each campus to thank each one.
- Reminded everyone about the Girl's Empowerment event and thanked the Trustees for all their hard work.
- Around the District events:
 - Shuey 5/23-30 Heart Challenge
 - Janson 5/12 Professional STAR WARS characters from the 502 Legion Group will greet Janson students during the morning arrival at the gates.
 - Encinita 5/3 Whale Watching field trip, and kindergartners will visit Rosemead High School for a drama performance.
 - Savannah 5/21 SGVC Induction Colloquium - congratulated Ms. Ridolfi, ELD teacher
 - Muscatel 5/9 PTSA teacher appreciation and Spring performances on 5/21 with the strings at 5:00 p.m. and the band at 7:15 p.m. Invited Trustees, if they were interested in chaperoning the Mustang dance on 5/30, please let us know.
- Lastly, shared that there are three more board meetings until the end of the school year.

XXI. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Shared that he was unable to attend the Spring Festival this year due to his employment, with this being the first year he has missed the event in 25 years.
- Congratulated the students of the month and shared that it is amazing to hear them speak.
- Expressed that the photo on the Savannah flyer reminded him of the old Savannah school building.
- Shared that this school year is almost over and wished the students good luck.

Trustee Pena shared the following:

- Thanked Dr. Boeve for a wonderful Spring Festival performance, which she was able to attend briefly. She shared that the kids performed the Waltz and thanked Mrs. Rosann Magdaleno and Mr. Hector Soto for their hard work on the festival.
- Congratulated the Shuey Soccer team.
- Congratulated the Encinita Running team.

- Thanked Mr. Rivera and the staff from Janson School for the delicious meals.
- Shared that there are a lot of events going on in the district; if they are not thanking them, they are looking forward to future events.
- Thanked the staff, administrators, and everyone at the dais.
- Lastly, thanked all the staff for their dedication.

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following topics:

- Attended the Conga Kids at Janson and congratulated Dr. Boeve and the Shuey team for winning the competition and moving on to the Semi-Finals at LA Live. Thanked Janson for hosting the competition and congratulated all the participants. A special mention to the participants who were dancing merengue and salsa.
- Attended the Spring Festival and shared that it was filled with amazing choreography by Mrs. Magdaleno and the music by Mr. Soto. Congratulated the students for their performances.
- Gave kudos to the Shuey running team, Encinita soccer team, thanked the Muscatel ASB student leaders, and congratulated the students of the month.

Clerk Armenta shared the following:

- Congratulated all the award recipients and shared that she is blown away by their articulation and the fact that they have their goals set for their futures. Our students are aspiring to attend the great universities, and their majors have already been selected.
- Shared that on May 3rd, we will host the 4th annual Girl's Empowerment Symposium at the Rosemead Community Center, as we outgrew our past venue. The event planning committee has a great lunch and breakfast, and a great keynote speaker scheduled. She thanked Mrs. Rachael Nicoll, Dr. Jennifer Fang, Mrs. Jan Brydle, and everyone who has been on the committee. She recognized her fellow Trustees, President Benitez and Trustee Peña, for their contributions. She shared that the team is willing to sacrifice their Saturday to dedicate to the girls and enrich their lives. Adding that anything that we do outside our work hours is a sacrifice, and it really means a lot to her.
- Thanked Dr. Rios for that morning she contacted Mr. Gabriel Ramirez at the City to share that there was a grass area near the front of Encinita school on the corner of Encinita St. and Pitkin St. that belongs to the City, which has overgrown weeds and plants. Mr. Ramirez was called, and he ensured this area was cleaned up and nicely landscaped immediately. It looks great, so when our students, community, and staff walk by, they see a well-groomed landscape. She thanked him for his prompt response.
- Congratulated the Encinita Soccer and Shuey Running teams on their awards. Sharing that they have so much on their plates, and they take the time to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Lastly, thanked the staff and Board for their unwavering commitment to the students.

XXII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Benitez shared the following:

- Congratulated the Shuey Running team.
- Congratulated the Encinita Soccer club.

- Attended the Spring Festival and felt it was wonderful to see the students and the families supporting their children.
- Wished everyone a restful Spring Break.
- Lastly, thanked Mr. John Rivera and the team for the delicious food.

XXIII. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Cash Borrowing Between Funds and from the Los Angeles County Treasury for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

President Benitez opened the public hearing at 9:23 p.m.

Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were no public comments received.

President Benitez closed the public hearing at 9:24 p.m.

XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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.

- A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified**
- B. CONSENT - Purchase Orders of March, 2025 - April, 2025 (on file), and Warrants for Budgeted Expenditures**
- C. CONSENT - Minutes of the April 10, 2025, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- D. CONSENT - Minutes of the April 17, 2025, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- E. CONSENT - Donation Report**
- F. CONSENT - Meeting, Inservice, Professional Development, Conference and/or Travel Report**
- G. CONSENT - Service/Consultant Proposals/ Bid Awards/ Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report**
 - 1. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - BAM! Brains & Motion Education (Districtwide) [NEW]**
 - 2. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - CodeCampus, LLC (Districtwide)**
 - 3. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - EveryChild California (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**

4. **CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Hokali (Districtwide) [NEW]**
5. **CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Mobile Zoo of Southern California (Savannah Elementary) [RENEWAL]**
6. **CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Windtree Education (Summer Camp) [RENEWAL]**
7. **CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Woodcraft Rangers (Districtwide) [AMENDMENT]**
8. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - 24th Street Theatre Company (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
9. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - C & C Language Service Company (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
10. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Curriculum Associates (i-Ready) (Elementary Schools) [RENEWAL]**
11. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - IXL Learning (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**
12. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Jostens, LLC (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**
13. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Marcia Brenner Associates, LLC (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
14. **CONSENT - FISCAL SERVICES - Cindy Huang, Consultant [RENEWAL]**
15. **CONSENT - FISCAL SERVICES - Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) - Joint Educational Transit (JET) - (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
16. **CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - California Linen Services - (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
17. **CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Food Safety Systems - Districtwide [RENEWAL]**

XXV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S): None

XXVI. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. ACTION - Selection of Reading Difficulties Risk Screener: Multitudes

That the Selection of the Reading Difficulties Risk Screener: Multitudes, 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

That the motion be passed by 5-0 vote.

B. ACTION - Call Special Board Meetings for the Months of May and June, 2025

That the Board of Trustees Call a Special Board Meeting for May 31, 2025, and June 21, 2025, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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 - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. ACTION - Resolution No. 24-25/08, Designating May 5-9, 2025, as Employee Appreciation Week

That Resolution No. 24-25/08, Designating May 5-9, 2025, as Employee Appreciation Week, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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.

D. ACTION - Appropriation Transfers at Year-End, 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

That the Appropriation Transfers at Year-End, 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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.

E. ACTION - Resolution No. 24-25/09, Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

That Resolution No. 24-25/09, Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers for the 2025-2026 Fiscal 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.

F. ACTION - Resolution No. 24-25/10, Temporary Cash Borrowing Between Funds, 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

That Resolution No. 24-25/10, Temporary Cash Borrowing Between Funds, 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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.

G. ACTION - Resolution No. 24-25/11, Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury, 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

That Resolution No. 24-25/11, Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury, 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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.

H. ACTION - Authorization of Agreement Between the Pasadena Area Community College District and the Rosemead School District

That the Authorization of Agreement Between the Pasadena Area Community College District and the Rosemead School District, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

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.

I. ACTION - Tentative Agreement, Rosemead Teachers Association (RTA), Management, and Confidential and the Rosemead School District, Regarding the 2024-2025 Reopener; 2025-2026 Professional Development Days and Pre-Service Day; 2025-2026 Work Day/Work Year; 2025-2026 Health and Welfare Benefits Cap Increase; and Economic Agreement, including the Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement in Accordance with AB1200

That the Tentative Agreement, Rosemead Teachers Association (RTA), Management, and Confidential and the Rosemead School District, Regarding the 2024-2025 Reopener; 2025-2026 Professional Development Days and Pre-Service Day; 2025-2026 Work Day/Work Year; 2025-2026 Health and Welfare Benefits Cap Increase; and Economic Agreement, Including the Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement in Accordance with AB1200, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

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.

XXVII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): None

XXVIII. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following topics:

- Requested Board consensus on updating our tree policy and expressed that he is in favor of reviewing or updating the policy.

- Superintendent D'Agostino shared that some districts have a policy that if you remove a tree, you have to replace it with two or replace one for one. He supports the idea of not losing any trees in the district and shared that we can adopt an administrative regulation on maintaining trees and a commitment to the environment. He added that we need to ensure that the trees are easy to maintain, our facilities team works with an arborist through a tree company we utilize, and staff will look at other district policies to review their policy language and check with the City.
 - It was the Board's consensus to move forward with this request.
- Requested that staff research having a defibrillator at each school site and include training for its use.
 - Dr. D'Agostino shared that districts have them for sports and in the multipurpose room. The devices are governed under good Samaritan laws. The training would be completed by the nurse or the company. Look at the costs and liability.
 - It was the Board's consensus to research the cost and liability.
- Shared that Assemblymember Fong will visit Encinita tomorrow morning. He also shared that he invited Senator Renee to visit Encinita. He shared that he feels that it is valuable to have a good rapport with the Senator and Assemblymember and that it is beneficial to have these relationships. Trustee Quintanilla shared that it is good for them to be seen with students and constituents, and good for the district. He encouraged trustees to attend the Encinita visit.

Clerk Armenta shared that she wishes that the invitation to Senator Renee and Assemblymember Fong had been shared with the Board ahead of time to ensure they could work around their schedules to be present. She requested that invitations of this sort be announced to the Board with more ample time under new business.

President Benitez shared the following topics:

- Suggested to trustees to share their wish to invite anyone to the district with the Board President to ensure that the Board is informed ahead of time, and they can discuss the visit to ensure they can be present. She requested that this practice be followed for future invitations to ensure everyone is informed.

Trustee Quintanilla added that he will try to ensure that information is shared ahead of time and will do a better job of keeping everyone informed.

XXIX. 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 7:41 p.m., Items XXIX. Public Comments on Closed Session Items through XXXIV. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session were not required.

XXX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at ____ p.m.

XXXI. CLOSED SESSION

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at _____ p.m.

XXXIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at _____ p.m.

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

XXXV. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at _____ p.m.

President Benitez adjourned the May 1, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting at 9:44 p.m.,
be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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 5-0 vote.

XXXVI. NEXT MEETING DATES



Diane Benitez, President



Nancy Armenta, Clerk

Student of the Month Awards

May 2025



Encinita
Elementary School

Emily To

Emily is a compassionate, intelligent, and hardworking student who is always willing to help others. She has grown tremendously this year—blossoming from a shy, quiet learner into an active member of Robotics, STEAM, and the yearbook team at Encinita. Emily shows great patience and kindness when working with our SPED Buddies on monthly art projects and during combined ELEVO time. She embraces challenges, learns from her mistakes, and truly lives out Encinita's vision: "Inspired to Learn, Empowered to Lead, and Enriched to Give." We are so proud of her accomplishments and can't wait to see what her future holds. Congratulations, Emily, on being Encinita's Student of the Month!

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



6th grade



Mildred B. Janson
Elementary School
Leah Chi

The 6th Grade Team at Mildred B. Janson Elementary is proud to recognize Leah Chi as our Student of the Month for May. Leah consistently follows the 8 Habits every day. She puts first things first by demonstrating that she is capable of managing her time well in order to complete her assignments in a timely manner. Leah collaborates well with her peers by synergizing with them during group projects. She has found her voice by seeking support when she needs it, being an active participant in class, and sharing her ideas during class discussions. For her determination, the Janson 6th Grade Team is excited to honor Leah Chi as our Student of the Month.

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



6th grade



Savannah
Elementary School

Henry Luu

Henry Luu is a student that puts forth great effort in all academic areas. He goes above and beyond in his homework and classwork. His hard work has paid off in the second trimester of the school year as he averaged 99% on his math tests, 99% on his weekly vocabulary quizzes, 98% on his history quizzes, and 98% on his science quizzes. Overall, Henry is a role model when it comes to academics. He utilizes higher level thinking skills to problem solve, is helpful in the classroom, is respectful to teachers and peers, and demonstrates leadership skills by being an active participant. It is with great pleasure that Ms. Wong, Ms. Arreola, and Ms. Lam deem Henry Luu Savannah's Student of the Month.

~Ms. Arreola, Ms. Wong, and Mrs. Lam, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Emma W. Shuey
Elementary School
Jason Ta

Jason Ta is our choice for Shuey's 6th Grade Academic Student of the Month. Jason actively engages and participates during class. He goes above and beyond on all of his assignments, producing exceptional work. He works hard during and after school on iReady and AR. He is reading at the 12th grade level based on his STAR AR reading assessment. Jason is very well rounded. Not only does he do so well academically, but he is also an amazing basketball athlete. His peers rank him as number one at our school. He is very well liked by all of his peers. Jason is a true joy to have in class and well deserving of Shuey's 6th Grade Academic Student of the Month. We look forward to his future successes.

~Mrs. Almaraz, Ms. Pettus, and Ms. Shotke, 6th gr Teachers



6th grade



Muscatel
Middle School
Kody Tuong

Kody Tuong is being honored as District of the Month for his outstanding achievements. His academic performance exceeds the daily rigor in Math 7 Advanced class. In addition, he supplements his learning by challenging himself in Mathletes Homework. Kody's excellence extends beyond mathematics. In his 7th-grade Language Arts class, he excels in all four key areas: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Kody even fosters his learning by engaging in metacognition—setting new academic goals for himself. In both subjects, Kody's assignments are complete with effort, precision, and high level of quality. Beyond his academic achievements, Kody has the qualities of being a Mustang: responsible, respectful, and safe. He is an exceptional student and his parents must be proud!

~Mr. Puente, Math Teacher and Ms. Tran, Language Arts Teacher



7th grade



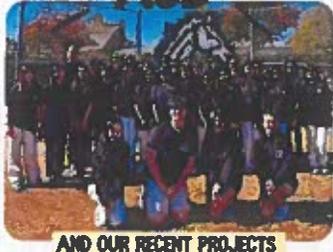
Muscatel Middle School Judy Chow

I nominate Judy Chow for Student of the Month. Judy stands out for her strong academics, leadership, and kindness. She consistently demonstrates responsibility, a positive attitude, and a desire to grow. Whether tackling a tough assignment or helping a classmate, Judy puts forth her best effort and uplifts others. Her curiosity and thoughtful questions enhance class discussions and inspire her peers. She is actively involved in ASB, CJSF, and Builders' Club, and volunteers as a peer tutor after school. Judy is respectful, dependable, and deeply valued by both staff and students. Her kindness creates an inclusive atmosphere, and she always offers help to those in need. Judy's leadership shines through her actions—she leads by example, collaborates well with others, and takes initiative in group settings. She maintains a strong academic record while contributing meaningfully to school and community life. Judy's ability to manage her time, stay engaged, and support others makes her a role model. We're proud to recognize Judy Chow as our District Student of the Month.

—Mrs. Chen, Math Teacher



8th grade



OUR MEMBER... ANGIE ZHAO

- Came from Shuey Elementary, 7th grade, 1st year ASB member
- Apart of the California Junior Scholarship Federation, Builders Club, and LEAD Homeroom, which all help with leadership skills and volunteering



LEAD HOMEROOM EVENTS

Ongoing/Completed Events:

- In Lead Homeroom, students deliver presentations based on the 7 habits to all homeroom classes, in order to educate and promote positive habits throughout the school called Live Lessons.
- The last habit we presented interactively was Habit 5, Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood
- The two other major events that we have completed are 6th Grade Orientation on April 4th and Leadership Day on April 9th

OUR VICE-PRESIDENT... MATTHEW LIU

- Came from Janson Elementary, 8th Grade, 2nd year ASB member.
- Apart of California Junior Scholar Federation, contributing to impactful community service and aiding teachers and other schools.
- Lead Lighthouse student, building and developing leadership skills



ASB LEADERSHIP DAY



THANK YOU!!!!

ASB'S UPCOMING MAY ACTIVITIES

DANCE 05/30

- Dance theme is currently being voted on with A Summer Night Under the Stars being in the lead
- We are partnering with our amazing PTA!
- Will have games, free food, and DJ
- Photobooth with free photos

HARRY POTTER VS STAR WARS DAY 05/02

- A day where Harry Potter fans and Star fans go against each other
- Free dress if a person has merch from either shows
- A trivia competition to see who can answer the most questions correctly from both groups

ASB'S UPCOMING JUNE ACTIVITIES

KNOTT'S 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP 06/4

- All current 8th Graders that meet certain requirements will be allowed to go on a trip to Knott's
- Three buses full with hopefully one more getting filled that will last between 8:45 am-6:45 pm

RALLY: MARIO PARTY 06/6

- Rally will be divided into 2 parts with one part being a video of Mustangs throughout the year, and games and rewards
- Mustang MVP Medals will be given out
- College points will be earned through these games.

OUR MEMBER...

SABRINA UNG

- 7th grade ; 1st year ; Came from Janson Elementary School
- Apart of CJSF and Builders Club which actively contributes to helping the community
- Mathletes Homeroom; for advanced math students



MOST VALUABLE STUDENTS

MUSTANG MEDALS

- Mustang Medals are given to great students that should be acknowledged
- Teachers will be able to select as many of up to 5 students every year

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

- The Valedictorian & Salutatorian will receive medals
- During the promotion ceremony, the Valedictorian & Salutatorian will give their speech

MUSTANGS OF THE MONTH

- Recognizing outstanding students by giving them certificates & prizes
- 37 students have been recognized in April (Thank you teachers for your dedication to elect these students!)
- Posting their certificates in a Mustang of the Month Slideshow

OUR MEMBER...

ISABELLA LANDEROS

- Came from Emma W. Shuey Elementary School, 8th Grade, 2nd year ASB member
- Apart of Builders Club, CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation) and Leadership homeroom which help with building up the leadership skills learned in elementary!
- President of the Muscatel Middle School Yamanis Builders Club.

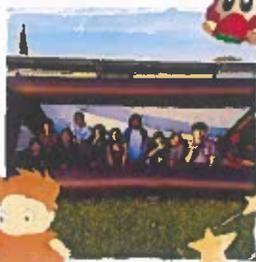


SKILLS I AND OTHERS HAVE LEARNED IN ASB

INTRODUCTION

ASB members learn skills like:

- Group collaboration
- Time management
- Confident public speaking
- Event planning



WHERE WE LEARN THESE SKILLS

EXAMPLES

- Working in teams to plan events.
- Making sure everything can be done in a timely manner for an event
- Speaking in front of large audiences at school events.
- Creating posters for upcoming events (School dances, rallies, holiday grams).
- When planning rallies there is a big need to be able to time how much time we have for each event in the rally.
- Planning and coming up with the events and how each part will run







2024-2025 RUNNING TEAM

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Andrea Jimenez



Andrew Huang



Audrey Tom



Cadence Pongcharoen



Doanh "Cassey" Tran

2

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Christine Lee



Destin Vuong



Elaine Huynh



Elaine Hu



Evan Verkouteren

3

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Hinson Chiu



Ivan Huang



Jason Ta



Jayden To



Kendrick Kim

4

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Kennedy Gonzalez



Kent Gonzalez



Khloe Lin



Kira Valenzuela



Kylie Lin

5

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Liam Wong



Lisa Yao



Maylanice Lau



Mia Nguyen



Mindy Tran

6

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Nathan Chen



Nicholas Chea



Quincy Wong



Rachel Tran



Ryan Xu

7

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Scarlett A. Lopez



Sichen "Andy" Ge



Sophia B. Lopez



Ted Tian



Terrance Zhong

8

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K



Gia Nghi "Tina" Phung



William Granados

9



Coaches

Kelli Esparza
Coach

Gabriel Garcia
Coach

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2024-2025

Soccer Team

May 1, 2025



TEAM



Aaron Gonzalez



Adewunmi Fadiya



Aiden Chen



Alicia Zhang



Autumn Liemsithisak



Billy Cruz



Brandon Avila



Carolyn Wu

TEAM



Cesar Manriquez



Crystal Su-Nguyen



Evan Dang



George Yung



Henry Villatoro



Isabella Nguyen



Jayden Perez



Jayla Hernandez

TEAM



Jeremiah Cutz



Johan Peralta



Jonathan Pujols



Julian Romano



Justin Basilio



Kendra Hernandez



Keven Martinez



Kevin Yu

TEAM



Logan Leon



Luke Hu



Michael Tarango



Nick Montoya



Olivia Colon



Robert Maldonado



Ruben Maralit



Santiago Flores

TEAM



Steven Li



Tuyen Minh Lac



Victor Flores



William Phan



Mason Chen

COACHES



Bertha Castro



Rosemarie Estrada