

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

**CONSENT**

May 25, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2021, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID# 923 7234 9044 at 5:45 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 5:45 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.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS**

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the [board@rosemead.k12.ca.us](mailto:board@rosemead.k12.ca.us) email account for submittals of public comment. There are five (5) public comments, as follows:

1. Dr. Linda Chang, Encinita Principal

“Good evening, Board of Trustees, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, and the Rosemead family.

I'd like to formally invite you to three upcoming events at Encinita.

Our Virtual Open House is on Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 pm. We have compiled a slide show of all our grade levels to celebrate the hard work of our students, staff, and families.

Because of Hybrid Instruction, our Leadership Day at Encinita will also go virtual this year. On behalf of our Encinita family, we hope you can join our 1st Virtual Leadership Day on June 4 at 9 am.

Please also save the date for our 6th-grade promotion ceremony. It will be held on June 9 at 8:15 am and at 10:45 am.

We will send out formal invitations for all our upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate all that you do for us. Have a good evening.”

2. Mrs. Jan Brydle, Shuey Principal

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

I would like to invite you to Shuey School's first virtual Leadership Day on June 4th. There will be 2 presentations - one at 10 am and one again at 6:00 pm. There is a registration link on the attached invitation. Once we receive your registration, we will send you a link to the webinar a few days before the event. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will be able to join us.”

3. Mrs. Diana Richardson, RTA Lead Negotiator/Teacher

“Good evening,

My name is Diana Richardson and I'm here to speak to you again as the lead negotiator for RTA and provide an update as to how things are going.

Since the last school board meeting, we have met with the district once which was May 12th. I believe we made good progress and appreciate the district coming up on their offer, but after getting a zero percent salary increase last year when the district ended up receiving 3.26% in COLA, their last offer at that session wasn't up to par with what teachers want and deserve.

I know the district received 0% COLA this year, but they have gotten a lot of one-time money. In addition, as you are aware, the reserves hover around 30%, not including the 2 million in fund 20 that acts like a savings account for them. These pots of money afford the district the opportunity to offset financial commitments they take on this year.

A few days after our last negotiations session, the governor released his May budget revision. The projected COLA increased from 3.84% to a mega COLA of 5.07%. In addition, per pupil funding will be at the highest levels ever. I know the district will not receive these monies until next school year, but what it should do for us this school year is ease the district's anxiety that 3 years out they will spend down the reserves if they offer us the economic agreement we want.

I come to you again to encourage the district to do better with their economic agreement offer because the education budget is very promising.

Thank you."

4. Dr. Gabriel Cardenas, Janson Principal

"Good evening Board of Trustees, and Superintendent Mr. Ruvalcaba,

I would like to take this time to formally invite all of you to our Open House event tomorrow. The event begins at 5:30 with our PTA and then transition to our virtual Open House Slide Show. I have emailed the details and invitations to Cynthia to send to you.

Also, please mark your calendars and save the date for Tuesday, June 8, at 9:00 AM for our First ever Virtual Leadership Day event. This year has definitely been a challenging one, however, one thing is for sure, our students and staff continue to LEAD and implement TLIM each and every single day. Our student lighthouse team have been working on the Leadership Day agenda for the past 8 months and are close to finalizing the details to what promises to be a great event for students showcasing their leadership skills. This year also marks Janson's school's 10th year anniversary of being a Lighthouse school. I know everyone is very busy and we appreciate your support and hope to see you tomorrow and on June 8.

Thank you"

5. Mrs. Ruth Soto, Savannah Principal

"Good Evening,

Savannah School would like to invite you to our Leadership Day that will be held on June 7, 2021 at 10 a.m. Attached is the Event Flyer.

Hope to see you all there!"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided a brief highlight on the following topics:

- Welcomed everyone in attendance during the meeting.
- Thanked Claire for the beautiful invitation to Janson Leadership invite and expects to see most who are logged on during the event.
- Shared that there is no formal DPH reopening of schools update and advised that currently numbers of positive COVID cases continue to decrease.
- Gave kudos to all the schools who held their Open House events. We appreciate the hard work that has gone into those events to showcase the hard work completed by our students.
- Publicly thank and congratulate Mr. Sullins on his transition to a new district for a bigger and brighter opportunity. I am so proud of him and we are so fortunate to have had someone with his skill set and leadership for the last 2 ½ years.
- Review of the contents in the night folder:
  - Consent Item – Personnel Status Report Certificated Amendment 1
  - Consent Item – Personnel Status Report Classified Amendment 1
  - Trustee Mail (if any is received after Board packet delivery)

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Benitez shared on the following topics:

1. Congratulated Mr. Sullins on his new job and shared that he will be missed.

## BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clerk Armenta expressed that she enjoyed the Savannah virtual open house and recognized the hard work that goes into these events. Shared that last week the Board and Superintendent took snacks to the Temple Station to thank them for their hard work in recognition of the Police Appreciation Week. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Sullins for everything that he has done for the district and shared that his leaving is a tremendous loss for the district. Ms. Armenta wished him the best and thanked him for his dedication to the District.
2. Trustee Esquivel shared that he joined the virtual open houses for Shuey, Savannah, and Muscatel and watched the Screenagers movie. He shared that he wishes that more people would have access to the movie which would be beneficial to all parents. Mr. Esquivel congratulated Mr. Sullins and shared that it's going to be a big loss for our district but a gain for the new one. He shared that Mr. Sullins will be truly missed and thanked him for his dedication to the District.
3. Trustee Peña shared that she attended both the Shuey and Savannah Open Houses and enjoyed the display of the students' hard work. She congratulated Mr. Sullins on his new opportunity and shared that he will be missed.
4. Trustee Quintanilla agreed with Trustee Esquivel's sentiments regarding the Screenagers movie. He congratulated Mr. Sullins on his new opportunity and shared that he will be missed.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

## CONSENT AGENDA:

### General Functions:

1. Personnel Status Report – Certificated and Classified

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

<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		

### SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S):

1. Presentation on the Expanded Learning Grant/Opportunity Plan – SB86

Assistant Superintendent Fang presented on the Expanded Learning Grant/Opportunity Plan – SB86 and answered Trustee questions. See presentation attached.

### ACTION ITEM(S):

#### Adoption of the Expanded Learning Grant/Opportunity Plan – SB86

Minutes: That the Expanded Learning Grant/Opportunity Plan – SB86, 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		

### NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Ruvalcaba:
  - Requested Board direction regarding attendance in the upcoming California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference that will be held both in person and virtual. He requested the preference of each Trustee.
    - It was the Board's direction to proceed with registering the group for in-person attendance based on their personal preference.
- Clerk Armenta:
  - Requested an update on the webinar geared towards mental health at the next meeting.
- Trustee Esquivel:
  - Requested an update on the presentation on Board agenda preparation and GAMUTOnline training
- Trustee Quintanilla:
  - Inquired if the Board would be in favor to vote on a resolution on the topic of "Vote of No Confidence for District Attorney Gascon".
    - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to move forward with the resolution.

## DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

### 1. Update on School Promotions

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that over the last several weeks' staff has shared the guidelines from the state and those adopted by the County of Public Health. He referred everyone to the guidelines from the CDC on promotion/graduations. Mr. Ruvalcaba shared that we have a mixture of promotions including: virtual, car parades (drive-thru), and in-person. He shared that some of the guidelines include but are not limited to: family pods, 6-foot distancing, 4 guests per 8<sup>th</sup> grader, 2 hours gap between ceremonies, etc. Superintendent Ruvalcaba answered Trustee questions.

### 2. Facilities Update: Encinita Portables

Assistant Superintendent Sullins provided an update regarding Encinita portables 28 & 29 housing a regional occupational programs. As previously mentioned, staff discovered that the portables were not certified through the DSA before installation. He explained that they discovered the DSA "A" numbers and they are not associated with our District or Encinita. We are looking to obtain the "A" number for the portables. The bathroom was added after the modular was built. Mr. Sullins explained that this forces the district to look at other options and look at other classrooms, including classroom 26. We are evaluating the structural supports in classroom 26 & 27 to ensure the supports are in place from the foundation. This would provide for us an opportunity to construct a restroom as required by the program. The approximately cost is \$60K to add the restroom.

The other option of leasing a temporary restroom structure. Similar to Muscatel that would be handicap accessible including a ramp. This option would come with a 12-month lease, Cost \$51K, it would provide us the opportunity of a year to continue to work through the solution for classrooms 26 & 27.

Mr. Sullins shared that the temporary restroom structure would afford the District the time necessary to further research and construct the facility during the 12-month lease.

Assistant Superintendent Sullins shared that the Regional Occupational program belongs to the District until we can no longer maintain the capacity or we no longer have students enrolled in the program. We accept student from outside districts. The District would need to inform the SELPA ahead of time, if we no longer will provide this program for students the severe needs. The temporary facilities would be placed adjacent to portable 27 closest to water sources. The space the restroom will take when constructed, will be identical to the existing classroom. The District has facilities funds and developer fees that can fund the project.

Due to the time restraints, to facilitate the needs of the students in the program, we need to proceed with the leasing and construction of the new restroom. There are no month-to-month rentals due to the cost of setting it up and installation.

It was the Board's consensus to install the temporary modular restroom and start the construction process.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the [board@rosemead.k12.ca.us](mailto:board@rosemead.k12.ca.us) email account for submissions of public comment. There were none.

*President Benitez read the following statement:*

*"The facts and circumstances for this matter is "Employee Matter"*

## RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Benitez began Closed Session at 7:03 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. Public Employee (Appointment, Employment, Reassignment, Evaluation, and Discipline/Dismissal/Release)
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2)
  - One (1) Matter
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
  - Superintendent

## ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Benitez adjourned closed session at 11:06 p.m.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 11:10 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 and will return to closed session after the completion of the open session agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: That the May 25, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, **be adjourned** at 11:10 p.m.

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

Signed,

  
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President Benitez

  
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Clerk Armenta

## Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan RSD School Board Presentation

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## Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan 2021-22\_DRAFT Proposed Supplemental Instruction and Support

Actions & Strategies	Estimated Planned Expenditures
<b>Extending Instructional Learning Time</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before/After School and Saturday academies for intervention, enrichment and sports</li> <li>Instructional materials, curriculum, subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$450,000
<b>Accelerating progress to close learning gaps</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted Assistance Groups (TAG) instructional aides to support targeted/differentiated small group instruction during the school day</li> <li>Professional development for teachers and staff to accelerate learning</li> <li>Districtwide diagnostic and progress monitoring to guide instruction</li> <li>Curriculum, books, materials and subscriptions</li> <li>Leveled library books for targeted assistance small group instruction</li> </ul>	\$750,000 (a minimum of 10% (\$175,000) of ELO Grant must be used to hire paraprofessionals)

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## Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant



Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant (ELO): \$1,774,55

Must be used on services in any of the seven purposes described below:

- 1) Extending learning time beyond requirements.
- 2) Accelerating progress to close learning gaps such as tutoring/one-to-one/small group learning supports, learning recovery programs, educator trainings;
- 3) Social emotional/mental health, health and safety and family supports;
- 4) Access to technology
- 5) Support for credit recovery for high school students
- 6) Assessment, progress monitoring, diagnostic tools
- 7) Training for staff on strategies to address social emotional health and academic needs

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Actions & Strategies	Estimated Planned Expenditures
<b>Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of social-emotional and mental health services</li> <li>Leader in Me/7 Habits program and coaching</li> <li>PBIS program and coaching</li> <li>Professional development for SEL</li> <li>Parent workshops</li> <li>Community liaisons and translators</li> </ul>	\$200,000
<b>Access to technology, high-speed Internet, and other academic supports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots</li> <li>Educational technology and upgrades</li> </ul>	\$300,000
<b>Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Learning Communities (PLC)</li> <li>Ongoing professional development to support MTSS, literacy, math, science, STEAM, LJM, PBIS, Designated &amp; Integrated ELD</li> </ul>	\$74,556
<b>Total Funds to Implement Strategies</b>	<b>\$1,774,556</b>

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## Stakeholder Input Results



Teacher, staff and parent feedback surveys suggest that the two highest priorities for returning back to school are providing social-emotional support (with over 70% rating this as highest priority) and academic interventions during and after school (with over 75% rating this as highest priority).

The following is a summary of the top responses:

- Social emotional and mental health supports
- After school interventions
- STEAM and more enrichment opportunities such as music, arts, robotics and sports
- Access to technology
- Summer school
- During school tutoring
- Parent education workshops
- Professional learning for teachers and staff focused on targeting/differentiating instruction

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## Upcoming Meetings

- **LCAP Community Meeting on May 27- Input on the Final LCAP Draft**



Presentations to the Rosemead Board of Trustees:

- June 17- Public Hearing on LCAP and Budget
- June 24- Board Approval of LCAP and Budget

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## Q & A:

- Any questions, comments or input?
- Thank You for your support!



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