

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

**CONSENT**

November 19, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular study session meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID#955 5360 7849 at 6:30 p.m., following the guidance issued via Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 and # N-25-20.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Trustees present via roll call included: Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Mr. John Quintanilla, Ms. Nancy Armenta, Mrs. Veronica Peña, and Mrs. Diane Benitez.

Superintendent Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba was also present. All audience members connected electronically via Zoom.

President Quintanilla made the following statement:

*As a result of Governor Newsom's Executive Order for the elimination of public gatherings, the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees must conduct their public meetings virtually. In order to ensure the board's business is heard clearly, we would like to respectfully request for all attendees to mute their microphones unless you are requested by the Board President to address the Board.*

President Quintanilla made the following statement:

*As a result of the current national health emergency COVID-19 and as per Governor Newsom's Executive Order # N-29-20 signed on March 17, 2020, a local legislative body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.*

*As per the Governor's Executive Order, the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees will conduct this meeting with all participation via Zoom Meeting, which is accessible to the public.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS**

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided a brief highlight on the following topics:

- Hopes that everyone takes next week to enjoy their time off, relax, and rejuvenate the well-deserved time off. He gave kudos to everyone for their hard work. He is very proud to be a part of this team.
- Upcoming Events and Save the Dates – Trustees, RSVP to Cynthia Bracamonte:
  - Thursday, December 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- Review of the contents in the night folder:
  - Trustee Mail (if any is received after Board packet delivery)

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Quintanilla shared on the following topics:

1. Reiterated Superintendent Ruvalcaba's comments and hopes everyone relaxes and enjoys their time off. He added that although it's been a difficult year, we will get past it.

## BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clerk Peña wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked everyone to take time to rest and just be thankful for all the great things that come to us. She asked everyone to be stay safe, looks forward to seeing everyone when they return from break, and thanked everyone for their continuous hard work.
2. Trustee Armenta wished everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving and hopes that everyone will take this opportunity to do a lot of self-care as it is important to take care of ourselves, specifically during this difficult year full of adversity. She also gave kudos to all staff as they continue to work together breaking barriers and hopes that everyone will enjoy their deserved time off.
3. Trustee Benitez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, asked everyone to stay safe and to have a wonderful break. She shared that everyone deserves it and thanked everyone for their hard work.
4. Trustee Esquivel hopes everyone will enjoy their time off with their families and gather virtually. He thanked everyone for all their hard work they do for our students. Mr. Esquivel gave kudos to the Nutrition & Wellness team for the amazing work they did last minute to ensure our students received their meals.

## FOCUS TOPIC:

1. Science Adoption (TK-8), by Jennifer Fang, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Assistant Superintendent Fang thanked the team of teachers who piloted the science curriculums and the students who participated in the pilot of Amplify and TCI Science. Dr. Fang reviewed the process and provided the team's recommendation and answered questions. The Board thanked the volunteer teachers for their dedication. See presentation attached.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

**Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Contract Report**

**Minutes:** That the Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Contract Report, including:  
**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**  
1. Rosemead Kiwanis Membership  
**, be approved.**

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

**Confirmation of Next Meeting**

**Minutes:** That the Board of Trustees Confirm the Next Scheduled Regular Meeting for the Month of December 2020, as December 17, 2020, **be approved.**

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

**Resolution No. 20-21/04, Certification of Signatures**

**Minutes:** That Resolution No. 20-21/04, Certification of Signatures, **be approved.**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

1. **Schedule a Study Session for Site Tours to Focus on the Facilities Master Plan**

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that during the last meeting the Board agreed to set a date for the Board's facilities tours on a Saturday during the month of December. Mr. Ruvalcaba shared the dates of: Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19 as possibilities with the meeting scheduled for 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

It was the Board's consensus to schedule the facilities tour for Saturday, December 12, 2002, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Trustee Esquivel shared that he received a call from Republic Services regarding a grant for \$100,000 where they are partnering with another organization to provide a grant of \$100,000 as a part of their neighborhood promises program. He shared that he has limited information, however, feels that it would be a great opportunity for the school district to apply to bring gardens to each school site. The deadline for the grant application is December 2. Mr. Esquivel will bring additional information shortly and Superintendent Ruvalcaba will participate in the follow up call with Mr. Esquivel.

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

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting to closed session at 8:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Employment – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
  - o Certificated Management – Psychologist
2. Public Employee (Appointment, Employment, Reassignment, Evaluation, and Discipline/Dismissal/Release) – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators – pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
  - o District Negotiator: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba
  - o Employee Organizations: Rosemead Teachers' Association, California School Employees Association and its Rosemead Chapter 9, Management, Confidential, and Unrepresented

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:15 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: That the November 19, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, **be adjourned** at 10:18 p.m.

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

Signed,

  
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President

  
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Clerk





# Science Textbook Adoption Recommendation Board Presentation

November 19, 2020



## CA NGSS Toolkit



- Rosemead District Priority Criteria:
- ★ Print & Digital Textbook
  - ★ Accessible to ALL Learners, English Learners, Differentiation, Leveled Texts
  - ★ High Quality
  - ★ Ongoing Professional Learning & Training
  - ★ Assessments to measure progress
  - ★ Engaging, Hands-On Problem/Phenomena Based. & User Friendly



## Purpose of Presentation

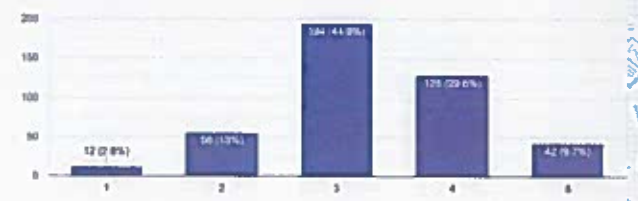
Share:

- RSD Priority Criteria Review
- Survey Results
- Recommendation Rationale



## Student Survey Results

How hard did the TCI Lessons make you think?  
432 responses



## Review of Process: CA NGSS Toolkit

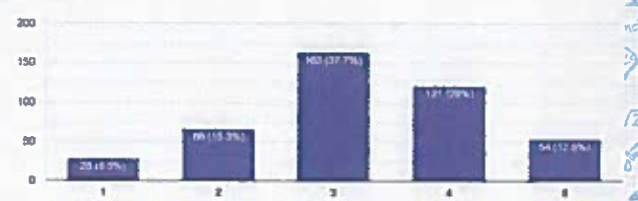


We used the CA NGSS TIME Toolkit: an evidence based process to assist districts in evaluating and adopting instructional materials to meet the needs of students and teachers in their district.



## Student Survey Results

How hard did the Amplify Lessons make you think?  
432 responses

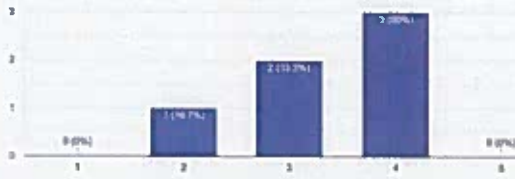




## Non-Pilot K-6 Teacher Survey Results

ALL teachers had the opportunity to examine and try out both programs

How likely are you to recommend TCI for our district?  
8 responses



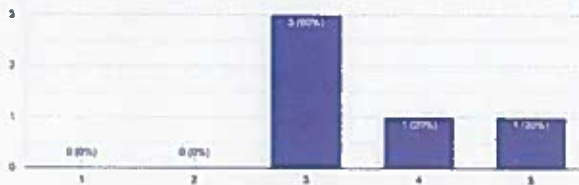
## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

The program I recommend is:  
22 responses



## Non-Pilot K-6 Teacher Survey Results

How likely are you to recommend Amplify for our district?  
5 responses



## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

If my recommendation is not selected, I can live with TCI and make it work.  
23 responses



## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

I teach grade (s):  
22 responses



## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

If my recommendation is not selected, I can live with Amplify and make it work.  
19 responses

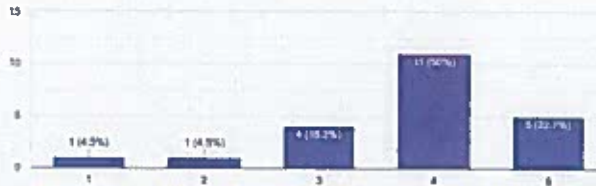






## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

Overall, how would you rate the value of the pilot meeting discussions?  
22 responses



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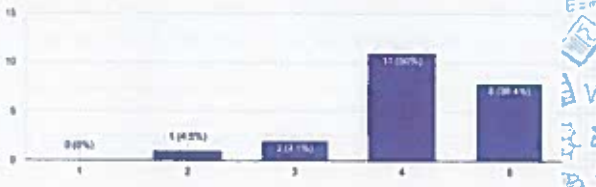
## Pilot Team's Recommendation

### TCI Science



## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

Overall, I felt my thoughts/opinions and the thoughts/opinions of others were heard and acknowledged.  
22 responses



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## Pilot Teacher Evaluation of TCI

### Strengths

- ★ Differentiation/EL supports:
  - Leveled text, annotation, text translations
  - Digital and hard copy textbook
- ★ Variety of ways to show learning
- Assessment after every 2 lessons
- ★ User Friendly
- ★ Engaging experiments

### Limitations

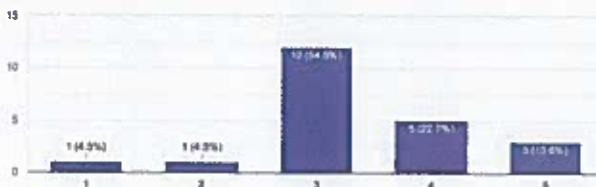
- ◆ Boring videos
- ◆ Lacks higher level thinking
- ◆ Not as engaging or fun, lacks mystery
- ◆ Seems more traditional
- ◆ Not as rigorous
- ◆ Might need additional supports to prepare for state test

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## Pilot Teacher Survey Results

Overall, how would you rate the effectiveness of the tools used to evaluate the programs?  
22 responses



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## Pilot Teacher Evaluation Amplify

### Strengths

- ★ Engaging, fun & hands-on simulations
- ★ Scientific higher level thinking
- ★ Lessons build on each other
- ★ Engaging read-aloud books
- ★ Online platform easy to navigate to find resources
- ★ Mystery Science included for 2 years
- ★ Engaging Nearpod Google Slides

### Limitations

- ◆ No student textbook
- ◆ Lacks differentiation and EL supports
- ◆ Digital assignments are not editable or gradable
- ◆ Assessments are formative and comes after 17 lessons (-22 lessons per unit)
- ◆ Takes more time to prep
- ◆ Need Nearpod slides
- ◆ Harder for subs
- ◆ Must follow the sequence-review needed
- ◆ Amplify was not forthcoming about Grades 8-8 curriculum being incomplete

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## Quick Overview of TCI Online



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## THANK YOU Pilot Team Committee

### K-5 Team:

Deborah Rice, Kelli Matsumoto, Sandra Montiel, Cami Case, Melissa Kidd, Terri Tolten, Gabriel Garcia, Rachel Son, Chris Yu, Erin Barquera, Keith Elliott, Andrea Kosku, Christina Gee, Jennifer Lui Fong, Jimmy Lam, Emily Eng

### 6-8 Team:

Evonne Dotson-Elimshele, Cassandra Arrellano, Summer Agnes, Jun Lague, Jeff Tulley, Jing Cai, Reynita Berenguer

### Support Team:

Claudia Rivera, Lara Goldstone, Jan Brydle, Gabriel Cardenas, Linda Chang, Ruth Soto, Jocie Wilson, Freddy Noriega



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## TCI Program Components



### ELEMENTARY SCIENCE COMPONENTS



### MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPONENTS



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## Next Steps

Pilot Curriculum is available online and in the Ed Services Office for Public Review

Board Approval on December 10, 2020

Professional Learning & Development on new adoption late Spring/Summer 2021

Full Implementation Fall 2021



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## Strategies to address TCI Limitations

- Continue to purchase Mystery Science K-5 to engage students
- Ongoing professional learning opportunities
- District level curriculum support for teachers and principals
- Grade level science lead teachers



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# THANK YOU!

## Any questions?

