

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

CONSENT

December 10, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Rosemead School District met in a regular study session meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020, held as a Teleconference/Electronic Zoom meeting ID#916 9004 0184 at 5:30 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 5:32 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**, as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS

Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submittals of public comment. There were two (2) as follows:

1. Jan Brydle, Shuey Principal:
Good evening Board President Quintanilla, Clerk Peña, Board of Trustees and Superintendent Ruvalcaba,

I would like to invite you to the very first Shuey's Got Talent Show. This is a virtual talent show which will be held on December 17th at 9:00 am. Because this is a schoolwide event, we will be holding it in a webinar format on Zoom. The link to the webinar is <https://zoom.us/j/96872105693?pwd=LzBwYktuNHZiWnhVN1NJdlZWTWlvZz09>.

Students submitted videos in a number of different categories including art, sports, and music. There are also a few miscellaneous submissions. We had our own panel of Simon Cowell judges, and on Thursday, we will be viewing all submissions and announcing the winners. I would like to give a shout-out to Shuey teachers Ms. Kathy Nguyen and Mr. Gabriel Garcia who organized the entire show. I hope you can join us for this great event. Thank you.

2. Christina Price, CSEA Interim President, Rosemead School District Employee, Rosemead School District Parent and City of Rosemead Resident:

Dear Rosemead School District Board Members and Superintendent

I am writing to you today in regards to safety concerns at our school sites and district office. As you know we have had multiple employees of the Rosemead School District with presumed COVID or confirmed cases. Some District personnel have also had loved ones lose their lives due to this pandemic, as this has hit close to home it raises much anxiety. Within a week, three sites had to send cohorts of employee's home for exposure to someone with possible COVID as well as positive cases. As of today, all sites have seen at least one positive case if not more. We are also experiencing more cases among our families. This is a stressor among our Rosemead School District family, as it increases the workload for those who are still present. I hope that at this point you would reconsider adding more students and staff to the school sites. If possible, please consider giving staff the opportunity to work from home if they can, until it is safe to return. This would help control further spread to employees or risk spreading it to our staff, students, and families. Perhaps, you would consider a rotating shift for those essential employees to minimize the person to person contact at our sites, reduce office hours of in-person visits, and allow staff that could work from home do so. Furthermore, as you may have heard, the City of Rosemead numbers are continuing to rise daily, and the number of COVID cases and deaths continue to rise statewide. Within a one-week span Rosemead has reached their highest of 226 cases, and a total of 1,683 reported cases. We have also become one of the top 25 communities with the most increased positive cases within a 2-week span. This is a concern as this is affecting our staff, families, and students of the Rosemead School District.

Our Members have been on the Frontline coming in physically since day one and have been working diligently to be present in order to service our students, families, district, and the community. Some have health issues and could more than likely stay home under the law, but they continue to come in daily so they can help with what needs to be done to provide and assist our students, families and community. They also do not want the burden

of their absence to fall upon the remaining skeleton crew we currently have. I give kudos to each and every one of the classified staff, teachers, and administration for their dedication to our district. I don't think it's too much to ask to keep us safe and protect those on the Frontline as much as possible.

With the holidays approaching and only 6 school days left before we go on Winter break, wouldn't it be wise to allow the remainder of days to be conducted at home virtually? This would help keep everyone safe from contracting COVID within our sites, and stop any further spread amongst our staff and students. Hopefully, after the holidays, the number of cases and deaths will decline, and then reevaluate the 10% cohort return. If numbers continue to rise, I would hope that you would also reconsider the 25% return as well until it is safer for all. LAUSD Superintendent Beutner has even made the choice to make a hard closure to keep his community of staff, students, and families safe. I understand that there are many other factors to consider, but one factor that I feel is very important is the loss of life. I feel that protecting the students, staff, and families is priority.

I would like you to think of this, if it is safe to have 14 bodies in a classroom, an office full of staff on a daily basis as long as they are adhering to the 6 ft. distancing protocols, as well as wearing their masks, why is it not safe for district Cabinet as well as Board members to be in the same room for their board meetings twice a month maintaining the same protocols we have to adhere to everyday at our school sites? I know it is because of protocols set forth, but I'd like you to think about how this doesn't make any sense. One is ok but not the other. Where is the logic in this?

Please consider ways to keep our staff, students, and families safe.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S):

1. First Interim Report, by Harold Sullins, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Assistant Superintendent Sullins provided a brief presentation on the First Interim Report and answered questions. See presentation attached.

ACTION ITEM(S):

First Interim Report for 2020-2021

Minutes: That the First Interim Report for 2020-2021, **be approved.**

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

Budget Overview for Parents for 2020-2021

Minutes: That the Budget Overview for Parents for 2020-2021, **be approved.**

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

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

1. State Safer at Home Mandates and District Response

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared updates regarding the safer at home mandates, shared that employees who have been affected have occurred due to outside environment exposures, and provided data related to the number of cases and tiers. Mr. Ruvalcaba shared that the District currently has 55 students attending the District’s small cohort programs with the largest cohort at 7 students. He further shared that the District continues to have conversations with both bargaining units on additional safety precautions to ensure the safety of both our students and staff. Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that there is a mixture of employees working from home, some essential positions working from sites every day, others working from campus by choice for different personal reasons. He also shared that administrators regularly check on our employees to ensure they are doing well and for their well-being.

After the Board’s discussion, the Superintendent shared that based on the majority of the Board the District will move all students to Distance Learning only for the last week before winter break and that the discussion will continue during the December 17, 2020 where he will bring additional data for the Board to review. He also shared that the District will continue conducting assessments following all safety protocols via appointment, will prepare a staff survey to be sent out to all staff to see how everyone is feeling currently, with staff returning to a skeleton crew on a rotating basis, office staff will be on a rotating schedule, and principals to cover two sites on a rotation schedule. Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that a plan will be prepared tomorrow morning and will be shared with the Board via the weekly update.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes: That the December 10, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, **be adjourned** at 7:10 p.m.

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

Signed,




President



Clerk


2020-21 First Interim Budget

Presented By: Harold Sullins, Assistant Superintendent, Admin Services




State Budget Update

- In mid November, the Legislative Analyst Office issued its Budget Outlook for 2020-21. 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, 2020
- 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	First Interim
Enrollment = 2,355	Enrollment = 2,332*
LCFF ADA = 2,329	LCFF ADA = 2,332
COLA = 0%	COLA = 0%
Deficit Factor = -7.52%	Deficit Factor Eliminated
Unduplicated Pupil Count = 85.52%	Unduplicated Pupil Count = 83.59%
Lottery - Restricted - Prop 20 = \$54 per ADA - Unrestricted = \$153 per ADA	Lottery - Restricted - Prop 20 = \$49 per ADA - Unrestricted = \$150 per ADA
Class Size Reduction TX-3 = 24:1	Class Size Reduction TX-3 = 24:1




First Interim Budget 2019-20

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Beginning Balance	\$8,175,527	\$427,096	\$8,602,623
Total Revenues	\$25,907,478	\$8,256,924	\$35,164,402
Total Expenditures including Other Outgo	\$21,087,540	\$12,465,316	\$33,472,856
Total Contributions	(4,082,329)	\$4,082,329	\$0
Change in Fund Balance	\$817,609	\$873,957	\$1,691,566
Projected Ending Fund Balance	\$8,993,136	\$1,301,053	\$10,294,189



Components of Unrestricted Ending Fund Balance

	2019-20
3% reserve for economic uncertainties	\$1,004,188
Revolving Cash	\$23,000
Scores	\$73,999
Assignments	\$7,891,949
Projected Total	\$8,993,136



The Use of Multi-year Projections

Multi-year projections are required by AB 1200/AB 2756.

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

2021-22	2022-23
INDEA	INDEA
NON-LDP Exp	NON-LDP Exp
Debt/Inv. Increase = 2%	Debt/Inv. Increase = 1%
LACOE LDP Outlay	LACOE LDP Outlay
0.5% of available eligible for LDP targeted funds	0.5% of available eligible for LDP targeted funds
Levy	Levy
Unrestricted = \$100 per ADA	Unrestricted = \$100 per ADA
Restricted = \$40 per ADA	Restricted = \$40 per ADA
Class Size Reduction TE-3 = 3:1	Class Size Reduction TE-3 = 3:1
Conditioned funding for Local Control and Accountability Plan priorities	Conditioned funding for Local Control and Accountability Plan priorities



Multi-Year Projections – Unrestricted General Fund

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Beginning Balance	\$8,175,527	\$8,993,136	\$8,056,026
Total Revenues	\$25,907,478	\$25,742,467	\$24,999,905
Total Expenditures including Other Outgo	\$21,007,540	\$22,018,432	\$22,601,148
Total Contributions	(4,083,329)	(54,661,145)	(54,792,106)
Change in Fund Balance	\$817,606	(\$937,130)	(\$2,393,349)
Projected Ending Balance	\$8,993,136	\$8,056,026	\$5,662,677



Multi-Year Projections – Combined General Fund



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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 budget year and two subsequent fiscal years and the District will issue a positive self certification.



QUESTIONS?

