



Regular Meeting
12/14/2021 06:30 PM
6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC
SESSION (ZOOM) / IN-PERSON
After the Completion of Public Comments -
CLOSED SESSION (ZOOM)
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
6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM) / IN-PERSON
After the Completion of Public Comments - CLOSED SESSION (ZOOM)
7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM) / IN-PERSON
Continuation of Closed Session After the Completion of Open Session Items

This meeting will be held electronically via Zoom Meetings with limited in-person capacity.

PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON: adherence to current Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, health order face mask requirements:

Rosemead School District
District Office - Board Room
3907 Rosemead Blvd., Rosemead, CA 91770
Tel: (626) 312-2900 x212 | Email: board@rosemead.k12.ca.us

PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC:

Zoom Meeting ID# 827 8781 2469
Passcode: 403691



Attendees

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

Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent

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. 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.

President Benitez read the following statement:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order for the modification 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.

IV. Members Present _____ Members Absent _____

Audience members attended the meeting both in-person and electronically via Zoom.

Board President Statement:

As a result of the ongoing state of emergency and the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order #N-15-21, Assembly Bill 361, and Government Code Section 54953, as amended, as local legislative body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meeting accessible telephonically, or otherwise electronically, to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

In accordance with 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.

V. MEETING RECORDED

This meeting will be audio 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

The Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

President Benitez read the following statement:

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.

Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes total to address the Board on 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 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 made the following statement:

With respect to Item #3 - Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2) on the closed session agenda:

- the facts and circumstances for the matter relate to claims against the district

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

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENT, EVALUATION, AND DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE) pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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

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

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

President Benitez adjourned closed session at 7:35 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 7:40 p.m.

Board President Microphone Statement:

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XIV. MEETING RECORDED

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

President Benitez announced that the Board of Trustees took the following actions in closed session:

1. Appointment of Ginny Ford as the Interim Elementary Principal, effective December 14, 2021, with an official start date to be determined by the following Board vote:

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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.

2. Appointment of Lis Ramos Hanachek as the Interim Elementary Principal, effective December 14, 2021, with an official start date to be determined by the following Board vote:

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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.

3. Appointment of Shirley Conde as the Middle School Assistant Principal, effective December 14, 2021, with an official start date to be determined by the following Board

Vote:

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.

XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

President Benitez asked Dr. Maria Rios to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

XVII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S)

1. President Benitez recognized and congratulated the Students of the Month for December 2021:

- Jade Berruecos, 6th gr Encinita
- Isabel Gonzales, 6th gr Janson
- Anthony Cai, 6th gr Savannah
- Zashary Morales, 6th gr Shuey
- Jaclyn Wong, 7th gr Muscatel
- Jayden Hill, 8th gr Muscatel

2. President Benitez recognized Kyle Lee, Cub Scout, Alumnus of Shuey and Muscatel for the Four Little Libraries delivered to Janson, Muscatel, Savannah, and Shuey.

3. Superintendent Ruvalcaba congratulated and recognized Outgoing Board President - Mrs. Diane Benitez, for her leadership during the 2021 calendar year, presented her with a plaque and

also presented a certificate of recognition from Senator Susan Rubio.

President Benitez recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:12 p.m.

President Benitez reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:26 p.m.

XVIII. MEETING RECORDED

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

President Benitez read the following statement:

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Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submissions of public comment. There were three (3) public comment submissions, as follows:

1. Mrs. Jocie Wilson, Muscatel Principal

"Good Evening Board President Benitez, Members of the Board, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, Cabinet, and Guests,

On behalf of Muscatel Middle School, I would like to invite you to attend our winter performance on Wednesday, December 15 at 5:00 pm. This event will take place via Zoom and you have received an invitation in your night folder. We will showcase performances from all of our musical ensemble groups as well as our theater arts class and after-school theater arts performance troupe, the Muscatel Players.

Happy Holidays!"

2. Ms. Rubie Siu, Janson School; Topic: Janson Winter Program invitation and thanks.

3. Dr. Linda Chang, Encinita Principal

"Good evening, Superintendent Ruvalcaba, Board of Trustees, and Rosemead Families.

We are excited to share that Encinita Elementary will be sharing a link to our pre-recorded holiday program this Thursday, December 16 at 6pm. We hope you are able to view the video of all our students spreading the holiday cheer from our Eagle family to yours. On behalf of our Encinita Family, we wish you a very healthy, restful, and joyous holiday season.

Have a wonderful evening and please stay safe in the rain."

XX. ACTION ITEM(S) - ORGANIZATIONAL

A. ACTION - President of the Board of Trustees, 2022 Calendar Year

Nomination of Ms. Nancy Armenta as President of the Board of Trustees, 2022 Calendar Year, 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 a 5-0 vote.

B. ACTION - Clerk of the Board of Trustees, 2022 Calendar Year

Nomination of Mr. Ronald Esquivel as Clerk of the Board of Trustees, 2022 Calendar Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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 - Designation of Secretary, Authorized Representative, and Agent for the Board of Trustees

Designation of Superintendent Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba as Secretary, Authorized Representative, and Agent for the Board of Trustees, 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

D. ACTION - 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule, effective January 2022

That the 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule, effective January 2022, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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.

E. ACTION - 2022 Review of Annual Compensation of Individual Trustees

That the Board of Trustees hereby specify that each Member of the Board receive a Five Percent (5%) increase (\$21.55 increase per month) or total of \$452.56 per month as compensation for services rendered, except that if the member does not attend all "scheduled or called" meetings of the Board during the month, he/she shall receive a pro-rated amount of the number of scheduled/called meetings that they attended during the 2022 calendar year, effective January 1, 2022, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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.

F. ACTION - 2022 Compensation Donation to the Educational Foundation, effective January 1, 2022

That the Board of Trustees hereby specify that each member of the Board individually may Elect to have an Optional Donation to the Educational Foundation to the Rosemead School District, deducted from their Monthly Compensation on a twelve-month basis, effective January 1, 2022, 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. 21-22/09, Authorized Signatures for the 2022 Calendar Year

That Resolution No. 21-22/09, Authorizing the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Director of Fiscal Services, and Director of Nutrition & Wellness, to Sign Purchase Orders, B Warrants, Contracts, and Service Reports with One Signature Required Subsequent to proper action by the Board of Trustees for the 2022 Calendar Year, Effective December 15, 2022, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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.

H. ACTION - 2022 District's County Committee Voting Representative (CCVR)

That the Board of Trustees Nominate Mr. John Quintanilla as the 2022 Rosemead School District County Committee Voting Representative (CCVR) to Elect Members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization, 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.

I. ACTION - Nominate a Board Member as a California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

The item failed due to a lack of a motion.

J. ACTION - Minimum Wage Increase, effective January 1, 2022

That the Minimum Wage Increase for the Hourly Rate of Pay for the Positions of: Translator, Cafeteria Assistant I (step 1 only), Noon Supervision Aide, Substitute Cafeteria Helper, Substitute Child Care Provider, Substitute Clerk Typist, Substitute Instructor (Preschool), Substitute Instructor's Assistant (Preschool), Substitute Instructional Aide, Substitute Instructional Aide-Special Education, Substitute Multi-Media Specialist, and Substitute Noon Supervision Aide, 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.

XXI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month and shared that it's always a nice event, providing an opportunity, especially now that we are able to have people attend the meetings in person to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students.
- Congratulated and thanked Kyle Lee for the mini-libraries at our schools, recognizing all the work to make each one. Our students and community will definitely take advantage of them.
- Congratulated and acknowledged the staff for the holiday performances and recognized all the hard work and dedication that goes into putting together the programs for each event at our schools. Gave kudos to the teachers and administrators for their work on the programs.
- Thanked the teachers and administrators for supporting "Operation Sending Love", a project brought to the District by President Nancy Armenta, where students created the thank you and holiday cards to send to our armed forces who are currently deployed.
- Congratulated and thanked Trustee Benitez for her service as Board President during the 2021 calendar year, who took on the challenge during extraordinary challenging times, thanking her for her partnership.
- Congratulated President Armenta on her nomination as the 2022 Board President and looks forward to working with her.
- Congratulated Clerk Esquivel on his nomination as the 2022 Board Clerk and looks forward to working with him.
- Gave kudos to Dr. Dawn Rock who completed her doctorate

- Wished everyone a wonderful Winter Break and asked everyone to stay safe and get some rest.

XXII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Armenta shared the following:

- Thanked Trustee Benitez and shared that she applauds her courage and strength as the youngest on the board for taking on a lot of responsibility as Board president. She continued expressing her gratitude and recognized Mrs. Benitez for the magnificent job as Board President.
- Congratulated Clerk Esquivel on his nomination as Clerk and shared that she looks forward to working with him. She shared that he is the historian of the Board and that they turned to him because he knows the ins and outs of the Board and District. Ms. Armenta shared that Mr. Esquivel reached out to her when she was first elected and offered his support, which she really appreciated.
- Congratulated the schools that were named Best Schools Savannah, Muscatel, Shuey, and Janson and shared how all our schools continue to break barriers. She thanked all the staff for their dedication and shared that it is amazing to be recognized by outside organizations for our hard work for our students.
- Congratulated Dr. Dawn Rock for completing her doctorate and expressed how proud she is of her accomplishment.
- Expressed her sincere thanks to Dr. Rose and Mrs. Brydle for their hard work on the vaccine clinics with over 400 individuals being vaccinated.
- She acknowledged the great job by the Janson Nutrition & Wellness team who decorated the cafeteria for the students.
- Wished everyone a Happy Holiday season, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukah, and hopes everyone enjoys their time off with their families and friends.

XXIII. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Pena shared the following:

- Thanked Trustee Benitez for her leadership as President for a great year.
- Congratulated President Armenta and Clerk Esquivel.
- Congratulated the Students of the Month for December for their awards and dedication.
- Recognized the teachers and shared that their dedication means a lot to the students when their work is recognized.
- Congratulated Dr. Dawn Rock on her doctorate.
- Welcomed Mrs. Conde and shared that she looks forward to working with her.
- Thanked Kyle for the mini libraries and for taking the time out of his schedule to do something nice for our students.

Clerk Esquivel shared the following:

- Congratulated President Armenta on her nomination as President and shared that she will do a great job.
- Thanked Trustee Benitez for her leadership and complimented her for a great job, further recognizing her presence for most of the school events.
- Thanked the rest of the Board for their time investment in our students and our schools and shared that the District wouldn't be on the US news if it wasn't for the dedication of everyone.

- Thanked all the District employees for their dedication and hard work.
- Welcomed Mrs. Shirley Conde to the school district.
- Welcomed Mrs. Ginny Ford and Mrs. Lis Hanachek for returning to fill in for our Principal.
- Congratulated Council Member Maggie Clark who was recently honored by the Boy Scouts.
- Shared that he found the California School Boards Association annual conference was filled with great information and workshops.
- Congratulated Dr. Dawn Rock on her doctorate.
- Shared that he was able to see Shuey's holiday performance and gave kudos to everyone who worked on it.
- Congratulated the Educational Foundation mini grant recipients for their grants of \$500.
- Congratulated the students of the month recipients on their dedication.

Trustee Benitez shared the following:

- Thanked President Armenta for her kudos and recognition.
- Congratulated the students of the month for December.
- Thanked Kyle for the mini libraries for the students.
- Congratulated Dr. Dawn Rock for completing her doctorate.
- Wished everyone a wonderful winter break and hope everyone takes a well-deserved vacation.
- Thanked the Board for allowing her to be their President last year and she is happy that she made them proud.
- Congratulated President Armenta and Clerk Esquivel on their nominations to lead the Board for 2022.
- Thanked Superintendent Ruvalcaba for his support and guidance to get through the Board meetings.
- Thanked everyone for their support last year as President.

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following:

- Gave kudos to Savannah and Shuey for their winter programs.
- Congratulated the students of the month on their awards.
- Thanked Kyle Lee for the libraries and shared that reading is important.
- Congratulated Dr. Dawn Rock for her doctorate.
- Congratulated President Armenta on her nomination as President.
- Thanked Trustee Benitez for her leadership as President last year.
- Congratulated Clerk Esquivel on his nomination as Clerk.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy holidays.

President Armenta thanked the Board for entrusting her with this position and shared that she is honored to be on the Board. She shared that her dedication is gratifying to be on a board with such dedicated and kind-hearted individuals because there is a friendship beyond the dais.

XXIV. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

XXV. CONSENT AGENDA:

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved, with Corrections to the November 4, 2021 Minutes.

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 a 5-0 vote.

A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report – Certificated and Classified

B. CONSENT - Purchase Orders as of October - November, 2021, (on file), and Warrants for budgeted expenditures

C. CONSENT - Minutes of November 4, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting

As Corrected.

D. CONSENT - Minutes of November 18, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting

E. CONSENT - Donation Report

XXVI. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S)

A. First Interim Report, by Dr. Maria C. Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rios summarized: the Interim Report. See the presentation attached.

President Armenta recessed the meeting to a brief break at 9:30 p.m.

President Armenta reconvened the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

B. Educator Effectiveness Fund (EEF) Grant Plan, by Dr. Jennifer Fang, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Fang summarized the Educator Effectiveness Fund (EEF) Grant Plan. See the presentation attached.

XXVII. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. ACTION - First Interim Report for 2021-2022

That the First Interim Report for 2021-2022, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

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.

B. ACTION - California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District for the 2021-2022 Reopener

That the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District for the 2021-2022 Reopener, be Received.

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 by a 5-0 vote.

C. ACTION - Rosemead School District Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 for the 2021-2022 Reopener

That the Rosemead School District Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9 for the 2021-2022 Reopener, be Received.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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 - Memorandum of Understanding between the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, and the Rosemead School District, Regarding Coronavirus Safety for the 2021-2022 School Year

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, and the Rosemead School District, Regarding Coronavirus Safety for the 2021-2022 School Year, 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.

E. ACTION - Memorandum of Understanding between the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, and the Rosemead School District, Regarding the Juneteenth Holiday

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Rosemead Chapter 9, and the Rosemead School District, Regarding the Juneteenth Holiday, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

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.

F. ACTION - Resolution 21-22/10, Resolution Making Findings as Required by AB 361 to Permit the Board of Trustees Meetings to Continue to be Conducted by Teleconference while the COVID-19 Emergency Remains in Place

That Resolution 21-22/10, Resolution Making Findings as Required by AB 361 to Permit the Board of Trustees Meetings to Continue to be Conducted by Teleconference while the COVID-19 Emergency Remains in Place, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

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.

G. ACTION - Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report

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

1. **ACTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Republic Services, Inc. [RENEWAL]**
2. **ACTION - CHILD DEVELOPMENT & PRESCHOOL - Frog Street Press, LLC [NEW]**
3. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - IXL Learning - Savannah [RENEWAL]**
4. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Los Angeles County Office of Education - Muscatel [NEW]**
5. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - PowerSchool Group, LLC [RENEWAL]**
6. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Windtree Education [RENEWAL]**
7. **ACTION - HUMAN RESOURCES - Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. dba Heluna Health [NEW]**
8. **ACTION - HUMAN RESOURCES - Swing Education [AMENDMENT]**
9. **ACTION - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Marisol Ballin, Dietetic Intern [NEW]**

H. ACTION - Facilities Related: Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report

That the Facilities Related: Service/Contract Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report, 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 a 5-0 vote.

1. ACTION - Executive Environmental [RENEWAL]

XXVIII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. DISCUSSION ITEM - Update on the Reopening of Schools

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided an update on the reopening of schools regarding COVID. See the presentation attached.

XXIX. NEW BUSINESS

- President Armenta shared for everyone to have a wonderful holiday season.
- Clerk Esquivel shared the following:
 - Inquired whether ESSER funds can be used for the replacement of HVAC and windows.
 - The superintendent shared that the ESSER funds can be utilized for anything COVID related and that Muscatel & Encinita projects will be tackled over the summer. Once the team goes out for bid for the projects, the project details including funding and balances will be brought to the Board for action.
 - It was the Board's consensus to move forward with utilizing ESSER funds.
- Trustee Pena shared the following:
 - asked everyone to stay safe, drive safely, and enjoy their time with family. She suggested they write a letter to tell their loved ones how much they love them.
- Trustee Quintanilla shared the following:
 - Inquired whether the Board can reevaluate the purpose of study sessions.
 - It was the Board's consensus to move forward with future discussion.
 - Shared that CSBA recommends that Board members attend the CASBO trainings regarding budget. He is interested in attending.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that the opportunity is available to all Trustees and that the Superintendent's Office will register Trustees who are interested in attending.
 - Mr. Quintanilla expressed interest in attending.
 - Shared that CSBA recommends that board members attend the SSDA 3-day conference in March in Sacramento.
 - Mr. Quintanilla expressed interest in attending.
 - Wished everyone a happy and restful holiday.
- Trustee Benitez shared the following:
 - Wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked everyone for their hard work.
- Clerk Esquivel shared the following:
 - Inquired for staff to look into the replacement of smart boards in place of the pole vault systems which are approaching their end of life.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that Shuey was the smart board pilot and we have sufficient information to move forward.
 - It was the Board's consensus to move forward with a comprehensive report including pros and cons and testimonials

A. Exhibit 1 - Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following updates on the Matrix:

- Requested for the Board to consider whether the District wants to continue offering the "virtual" experience for our audience for Board meetings and shared preliminary board room audio/visual setup costs with estimates. He also shared that there is a 4th option to go back to the original practice of hosting only in-person board meetings with audio recordings.
- After Board discussion, the Superintendent will reach out to Legal Counsel to verify whether the District can continue accepting public comments via Zoom after the flexibility ends in March, and provide options on what we currently have versus what options are available including costs.

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

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

XXXII. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

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

President Armenta adjourned the December 14, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

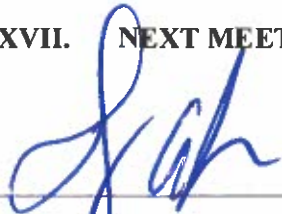
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

XXXVII. NEXT MEETING DATES



Nancy Armenta, President



Ronald Esquivel, Clerk



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COVID Safety Update December 14, 2021



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COVID-19 General Updates

- Winter surge - COVID case rates have begun to increase
- Vaccination rates have also increased - booster and new variant
 - Shiley clinic 12/4 - 400+ shots administered
- Schools continue to be one of the safest places for students and staff
- Fully vaccinated
 - CDC is considering changing the definition of "fully vaccinated" to include the booster
 - The current CDPH and County DPH definitions have not changed



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COVID-19 Random Student Testing

- Screening testing is a requirement per public health and CalOSHA
- Transitioned to a new provider on December 6 - Helena Health
 - \$150,000 (test kits)
 - System use and support is free
- New permission emails have been sent to families and staff
- Testing approximately 800 individuals per week
- We continue to find very few positive cases (asymptomatic)



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Omicron

- Variant of "concern"
- Preliminary results (small samples) reveal
 - Spreads quickly
 - Appears to be less severe
 - Our screening testing will identify the variant as COVID
 - Boosters are highly effective in reducing severity of illness
- DPH recommends
 - Vaccinations for all, including boosters (for those eligible)
 - Surveillance testing for all (currently required for unvaccinated staff members)



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Rosemead School District COVID-19 Dashboard

Update Date: 12/13/2021
Data Range: 12/13/21

School Type	School Name	STUDENT CASES			STAFF CASES		
		Estimated Student (cumulative All grade levels)	Weekly Confirmed Student Cases	Cumulative Confirmed Student Cases	Estimated Number of Staff Members at Campus	Weekly Confirmed Staff Cases	Cumulative Confirmed Staff Cases
Elementary Schools	Excelsior Elem. Sch.	389	8	1	52	0	0
	William B. Jackson Elem. Sch.	512	2	15	65	0	2
	Sewardship Elem. Sch.	304	0	5	85	0	2
	Emma W. Sherry Elem. Sch.	431	1	7	59	0	0
Middle School	Rembrandt Middle Sch.	526	0	4	68	0	1
Division Offices	District Office				21	1	1
Other Sites	District HQ/Headquarters				6	0	0
TOTAL		2,162	11	32	349	1	3

NOTE:
*This number may fluctuate and is subject to change.
**Information listed here is subject to change and is subject to verification.
For more information or questions, please email: communications@rosemead.k12.ca.us



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Questions?

Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan 2021-2026 RSD School Board Presentation

December 14, 2021



Background



- ▶ The Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) is a program providing funds to LEAs to provide **professional learning** and to **promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness**.
- ▶ These expenditures may take place over **five fiscal years** 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26.
- ▶ The funding is distributed in an equal amount per unit of full-time equivalent certificated and classified staff as reported in California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data (CALPADS) and California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) for the 2020–21 fiscal year.



Requirements



- ▶ Assembly Bill 130, Chapter 44, Section 22
- ▶ **One-time funding** to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.
- ▶ On or before **December 30, 2021**, develop and adopt a plan for how the Educator Effectiveness funds will be spent.
- ▶ The plan must be explained in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district, before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting.
- ▶ Submit an annual data report and an annual expenditure report detailing information to the California Department of Education (CDE) on or before September 30 of each year.
- ▶ Per EC 41480, local educational agencies shall coordinate the use of Title II funds with the expenditure of Educator Effectiveness funds and to ensure professional development.



Allowable Expenses



Funds can be expended for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Coaching and mentoring
- (2) Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned instruction and improve instruction in literacy across all content areas
- (3) Practices and strategies that re-engage students and lead to accelerated learning.
- (4) Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other approaches that improve student well-being
- (5) Practices to create a positive school climate
- (6) Strategies to improve inclusive practices
- (7) Instruction to support implementing effective language acquisition programs for English Learners (ELs)
- (8) New professional learning networks for those not yet in education to support requirements
- (9) Instruction, education, and strategies to incorporate ethnic studies curricula
- (10) Instruction, education, and strategies for educators in early childhood education



Rosemead School District



- ▶ RSD will be awarded **\$670,781**
 - based on 134 Certificated FTE and 102 Classified FTE
- ▶ These expenditures may take place over **five fiscal years** 2021–26
- ▶ CDE does not have a required template for this plan
- ▶ LACOE provided sample templates

Other Plans

- ▶ In developing the plan, the district has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents such as:
 - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
 - Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan
 - Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III Plan



LCAP Projected Funding

	Funding					Supplemental & Concentration Funding
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
Enrollment Projections	2,293	2,231	2,173	2,113	2,051	\$7,300,000
Enrollment Decline	-40	-60	-40	-60	-60	\$4,800,000
COSTA	3.0%	2.8%	3.1%	3.5%	3%	\$4,800,000
Non-personnel Concentration						\$6,800,000
LC Team	\$5,972,533	\$5,433,099	\$5,346,341	\$5,385,757	\$5,194,753	\$4,200,000
Concentration Addressed by	\$408,137	\$710,254	\$688,781	\$693,789	\$693,640	\$3,800,000
50%						\$1,900,000
Total	\$6,781,080	\$6,143,353	\$6,035,122	\$6,079,546	\$6,078,413	\$5,600,000

*Educator Effectiveness Funds to help offset the projected decrease in LCAP funding in 2023-2026

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan 2023-2026

Total Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Funds awarded by the LEA: \$570,781

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
1. Coaching and mentoring of staff serving in an instructional setting and beginning teacher or administrator induction, including, but not limited to, coaching and mentoring solutions that address a local need for teachers that can serve all pupil populations with a focus on retaining teachers, and offering structured feedback and coaching systems organized around social-emotional learning, including, but not limited to, promoting teacher self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, and responsible decision making skills, improving teacher attitudes and beliefs about one's self and others, and supporting learning communities for educators to engage in a meaningful classroom teaching experience.	The District will provide professional learning to support beginning teachers through the San Gabriel Valley Consortium (SGVC) Induction Program, including training, mentoring, and coaching.	\$70,781

2. Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned instruction and improve instruction in literacy across all subject areas, including English language arts, history-social science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science.	The District will provide ongoing professional learning through district PD Days, workshops/conferences, and professional learning communities for teachers, principals and other school leaders that will increase educator capacity and improve student learning outcomes.	\$500,000
3. Practices and strategies that re-engage pupils and lead to accelerated learning.	The District will utilize in-house leaders and also work with professional developers (such as LACOE) to provide ongoing professional development including, but not limited to: Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), Trauma Informed Care, Implicit Bias, Leader in Me/7 Habits, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI), Readers and Writers Workshop, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) math practices, Foundations of Reading, Integrated and Designated English Language Development (ELD), Project Based Learning, STEAM, Dual Language Instruction (DLI), Data Analysis, and other Research-Evidence Based Best Practices.	
4. Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being.		

Q & A:

- Any comments, questions, or input?

THANK YOU!



2021-2022 First Interim Budget

December 14, 2021

Presented By: Dr. Maria C. Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services



State Budget Update

- In mid November, the Legislative Analyst Office Issued its Budget Outlook for 2021-2022. Here are a few key takeaways from the report.
 - The economy is experiencing strong but uneven performance
 - State Revenues are exceeding projections year to date
 - Operating deficits are projected to grow over the next few years
- This is a precursor to the Governor's January Budget proposal



First Interim Projection

- Represents the District's revised budget as of October 31, 2021
- Presents the Board and the public with an updated current year operating budget and a new three-year multi-year projection



Adopted Budget vs. First Interim

Adopted Budget (June 2021)	First Interim (December 2021)
Enrollment = 2,302	Enrollment = 2,283
LCFF ADA = 2,257	LCFF ADA = 2,178
COLA = 5.07%	COLA = 5.07%
Unduplicated Pupil Count = 85.5%	Unduplicated Pupil Count = 78.94%
Lottery - Proposition 20 - Restricted = \$49 per ADA - Unrestricted = \$150 per ADA	Lottery- Proposition 20 - Restricted = \$65 per ADA - Unrestricted = \$163 per ADA
Class Size Reduction TK-3 = 24:1	Class Size Reduction TK-3rd = 24:1



First Interim Budget 2021-2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Beginning Balance	\$9,812,778	\$1,798,568	\$11,611,346
Total Revenues	\$27,774,866	\$10,941,825	\$38,716,691
Total Expenditures including Other Outgo	\$22,617,936	\$16,372,168	\$38,990,104
Total Contributions	-\$5,076,477	\$5,076,477	- 0 -
Change in Fund Balance	\$80,453	-\$353,866	-\$273,413
Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$9,893,232	\$1,444,702	\$11,337,934



Components of Unrestricted Ending Fund Balance

	2021-2022
3% Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	\$1,169,705
Revolving Cash	\$23,000
Stores	\$99,811
Assigned	\$8,600,716
Projected Total	\$9,893,232



The Use of Multi-Year Projections

Multi-year projections are required by AB 1200/AB 2755.

Recognize that they are projections, not forecasts.

- Projections are expected to change as various factors change – they are not predictions.
- Projections are the mathematical result of today's decisions based on a given set of assumptions.
- Forecasts are predictions of the future – there is a higher implied reliability factor than for projections.

Projections will change any time the underlying factors change – therefore plan to adjust as conditions change.



Assumptions in Multi-Year Projections

2022-2023	2023-2024
COLA = 2.48%	COLA = 1.11%
Declining Enrollment = (60)	Declining Enrollment = (60)
LACOE LCFF Calculator	LACOE LCFF Calculator
Enrollment eligible for LCFF targeted funds - 78.94%	Enrollment eligible for LCFF targeted funds - 78.94%
Lottery	Lottery
Unrestricted = \$163 per ADA	Unrestricted = \$163 per ADA
Restricted = \$65 per ADA	Restricted = \$65 per ADA
Class Size Reduction TK-5 = 24:1	Class Size Reduction TK-5 = 24:1
Continued funding for Local Control and Accountability Plan priorities	Continued funding for Local Control and Accountability Plan priorities

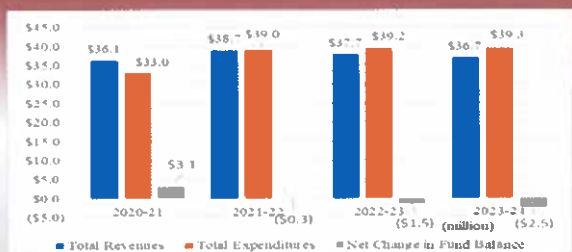


Multi-Year Projections – Unrestricted General Fund

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Beginning Balance	\$9,812,779	\$9,893,232	\$8,690,026
Total Revenues	\$17,774,866	\$26,319,791	\$26,281,925
Total Expenditures Including Other Outgo	\$22,617,936	\$22,399,715	\$22,635,533
Total Contributions	-\$5,076,477	-\$5,132,282	-\$5,231,178
Change in Fund Balance	\$80,453	-\$1,203,206	-\$1,584,786
Projected Ending Balance	\$9,893,232	\$8,690,026	\$7,105,240



Multi-Year Projections – Combined General Fund



District Criteria and Standards

- Cash flow analysis indicates the cash balance will be positive
- Reserve will meet 3% minimum
- Fund balance will be positive at the end of the fiscal year
- Salary Negotiations are in progress
- No significant multi-year commitments
- No District funds will have a negative balance



Board Commitment to Fiscal Solvency

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to plan for and maintain the fiscal solvency of our District for the 2021-2022 budget year and two subsequent fiscal years.

The multi-year projections indicate that our District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the 2021-2022 budget year and two subsequent fiscal years and the District will issue a positive self certification.



Thank you!

QUESTIONS?



Student of the Month Awards

December 2021



Encinita Elementary School

Jade Berruecos

Jade has made a conscious effort to work hard every single day this year. During a reflection, she talked about how difficult 5th grade was, but that she feels she is really turning it around this year. She is focused during lessons and determined to achieve the high standards she sets for herself in every area. During Math, she takes neat notes with color coordination because she knows she can look back on them when she needs to be her own teacher. She has grown into an independent and proactive learner in just these few short months. She is reflective and open to making adjustments to her behaviors and actions to become a better student and friend. Since she is a natural-born leader that others look to as a role model, her work ethic became contagious in our classroom alongside her bright smile and larger-than-life laughter. I know that when Jade leaves the four walls of our 5th-grade classroom at the end of this year, she will be ready for middle school and life. Good job Jade, keep up the good work, and don't let anything dull your light!

-Ms. Nguyen, Teacher



6th grade



Mildred B. Janson Elementary School

Isabel Gonzales

The Mildred B. Janson Elementary 6th grade team is proud to recognize Isabel Gonzales as Student of the Month for the month of December. Isabel has proven to be a helpful and hard-working student during her last year as a Janson Jaguar. She has improved her behavior and attitude towards school. She's ready to begin working when she walks into the classroom, she participates by asking/answering questions, and she has grown more confident and motivated to learn. Isabel has shown growth by having a positive attitude when she's at school and takes initiative to be an excellent role model for classroom peers. Congratulations, Isabel Gonzales, on your achievement as the Most Improved Student for the month of December.

-Ms. Gee, Mr. Aguilar, Ms. Arellano, and Ms. Gonzales, Teachers



6th grade



Savannah Elementary School

Anthony Cai

Savannah Elementary School is proud to announce our Student of the Month for December- Anthony Cai. Anthony is a hard-working student that always works above and beyond what is required of him. He has an excellent attitude about school and always turns in his assignments on time. Anthony has a strong desire to succeed and is an excellent citizen both in class and on the playground. He is a good-natured boy who always comes to school happy and ready to learn and can uplift his teacher with a smile through his mask. For all these reasons, Ms. Arreola and Anthony's teacher, Mr. Levin, are thrilled to give our Student of the Month Award to Anthony Cai.

-Ms. Arreola and Mr. Levin, Teachers



6th grade



Emma W. Shuey Elementary School

Zashary Morales

Emma W. Shuey Elementary's 6th-grade teachers are proud to recognize Zashary Morales as Student of the Month for the month of December. Zasha has shown to be a dedicated student this year by being responsible, focused, and hardworking. She has made continued academic growth in all subject areas, especially in the area of reading. Zasha is a part of our school community as she is serving on the Student Lighthouse Team. Zasha continues to challenge herself to do her best and her effort is shown in everything she submits. It has been a pleasure to see Zasha's continued growth this school year. Shuey Elementary's 6th-grade team would like to congratulate you, Zasha, for being recognized as the Most Improved Student of the Month for December.

-Ms. Park, Ms. Almaraz, Ms. Elmithele, Ms. Shotte, and Ms. Jimenez, Teachers



6th grade



Muscatel Middle School

Jadyn Wong

The PE department nominates Jadyn Wong for the student of the month award. She is kind, funny, smart, and a great athlete. She gives her absolute best every single day. She gets along great with her peers and teachers. And she has a personality that is infectious! We really enjoy Jadyn, and we already know she has an amazing future ahead.

-PE Department: Mrs. Kern, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mr. Carson, Teachers



7th grade



Muscatel Middle School

Jayden Hill

The Physical Education department at Muscatel Middle School recommends Jayden Hill. Jayden is a very polite and self-motivated student. He is always willing to help and go the extra mile for his teachers and classmates. He is a great example to his peers and a pleasure to have as a peer tutor. We strongly recommend Jayden for this recognition as he has certainly earned the designation.

—PE Department: Mrs. Kern, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mr. Carson, Teachers



8th grade

Recognition of Kyle Lee, Cub Scout *Alumnus of Shuey and Muscatel*



Kyle Lee

It is a pleasure and honor to share this recognition and thanks for Eagle Scout, Kyle Lee, for the leadership and giving spirit he displayed of sharing an idea to build Little Free Libraries at each of our schools in the Rosemead School District. He shared that these libraries would provide a place for students, parents and people in the neighborhood a way to "take a book and share a book" to spread the love of reading for our students. He spent several weeks developing a plan with a timeline of when each part of the plan would be completed. He also recruited his friends to join him on this mission, so he showed great leadership in motivating people to donate their time, heart and energy. He also fundraised to invite family members, neighbors and others to donate funds for this project.

Kyle and his team got together over a weekend during the summer of 2021 to build the Little Free Libraries and paint them to match the school colors. They also installed the libraries during the summer so students would be able to use it at the start of a new school year.

Principals and teachers commented about how nice these libraries look and parents started donating their children's old books to share. These libraries are now in frequent use.

The Rosemead School District would like to thank and recognize Kyle for his exemplary leadership and leaving a literacy legacy in his elementary and middle school district.

