



Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

08/05/2021 06:30 PM

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

After the Completion of Public Comments –
CLOSED SESSION (ZOOM)

7:30 P.M. – OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM)

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

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

After the Completion of Public Comments – CLOSED SESSION (ZOOM)

7:30 P.M. – OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM)

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC

(As per Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 signed 3/17/2020)

ZOOM MEETING ID# 941 9223 9638/PASSWORD: 832976

(626) 312-2900 x212



Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Clerk

Mrs. Diane Benitez, President

Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Trustee

Mrs. Veronica Pena, Trustee

Mr. John Quintanilla, Trustee

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent

Dr. Jennifer Fang, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Mr. Alejandro Gaeta, Network Administrator

Mrs. Cynthia Bracamonte, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

I. Public Comments / Speaker's Requests

II. NOTICES

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID# 941 9223 9638 at 6:30 p.m., following the guidance issued via Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 and #N-25-20.

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 _____

Others present:

Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP

All audience members connected electronically via Zoom.

V. MEETING RECORDED

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.

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.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the Agenda, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submissions of public comment. There were no public comments submitted for closed session.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 p.m.

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

President Benitez recessed open session to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

X. CLOSED SESSION

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Participant: Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP**
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**
- 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENT, EVALUATION, AND DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE) – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Participant: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba**

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

President Benitez adjourned closed session at 7:20 p.m.

XII. REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 p.m.

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

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:33 p.m.

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

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

XV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

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

XVI. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S):

President Benitez congratulated and recognized the following students for their Artistic Expressions through Chalk Art: Alleng Nguyen, Kenneth Chhan, Amber Yan, Sydnie Wang, and Venita Ye.

President Benitez recognized and thanked the following for their donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the District: Power Seller Products, Inc., City of Rosemead, Senator Susan Rubio, Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, and Mirconoc, Inc.

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

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submissions of public comment and shared that there were two (2) as follows:

1. Muscatel Principal Mrs. Jocie Wilson:

"Greetings President Benitez, Board of Trustees, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, and Cabinet.

Muscatel Middle School would like to invite you to attend our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 31 at 5:30. This year's event will be held virtually over Zoom. An invitation with a Zoom link will soon follow.

Hope to see you there!"

2. Encinita Principal Dr. Linda Chang:

"Good evening, President Benitez, Board of Trustees, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, and our Rosemead Leaders.

I hope you had a wonderful summer so far. Encinita is super excited to welcome our students back on campus for the new school year; however, with the COVID guidelines, our Back to school night will remain virtual this year. I hope you can join us for our Virtual Back-to-School night on Wednesday, August 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We always appreciate your support and presence at our school events. It makes it that much more special.

I wish you all a wonderful and healthy 2021-2022 school year. Thank you."

XVIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

1. Congratulated the talented chalk artists and shared that staff is always amazed at the art that is produced by our students.
2. Gave thanks to the donors and expressed how appreciate the district is for their donations.
3. Congratulated all five schools for their recognition by PBIS with all elementary schools earning Gold and Muscatel earning Silver. He gave kudos to all schools for implementing the PBIS program with high fidelity, recognizing the importance of PBIS as related to the social emotional component of the learning system. Mr. Ruvalcaba gave thanks for the hard work and dedication of staff.
4. Thanked the Maintenance & Operations team and shared that it gives great pride to drive around the city and see our schools shining, beautifully kept, and prepared to welcome students back. He recognized and gave kudos to the team for their hard work throughout the summer.
5. Recognized the Nutrition & Wellness team for their hard work in preparing over 850 meal kits for our families on a weekly basis. He recognized and gave kudos to the teams.
6. Shared that all staff are eager to see our families and students on August 18th for the 1st day of school.
7. Lastly, welcomed a special guest and introduced Dr. Maria Rios to the Rosemead family who will be serving as our new Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.

XIX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Benitez recognized all schools for the PBIS recognition. Mrs. Benitez congratulated all the students for their artistic chalk art. Lastly, she thanked all the donors and expressed appreciation for their donations to the district.

XX. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Armenta congratulated all schools on their PBIS recognition. Ms. Armenta shared that their recognition demonstrates the dedication to our students in midst of

the pandemic. She congratulated all the students on their recognition and for sharing their artistic chalk expressions and gave kudos on their talents. Clerk Armenta thanked all the donors for their generosity and donations. Lastly, Ms. Armenta gave a heartfelt welcome to Dr. Rios and her family and shared that we are excited to have her join the family.

Trustee Esquivel welcomed Dr. Rios and shared that he looks forward to working with her, welcoming her to the district. Congratulated all the students on their recognition for their artistic chalk art and expressed that the students are very inventive to include themselves as part of their piece of art, i.e. Statue of Liberty. Mr. Esquivel congratulated all school students and staff on their recognition of PBIS. He thanked all the donors for their outpour support and love of the community and for supplying the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to help the schools. Trustee Esquivel recognized the Nutrition & Wellness teams for the work they do and shared that he recalls the hard work meanwhile helping distribute meals to families who expressed a need. He hopes that everyone had a wonderful summer and can't wait to see the students in person on campus.

Trustee Peña congratulated Dr. Rios on her new position and welcomed her to Rosemead. She shared that she can't wait to see what she brings to Rosemead. Mrs. Peña thanked all the donors for their donations to the District. She recognized all our schools who received the PBIS award with all elementary schools receiving gold and our middle school receiving silver. Trustee Peña expressed her gratitude to the Nutrition & Wellness teams who dedicated their hard work to ensuring our families had food throughout the pandemic. Mrs. Peña hoped that everyone enjoys their last two weeks of summer break.

Trustee Quintanilla welcomed Dr. Rios to the Rosemead School District family and shared that he is looking forward to the great things she will bring to the district. He welcomed back staff and teachers and hopes that they all had a great summer. Mr. Quintanilla gave kudos to the Maintenance & Operations team commenting that the schools look great. He thanked the donors and the City for collaborating and supporting our schools. Trustee Quintanilla congratulated the chalk artists for their creativity and expressions through chalk. Mr. Quintanilla gave kudos for the free little libraries that are now displayed outside each campus.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fang shared that the Eagle Scout Kyle Lee, alumni of Shuey, with his team built each little library as his final project. She shared that Kyle is now a senior at Rosemead High School and worked with his Eagle Scout team to build each little library. The team delivered each library to each site over the weekend.

XXI. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

XXII. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, be approved, as amended.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

1. **CONSENT - Personnel Status Report – Certificated and Classified**
Personnel Status Report - Certificated (amended) and Classified (amended).
2. **CONSENT - Minutes of the June 17, 2021, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
3. **CONSENT - Minutes of the June 24, 2021, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
4. **CONSENT - Minutes of the July 20, 2021, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
5. **CONSENT - Purchase Orders as of June – July, 2021, (on file), and Warrants for budgeted expenditures**
6. **CONSENT - Donation Report**
7. **CONSENT - Obsolete Equipment – Janson**

XXIII. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S)

1. **Presentation on New Requirements for Independent Study by Dr. Jennifer Fang, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services**
Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fang provided a brief on the new requirements for Independent Study and answered Trustee questions. See presentation attached.

XXIV. ACTION ITEM(S)

1. **ACTION - Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services with Dr. Maria Rios, Effective August 5, 2021 and Salary Schedule**
That the Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services with Dr. Maria Rios, effective August 5, 2021, and Salary Schedule, be approved.

President Benitez read the following contract summary:

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services – Dr. Maria Rios
Dr. Rios's contract will be for a 3-year term beginning on August 5, 2021, through June 30, 2024. She will be placed on Step 7 of the Assistant Superintendent Salary Schedule with a starting salary of \$165,097.00, based on a 260-day work year with 25 vacation days annually. Dr. Rios will receive health and welfare benefits (the same as provided to all classified employees) in the amount of \$1,023.21 per month.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

2. **ACTION - Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with Dr. Jennifer Fang, Third Amendment and Approval of the Updated 2020-2021 District's Classified/Certificated Assistant Superintendent Salary Schedule, Retroactive to July 1, 2020**
That the Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with Dr. Jennifer Fang, Third Amendment and Approval of the Updated 2020-2021 District's Classified/Certificated Assistant Superintendent Salary Schedule, Retroactive to July 1, 2020, be approved.

President Benitez read the following contract summary:

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services – Dr. Jennifer Fang
The recommended contract amendment for the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services will be for an additional 1-year term for a new Term commencing on August 5, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The contract amendment also includes a 3% salary increase and a one-time bonus of \$500, the same increase and one-time bonus received by other certificated administrators in the District, for a new annual salary of \$165,097.00, or Step 7 of the Assistant Superintendent Salary Schedule, based on a 224-day work year.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. **ACTION - Employment Contract for Superintendent with Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Fourth Amendment, and Approval of the 2020-2021 Superintendent Salary Schedule, Retroactive to July 1, 2020**
That the Employment Contract for Superintendent with Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Fourth Amendment and Approval of the Updated 2020-2021 Superintendent Salary Schedule, Retroactive to July 1, 2020, be approved.

President Benitez read the following contract summary:

Superintendent – Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba

The recommended contract amendment for the Superintendent will be for an additional 1-year term for a new Term commencing on August 5, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The contract amendment also includes a 3% salary increase and a one-time bonus of \$500, the same increase and one-time bonus received by other certificated administrators in the District, retroactive to July 1, 2020. Effective with this contract amendment, the Superintendent will be on a salary schedule consisting of 5 steps and will be on Step 2 with an annual base

salary of \$208,800.00 for the 2021-2022 school year, based on a 246-day work year.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

4. ACTION - Resolution No. 21-22/03, Certification of Signatures for District Business Documents on Behalf of the Board of Trustees, Effective August 6, 2021

That Resolution No. 21-22/03, Certification of Signatures for District Business Documents on Behalf of the Board of Trustees, Effective August 6, 2021, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

5. ACTION - Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services as the Primary Representative and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as the Alternate Representative to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) known as the MERGE Risk Management Joint Powers Authority, Effective August 6, 2021

That the Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services as the Primary Representative and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as the Alternate Representative to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) known as the MERGE Risk Management Joint Powers Authority, Effective August 6, 2021, be approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

6. **ACTION - Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as Authorized Signers/Representatives to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), Effective August 6, 2021**

That the Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as Authorized Signers/Representatives to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), Effective August 6, 2021, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

7. **ACTION - Designation of Dr. Maria Rios as Primary Representative and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as Alternate Representative to the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Effective August 6, 2021**

That the Designation of Dr. Maria Rios as Primary Representative and Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent as Alternate Representative to the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Effective August 6, 2021, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

8. **ACTION - Confirm/Cancel/Reschedule the Next Scheduled Study Session for the Month of September, 2021, as September 16, 2021, on the topic of: Overview of the Cycle of a Board Agenda Packet and California School Boards Association (CSBA) GAMUT Meetings Agenda Platform for Trustees**
That the Board of Trustees Confirm the Next Scheduled Study Session for the Month of September, 2021, as September 16, 2021, on the topic of: Overview of the Cycle of a Board Agenda Packet and California School Boards Association (CSBA) GAMUT Meetings Agenda Platform for Trustees, be approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

9. ACTION - Consolidated Application Reporting System (CARS) 2021-2022 Spring Data Collection

That the Consolidated Application Reporting System (CARS) 2021-2022 Spring Data Collection, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

10. ACTION - Resolution No. 21-22/04, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2014 Election, Series B in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions

That Resolution No. 21-22/04, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2014 Election, Series B in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

11. ACTION - Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/ Contract Report, including:

That the Service/Consultant/Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/ Contract Report, be approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

It was the Board's unanimous consensus to pull item 27: Rosemead Chamber of

Commerce, for further discussion.

Ms. Nancy Armenta rescinded her motion

Mr. Esquivel rescinded his second.

That the Service/Consultant/Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/ Contract Report, be approved, for items 1-26.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

That the Service/Consultant/Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/ Contract Report, be approved, for item 27: Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, be moved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Mr. Esquivel rescinded his motion.

Mrs. Benitez rescinded her second.

That the Service/Consultant/Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/ Contract Report, be approved, for item 27: Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, be tabled.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote to table item 27.

- a. **ACTION - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Frogstreet [RENEWAL]**
- b. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Carnegie Learning – Fast ForWord (Shuey) [RENEWAL]**
- c. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Edgenuity, Inc. [NEW]**
- d. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - ESGI (Shuey) [RENEWAL]**
- e. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - ExploreLearning - Gizmos (Muscatel) [RENEWAL]**

- f. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - GoFormative (Savannah) [RENEWAL]**
- g. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - LEARNING A-Z (Shuey) [RENEWAL]**
- h. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - McGraw Hill (Savannah) [RENEWAL]**
- i. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - PowerSchool - Enrollment Express [RENEWAL]**
- j. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Sports for Learning (Elementary Schools) [NEW]**
- k. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Teacher Innovations, Inc. - Planbook (Shuey) [RENEWAL]**
- l. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Vantage Learning - My Access (Shuey) [RENEWAL]**
- m. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Zoom [RENEWAL]**
- n. **ACTION - HUMAN RESOURCES - San Joaquin Office of Education/CodeStack – EDJOIN [RENEWAL]**
- o. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Alida Barnes Speech & Language Services [AMENDMENT]**
- p. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Applied Behavior Analysis Consultation Services, Inc.**
- q. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Aspire Therapy Services [AMENDMENT]**
- r. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Autism Learning Partners [AMENDMENT]**
- s. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Dynamic Therapies, Inc. [AMENDMENT]**
- t. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Haynes Family of Programs dba S.T.A.R. Academy [AMENDMENT]**
- u. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - LA Speech Pathology Services, Inc. [AMENDMENT]**
- v. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - ProCare Therapy, Inc. [AMENDMENT]**
- w. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Rosemary Johnson & Associates Clinic [AMENDMENT]**
- x. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Speech & Language Therapy Services [AMENDMENT]**
- y. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Summit Speech Pathology Service, Inc. [AMENDMENT]**
- z. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Total Education Solutions [AMENDMENT]**
- aa. **ACTION - SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE - Rosemead Chamber of Commerce [RENEWAL]**

12. ACTION - Approval of Updated Policies – for Student Support Services Department

That the Updated Policies - for Student Support Services Department, including:

1. Board Policy No. 6158, Independent Study
2. Administrative Regulation No. 6158, Independent Study
3. Exhibit No. 6158, Independent Study

, be approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes
 Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes
 Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes
 Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes
 Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

XXV. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. DISCUSSION - Review of Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Prioritization Results and Discussion of Next Steps

Superintendent Ruvalcaba reviewed the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) prioritization results with the Board of Trustees and answered questions.

President Benitez recessed the meeting for a brief break at 9:55 p.m.

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:00 p.m.

After Board discussion, it was the Board's consensus to move forward with the following:

1. Superintendent to discuss with the City any parameters which pertain to the District Office Marquee
2. Continue working on a quote for covered storage space for custodial carts

XXVI. NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW BUSINESS - Exhibit 1 - Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up
 Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided the following updates:

- Shared that the matrix has been updated and items that have been completed have been moved to the completion list. The items that are in red have some updates.

Trustee Esquivel: gave thanks for the transition to GAMUT Meetings and looks forward to the training on the new online platform.

Trustee Quintanilla: confirmed he had similar remarks to those shared by Trustee Esquivel.

Clerk Armenta:

- Requested an update on the mental health webinar.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that the webinar details is being worked on by Ms. Chalian. Assistant Superintendent Fang shared that an update will be provided to the Board shortly.

Trustee Quintanilla:

- Inquired whether CareSolace is available after hours.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that the service is available to take information late evenings or overnight, however, the "warm handoff" may not occur in the middle of the night and may need to wait until the following day.
- Inquired whether the district can hire a counselor to support elementary schools utilizing the one-time funding, possibly 1 counselor to support 2 schools.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that with students returning to in-person instruction that this would be an appropriate use of the one-time funds which the District needs to expend by 2023 and 2024. Based on the assessments of students upon their return, some students could need this additional support. He added that if it is the Board's it would be best to focus on a staff member who could provide counseling services and experienced in educational mental services as they are trained to work in an educational environment. Mr. Ruvalcaba suggested that a temporary position be created for additional support during the process of the work study with the one-time funding.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus for staff to bring a cost analysis.
- Inquired whether the district can hire an additional grounds person to the maintenance & operations team.
 - Superintendent shared that he had a preliminary conversation with the grounds persons last week who shared that special projects directly affect the entire schedule for the week for their team. He shared that the district would engage in a work study to look at current responsibilities. Mr. Ruvalcaba also shared that one-time funding would be an appropriate use as custodians would fall under direct services to the students.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus for staff to present a cost analysis.
- Shared that as a result of the traffic collisions that have occurred around the Encinita campus for staff to research the cost of adding bollards on the Lower Azusa side of campus.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that this topic will become a part of the conversation with the City as a safety priority. He also shared that the City Manager has communicated that safety is a priority for the new City team and the District can add this to the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) project list.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to move forward with this item.

XXVII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. DISCUSSION - Update on the Reopening of Schools

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

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that parents are inquiring whether the uniform policy will be enforced for the 2021-2022 school year. It was the Superintendent's recommendation to ease the enforcement to school colors or

shirts, ensuring that students do not wear inappropriate attire. He shared that many vendors are limiting the items available for school uniforms and many families have been financially impacted throughout the pandemic.

It was the Board's unanimous consensus to proceed with uniforms being optional and following the Superintendent's recommendation.

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

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

XXX. CLOSED SESSION

XXXI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at ____ p.m.

XXXII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at ____ p.m.

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

XXXIV. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at ____ p.m.

That the August 5, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting, be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. welcoming Dr. Rios to the Rosemead School District.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

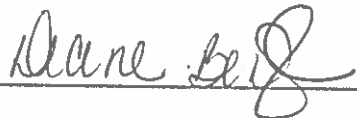
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

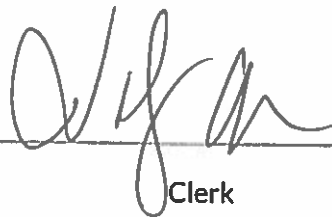
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

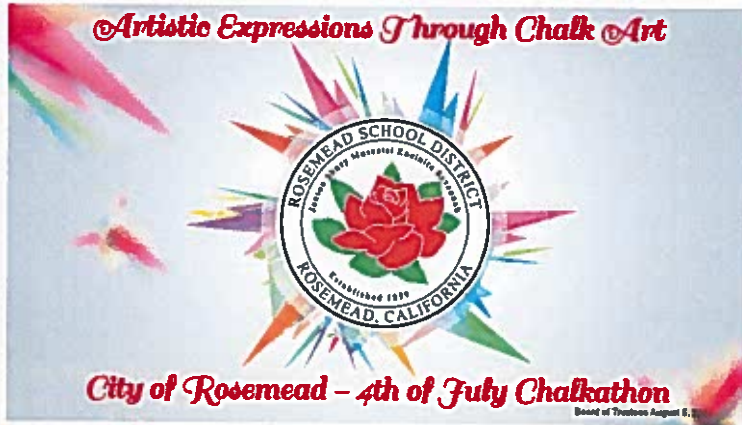
XXXV. NEXT MEETING DATES



President



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Artistic Expressions By:

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City of Rosemead – 4th of July Chalkathon

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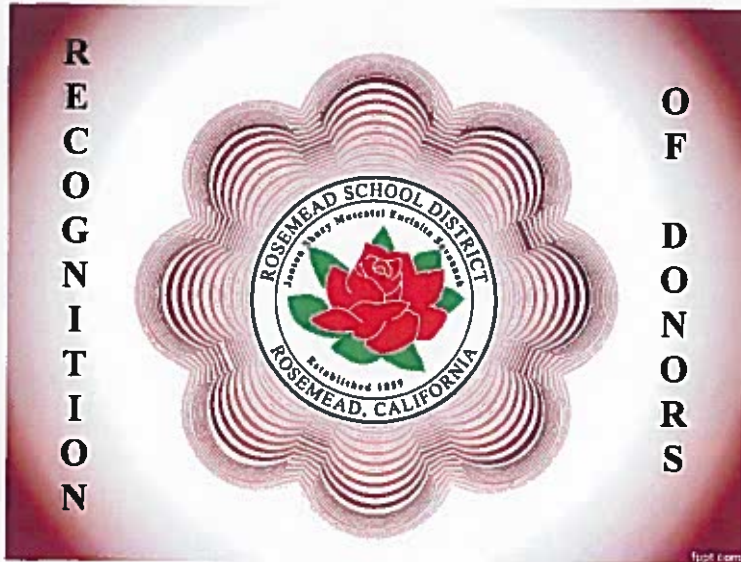
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***Congratulations on your Artistic
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Independent Study Program Overview RSD School Board Presentation

August 5, 2021



SB 98 SUNSET; NEW AB 130

SB 98 FOR
2020-2021 ONLY

- ▶ Distance/Virtual Learning
- ▶ Hybrid Learning
- ▶ Modified Instructional Minutes

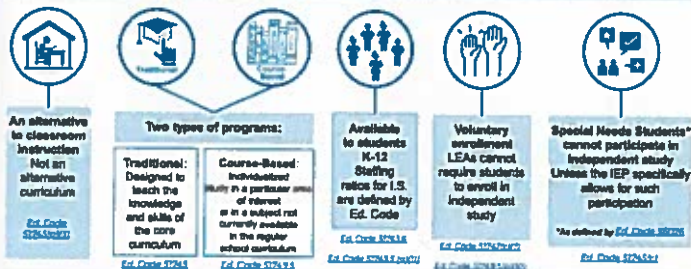
AB 130 FOR
2021-2022 ONLY

- ▶ In-person Learning
 - Instructional Minute Requirements
 - Teacher and Peer Interaction
- ▶ Independent Study



Independent Study: Carryover Regulations

The following Independent Study regulations in AB 130 are carried over from existing Ed. Code:



The Value of In-Person Learning

- ▶ What does the research tell us...
 - The most powerful antidote for the type of social-emotional distress experienced during the 2020-2021 pandemic school year is a return to normalcy.
 - The most effective intervention for students who are anxious about returning to school is to participate in in-person learning.



Independent Study Program Development

- ▶ Curriculum Investigation
- ▶ Discussions with School Districts with existing Independent Study Programs
- ▶ Discussions with Rosemead Teachers' Association
- ▶ Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 130 into law on July 9, 2021
- ▶ School Services/Capital Advisors/CDE/LACOE Webinars
- ▶ Collaboration with San Gabriel Valley Districts
- ▶ Legislative Alignment



What is the program?

- ▶ An independent study option for RSD students in grades TK-8
- ▶ Utilizes CA standards-based curriculum
- ▶ Monitored by RSD staff
- ▶ Commitment for continuity of instruction/curriculum
- ▶ Access to core and elective courses
- ▶ Challenging curriculum and time commitment



Program Designed For:



- Students whose health would be put at risk by in-person learning
- Students who can manage their work at home independently, or who have a family member/caregiver who can assist in accessing learning



Key Definitions

Requirements	Details	New Ed. Code
Live Interaction and synchronous instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades TK-3: Daily synchronous for all students Grades 4-8: Both daily live & weekly synchronous 	Ed. Code 51747(e)

"Live Interaction" means interaction between the pupil and local educational agency classified or certificated staff, and may include peers, provided for the purpose of maintaining school connectedness, including, but not limited to, wellness checks, progress monitoring, provision of services, and instruction. This interaction may take place in person, or in the form of internet or telephonic communication.

"Synchronous Instruction" means classroom-style instruction or designated small group or one-on-one instruction delivered in person, or in the form of internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher and pupil. Synchronous instruction shall be provided by teacher of record for that pupil.



How Does the Program Work?

TK-3

- Brief Daily synchronous instruction (Zoom—approx. 60 minutes)
- Students are assigned course content to be completed independently
- Teacher provides parent support, monitors student work, gives feedback, and checks in with students to ensure progress
- Parents/Guardians determine daily routine (except for synch. time)

4-8

- Brief Weekly synchronous instruction (Zoom—approx. 60 minutes)
- Daily Check-in
- Students are assigned course content to be completed independently
- Teacher monitors student work, gives feedback, checks in with students, provides feedback to parent and students
- Parents/Guardians determine daily routine (except for synch. time)



Best Practice Sample Schedule TK-3

Grades TK – 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Live Interaction (Optional for TK-3)	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring
Synchronous Learning	1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record Assign Weekly Assignments/ Review Content	1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record Review Content	1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record Review Content	1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record Review Content	1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record Review Content
Asynchronous Learning	3 – 5 hours per day with caregiver	3 – 5 hours per day with caregiver	3 – 5 hours per day with caregiver	3 – 5 hours per day with caregiver	3 – 5 hours per day with caregiver
Systems to Provide Support					

*51747(e) Daily Synchronous Instruction

**Suggested



Best Practice Sample 4-8

Grades 4 – 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Live Interaction	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring	Attendance **SEL Activity **Wellness Check **Progress Monitoring
Weekly Synchronous Learning for each course of record	30 mins - 1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record (English)	30 minutes - 1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record (Math)	30 minutes - 1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record (Science)	30 minutes - 1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record (PE)	30 minutes - 1-Hour w/ Teacher of Record (Elective #1)
Asynchronous Learning	4 – 6 hours per day with caregiver	4 – 6 hours per day with caregiver	4 – 6 hours per day with caregiver	4 – 6 hours per day with caregiver	4 – 6 hours per day with caregiver
Systems to Provide Support					

*51747(e) Daily Live Interaction and Weekly Synchronous Instruction

**Suggested

Edgenuity Learning Experience



- Student Dashboard - assess current progress/pacing
- Select course/content tile
- Lessons
 - Direct video instruction
 - Interactive activities
 - Print activities (at the elementary level)
- Supports
 - Text to Speech
 - Picture Dictionary
 - eNotes - embedded in a lesson
 - Translations (17 languages)



Written Agreements & Re-engagement Strategies



- ▶ Independent Study written agreement outlines course expectations and attendance requirements
- ▶ Students not meeting course expectations and course requirements will be supported with re-engagement strategies, including but not limited to:
 - Parent-Student-Teacher Conference
 - SST meeting
 - Counselor Referral
 - Additional Support by Supervising Teacher
 - Technology Evaluation
 - Mental Health Services Referral



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs



- ▶ Time Commitment
- ▶ Parents/Guardians Role
- ▶ Grading & Attendance
- ▶ IEPs
- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Dual Language Immersion (DLI)
- ▶ Elementary Content Areas and Secondary Courses



Next Steps



- ▶ Zoom Parent Informational Meeting on August 6
- ▶ FAQ is posted on the RSD website
- ▶ Discussions with families about Independent Study and whether this alternative model is the right choice for their child and family
- ▶ Independent Study Enrollment Form: **DUE August 9th**
- ▶ Independent Study Written Agreement Meetings



Q & A:

- ▶ Any comments, questions, or input?

Thank you!





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Reopening of Schools Update August 5, 2021



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COVID-19 General Updates

- COVID case rates continue to rise as a result of the "Delta" variant and predominantly with the unvaccinated population.
- Los Angeles county has implemented masking for all indoor public places.
- Continue to promote vaccination for all individuals 12 years of age and older.
- Rosemead is working with DPH on a vaccination clinic - tentative date August 21, 2021
- There is no indication that a return to full in-person instruction will be delayed.



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Modifications to DPH Protocols

7/1/2021 Revisions

- Aligned masking guidance with CDPH clarifying that masks are not required outdoors.
- Clarified that physical distancing, stable group cohorting, and entry screening are best practices and not requirements.
- Water fountains may be used with proper flushing prior to each individual use.



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Modifications to DPH Protocols

7/28/2021 Revisions

- Reaffirmed indoor masking requirement for everyone at K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status.
- Revised COVID-19 testing recommendations after exposure and surveillance testing if capacity allows.
- Clarified that masks are not required when an individual is the only person in a room.
- Confirmed that students unable to wear a mask as a result of a disability/medical condition need not be excluded from school. Strongly recommend that these students be COVID-19 tested twice weekly.
- Clarified that physical distancing is only a recommendation and as long as it does not interfere with full-time attendance of all students.
- Indoor PE classes must include 100% masking requirement.
- Clarified that fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts to a case do not need to quarantine, but should be tested after exposure as a precaution.



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Modifications to Exposure Protocols

7/27/2021 Revisions

- Reduced the number of quarantine days to 5 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative after day 5.
- Asymptomatic testing program should include unvaccinated individuals for regular testing.
- Follow exposure management plan and report all cases to DPH immediately.



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- Planning for return to full in-person instruction beginning August 18, 2021.
- Independent Study option will be available for students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction.
 - Only for the 2021-2022 school year
 - I.S. is not Distance Learning nor Hybrid Learning
- Masks will be required for all individuals while indoors.
- Continued use of personal hygienic practices: hand washing, hand sanitizer, limited sharing of objects...
- Health self-screenings for all individuals.
- Maximize classroom space to promote distancing as much as practicable and use of desk shields/dividers.
- Maximize common space and use of outdoor space to promote physical distancing during common times such as ingress, egress, lunch and recess.



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Questions?