



Regular Study Session Meeting

05/16/2024 06:30 PM

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

After the Completion of Open Session - CLOSED
SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA FOR THE **REGULAR STUDY SESSION** MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON: Adherence to current Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, protocols:

Rosemead School District

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PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC:

Zoom Call-In# (346) 248-7799

Zoom Meeting ID# 848 8645 3041

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Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Trustee

Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Trustee

Mrs. Veronica Pena, Trustee

Mr. John Quintanilla, President

Mrs. Diane Benitez, Clerk

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Superintendent

Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Dr. Jennifer Fang, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Mr. Alejandro Gaeta, Network Administrator

I. NOTICES - Public Comments / Speaker's Requests

II. NOTICES

III. Call to Order by _____ at _____ p.m.

President Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

IV. Members Present _____ Members Absent _____

President Quintanilla read the following statement:

The Rosemead School District Board of Trustees will conduct their public meetings in-person along with a virtual Zoom cast. In order to ensure the board's business is heard clearly, we would like to respectfully request for all Zoom attendees to mute their microphones unless you are requested by the Board President to address the Board.

V. MEETING RECORDED

This meeting will be audio and video 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

That the Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

VII. REGULAR SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

VIII. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

President Quintanilla requested Dr. Maria Rios to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)

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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were no submissions received.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

- Shared that the team has worked hard to prepare for the project to get going with delays from the Department of School Architect. As a result, the bid opening was delayed by a week. The bid contracts were received today, and they were extremely disappointing as the budget that was set was based on the projections of industry standards. The costs came in exorbitantly over the established budget.
- Dr. Rios shared that they projected a total of \$1.8 million for the combined projects. The 1st bid came in at \$3.9 million to install the playgrounds and relocatable at Janson. The 2nd bid came in at \$2.8 million. This is \$1 million over the projected costs.
- Dr. Ruvalcaba shared that we rely heavily on our facilities team who base their recommendations on the work being completed in other districts. The going rate should be standard across districts. Based on the feedback we received, both rates are extremely high. We think that this is due to the fact that we are bidding so close to the start of summer and most contractors already have their summer work lined up. We asked the facilities consultants to have a conversation with the lowest bidder and inquire how they came up with the costs, request an outline in detail explaining why the costs are so high. He added that the team will bring forth two possibilities to the May 23 special meeting. If they are able to substantiate the costs, we will bring you the recommendation to award the contract. If we don't believe that the reasons are legitimate, then we will bring you an item to reject both bids. If we delay the projects, we plan to go out to bid in January with the projects scheduled for completion during the summer of 2025. Dr. Ruvalcaba shared that we may recommend that the repair to the water line be completed by the water department this summer. He shared that the water department would complete the work and bill us. We will be required to provide a deposit to get the work started by the water department.
- Thanked the CSEA labor partners as negotiations were completed with both teams agreeing to the compensation packet. CSEA will present to their membership the negotiated packet and proceed to their field office for the 610 process. He again thanked the CSEA and District team for completing negotiations and coming to an agreement.

XI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Shared that he attended the concerts at Muscatel last week and expressed that the orchestra, band, and choir did a fantastic job, with many in attendance.

XII. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Peña shared the following:

- Wished a Happy Birthday to both Dr. Ruvalcaba and Trustee Armenta.
- Shared that she had a wonderful event for the young ladies with an amazing keynote speaker, Honorable Judge Lucy Armendaris. Extended a grateful thank you to Judge Armendaris. Thanked the team who set up, cleaned up, donated, and everyone who helped with the event. Dr. Fang, Dr. Rios, staff, and our custodial team for helping with the event. She also thanked Trustee Armenta and Clerk Benitez. It was really nice to see everyone out there supporting the young ladies. Giving them support and teaching them that the door is always open for opportunity. She shared that the keynote speaker's story was a great personal story.
- Attended the Muscatel performances and thanked Dr. Moreno and his staff for putting together the event.

Clerk Benitez shared the following:

- Shared that she enjoyed the Girls Empowerment Symposium, which was very moving. She added that there were a lot of young girls and moms who participated in the event and felt it was nice to see everyone enjoy themselves.
- Attended the concert and added that the students were amazing. She added that although many were beginners, and it sounded like they had been playing forever.
- Attended the Encinita open house.
- Lastly, she thanked the students and staff for everything they do.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Shared that he attended both the Encinita and Savannah Open House events and was really impressed at the classroom decorations by the teachers. He shared that it was great to see everyone in attendance. He apologized for being unable to make it to the Girls Empowerment Symposium and the RTA banquet.

Trustee Armenta shared the following:

- Echoed Trustee Pena's sentiments.
- Shared that the Girls Empowerment Symposium was so wonderful for all the attendees. She shared that presentations were made by principals and so many attendees were moved and touched when Judge Lucy shared her story. Her message to everyone was that, regardless of the deck of cards that is dealt to each of us, it's up to you to choose how you play the cards. Judge Lucy explained how so many things were against her and that she was thankful that she made the time to attend the symposium. Ms. Armenta added that the food was delicious and that every year we are outgrowing our hosting site, prompting exploration of a larger venue. She gave kudos to the planning team, volunteers, and all the staff who made an imprint on the event, including how everyone's individual talents came together for a successful event. Ms. Armenta recognized how Principal Shirley Conde had everyone dancing and how everyone was there to support the girls. She again thanked everyone who contributed and shared that you could feel the love and empowerment during the event.

- Attended the Savannah open house and shared that it's always wonderful to see all the rooms, the decorations, the esthetics, and she can see the tears and sweat the teachers put in, and their work is impeccable.
- Lastly, she mentioned that the Young Men's conference has some competition.

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Attended the Savannah and Encinita open house events, and it was great to see the alumni return to the campuses when they move into high school. He added that the food from PTA was also great.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

There were no topics raised during new business.

Trustee Armenta requested certificates to be presented to the donors during the June meetings.

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

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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were no submissions received for closed session topics.

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

President Quintanilla announced that the Board of Trustees would recess the meeting to closed session to consider agenda items A-C.

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting to closed session at 7:13 p.m.

XVII. CLOSED SESSION

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

Participants: Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba and Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Law Organization, LLP, Legal Counsel:

- One (1) Matter

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

Participants: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba and Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Law Organization, LLP, Legal Counsel:

- One (1) Matter

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Participant: Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Law Organization, LLP, Legal Counsel

- Superintendent

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

President Quintanilla adjourned closed session at 8:33 p.m.

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

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

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

- Update on the summer projects - Dr. Rios provided an update on the projects. See the presentation attached.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Shared that he is not available to attend the May 9th Muscatel concert.
- Requested to recognize the Science Olympiad team.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that there are 30+ students on the team and that Mr. Yu requested for the Board to present the students with certificates during their already scheduled school awards event.
 - Requested for the students to be recognized during the May 16th meeting. However, some students may have a conflict due to the Conga Kids dance finale competition.
 - Clerk Benitez suggested that the group be recognized during the May 23rd special meeting.
 - It was the Board's consensus that the group be recognized on May 23rd during the special meeting at 7:30 p.m. following the Janson open house event.

Clerk Benitez shared the following:

- Inquired regarding the CSEA public comment from the last meeting regarding conferences, how much they cost, etc. She requested a list of what conferences are attended and by who?
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that a running report can be provided related to the cost. However, staff will work on gathering the information on who attended.
 - It was the Board's consensus for the report to be prepared and provided to the Board.

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Suggested for the Board to have a protocol in place for sending sympathy flowers or plants when someone passes away, at the direction of either the President or the Superintendent.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that we already prepare a letter and sympathy card on behalf of the Board and Superintendent. He added that as a district we don't have any funds for this purpose and that donation funds are always earmarked for students or staff. He suggested as a governance team, for each person who agrees to participate, that they each donate towards this cause. The Superintendent shared that the Board, and he would donate from their own personal funds.

XXVIII. ACTION ITEM(S) - Amendment

A. ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Paul Luelmo, Ph.D. (Districtwide) [NEW]

That the Contract with Paul Luelmo, Ph.D., be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Not Present

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

The Board of Trustees adjourned and completed the closed session agenda at 7:17 p.m. Items XXIX. Public Comments on Closed Session Items through XXXIV. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session were not required.

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

XXXI. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

XXI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at _____ p.m.

President Quintanilla adjourned the May 16, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting at 8:40 p.m. in celebration of Superintendent Ruvalcaba and Trustee Armenta's birthdays, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

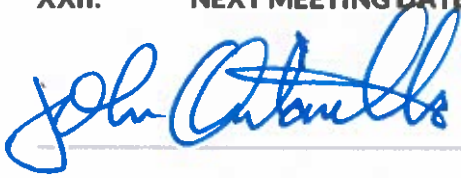
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

XXII. NEXT MEETING DATES



John Quintanilla President



Diane Benitez, Clerk