



**Regular Meeting  
11/07/2024 06:30 PM**

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

After the Completion of Open Session - CLOSED SESSION  
7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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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 Open Session - CLOSED SESSION**

**7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)**

**Continuation of Closed Session After the Completion of Open Session Items**

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

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

Rosemead School District

District Office - Board Room

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**PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC:**

**Zoom Call-In# (346) 248-7799**

**Zoom Meeting ID# 816 3487 1222**

**Passcode: 474305**

**Attendees**

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**Voting Members**

Mr. John Quintanilla, President

Mrs. Diane Benitez, Clerk

Mrs. Veronica Pena, Trustee

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Trustee

Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Trustee

**Non-Voting Members**

Dr. Jennifer Fang, Interim Superintendent

Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Dr. Michael Chavez, Interim 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: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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

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.

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item is presented in the agenda.

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

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

President Quintanilla announced that the Board of Trustees would recess the meeting to closed session to consider the following closed session items:

**A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

Participants: Mr. Joel Shapiro, The COSCA Group and Mrs. Christine Hsu, Olivarez Madruga Law Organization, LLP:

- Superintendent

**X. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla recessed closed session at 6:50 p.m.

**XII. REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**XV. MEETING RECORDED**

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**XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: \_\_\_\_\_**

President Quintanilla requested for Hayden Chow to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**XVII. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**A. ACTION - Appointment of the Superintendent and Approval of the Superintendent Employment Agreement**

That the Appointment of Dr. Philip D'Agostino as the Superintendent of Schools and Approval of the Superintendent's Employment Agreement, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel  
Voting:  
Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes  
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes  
Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes  
Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes  
Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

*President Quintanilla invited the honorable guests to congratulate Dr. Philip D' Agostino and present certificates of recognition. Those present included: Temple City Unified School District President Mary Sneed; El Monte Union High School District Board President Ricardo Padilla and Board Clerk Esthela Torres de Siegrist; El Monte City School District Board Clerk David Siegrist; City of Rosemead Council Member Sandra Armenta; and Kiwanis Club Past President Danny Salas and President Bulmaro Magallon.*

**XVIII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S)**

**A. Student of the Month, November 2024 - Academic**

President Quintanilla recognized and presented plaques to our Students of the Month for November 2024, including: 6th graders Bob Tang, Encinita; Ivy Matsunaga, Janson; Suri Tran, Savannah; Hayden Chow, Shuey; and Muscatel 7th grader Katie Wu and 8th grader Linus Mak.

**B. Student Recognition Perfect Attendance for October 2024, by Hoori Chalian, M.Ed., Coordinator, Special Education & Student Support Services**

Coordinator Chalian introduced the Student Recognition Perfect Attendance for October 2024 video collage. The Board of Trustees congratulated all the students for their perfect attendance during the month of October.

**XIX. RECESS FOR A BRIEF BREAK at \_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:27 p.m.

**XX. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at \_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:57 p.m.

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

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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that one (1) submission was received, as follows:

- Council Member Sandra Armenta

## **XXII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Interim Superintendent Dr. Fang shared the following:

- Congratulated Dr. Philip D'Agostino and shared that everyone is so happy to welcome him.
- Congratulated Mr. Ronald Esquivel and Mrs. Veronica Peña for their reelection and thanked them for being incredible leaders. She thanked them for all their love and dedication to the district.
- Lastly, shared that the new fiscal clerk has been cleared for fingerprinting and pending TB clearance.

## **XXIII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Welcomed Dr. Philip D'Agostino and shared that the team is looking forward to many good things from him.
- Congratulated Mr. Ronald Esquivel and Mrs. Veronica Peña for their election and shared that the results look pretty positive on their reelection.
- Shared that he attended the DELAC/DAC meeting earlier in the week when Mrs. Nicoll gave a great presentation. He added that several principals were present for the meeting and that it was nice to see the community attend in person.
- Lastly, congratulated the students of the month and definitely envisioned them as our future leaders.

## **XXIV. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Armenta shared the following:

- Welcomed Dr. Philip D'Agostino to the Rosemead Family.
- Congratulated the students of the month and the perfect attendance recipients. Shared that their dedication demonstrates their efforts to be as best as possible.
- Congratulated Veronica Peña and Ronald Esquivel for their reelection and four more years. She is happy that the board is intact.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Welcomed Dr. Philip D'Agostino to our district and shared that he is glad that he accepted the position. He encouraged him to reach out with anything he needed. Mr. Esquivel expressed that Dr. D'Agostino is inheriting a wonderful staff and that sometimes not everyone agrees, but the focus always remains on the children.

- Thanked Dr. Fang for stepping in as Interim Superintendent and shared that she had one more month as Interim. He added that to be in the education field you really have to love it, and it takes people with a good heart to do a good job.
- Congratulated Veronica Peña on her reelection, adding that both of them took down their signs right after the polls closed on election night.
- Congratulated the students of the month and those who were recognized for perfect attendance. Adding that when he attended school he always wanted a perfect attendance award, but that award wasn't presented at that time.
- Wished for everyone to enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday with their families.

Clerk Benitez shared the following:

- Congratulated Dr. D'Agostino and shared that he inherited an amazing school district and team.
- Congratulated all the students of the month for November.
- Shared that she attended the Janson storybook parade and saw all the students in their costumes. She was amazed at how many home-made costumes were worn. It was great to see.
- Congratulated Veronica Peña and Ronald Esquivel on their reelection.
- Lastly, thanked Dr. Fang for stepping in as our Interim Superintendent and shared that it was nice working with her as Interim.

Trustee Peña shared the following:

- Welcomed Dr. Philip D'Agostino and shared that she was excited about working with him.
- Shared that it was really nice to see how all our staff gathered around him during the break to get to know him. She commented on how he was able to connect with a lot of our staff. Expressed that God has a purpose for each of us. She is excited about seeing all the great things in our future.
- Congratulated our students of the month and perfect attendance recipients. She shared that sometimes it is hard to show up when you don't feel good, but it's great to see all the students show up every day.
- Shared that she attended the story book parade at Janson, and it was great to see all the students participate. She thanked the PTA for decorating for the parade.
- Congratulated Ronald Esquivel on his reelection and expressed that it is great knowing that we will continue to work with him. Adding that it is great to see all the work that has been accomplished.
- Thanked Dr. Fang for what she's done and acknowledged how she leads from her heart and for everything she has done for Encinita and the district.
- Wished Happy Birthday to her mother-in-law, who turned 91 years old today.
- Lastly, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy their time off.

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Congratulated Dr. D'Agostino on his appointment and shared that the community was present for his appointment, including our Council members, community, parents, teachers, union, and everybody. Sharing their presence is a true testament of our little but mighty district.

**XXV. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None**

**XXVI. CONSENT AGENDA**

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

- A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified**
- B. CONSENT - Purchase Orders of September, 2024 - October, 2024 (on file), and Warrants for Budgeted Expenditures**
- C. CONSENT - Minutes of the September 19, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- D. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 3, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- E. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 10, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- F. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 17, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- G. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- H. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 22, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- I. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 23, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- J. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 26, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- K. CONSENT - Minutes of the October 28, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- L. CONSENT - Obsolete Technology (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School)**
- M. CONSENT - Obsolete Textbooks (Encinita Elementary School)**
- N. CONSENT - Service/Consultant Proposals/ Bid Awards/ Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report**
  - 1. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Coast 2 Coast Coaching, Inc., DBA Elevo Learning (Districtwide) [NEW]**
  - 2. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - IXL Learning (Muscatel Middle School) [AMENDMENT]**
  - 3. CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (Districtwide) [AMENDMENT]**

**XXVII. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S): None**

**XXVIII. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**A. ACTION - Issuance of the 2024 Notice for the Annual Organizational Meeting Scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024**

That the Issuance of the 2024 Notice for the Annual Organizational Meeting Scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**B. ACTION - At Large Election of 2025 Members for the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (LACCSDO) - County Committee**

That the Board of Trustees Elected John Nunez, Donald LaPlante, and Cherise Moore, as the at Large 2025 Members for the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (LACCSDO) - County Committee, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - No

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - No

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

**C. ACTION - Proposition 28: Arts and Music in School Funding Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

That the Proposition 28: Arts and Music in School Funding Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes



The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**XXIX. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**A. DISCUSSION - Review of Proposed 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule, effective January 2025**

Interim Superintendent Fang presented the proposed 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for Board consideration.

**XXX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Interim Superintendent Fang shared the following updates to the Matrix:

- Shared that, as included in the Board update, the Nutrition and Wellness department has a surplus of revenue. Mr. Rivera has kept us solvent and increased our revenue as a result of increased scratch cooking by reducing the ordering of prepackaged foods. In addition to reduced costs by serving organic beef. She would like to share with the community that our students are eating such high-quality food. She shared that the district needs to have a plan on how the surplus funds are going to be spent. The DLI program expansion at Encinita has added five classes in addition to the Transitional Kindergarten program. Encinita has three kitchen staff members totaling 16.5 hours. Encinita has currently served 7,300 meals to date and Mr. Rivera is working on a plan of the services, the quality of the ingredients, upgrading equipment, while balancing the staff hours and production of scratch cooking. Dr. Fang requested the Board to consider adding one additional cafeteria assistant for 3.5 hours to the Encinita team.
  - It was the Board's consensus to move forward with bringing this item to a future agenda for Board consideration.

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Inquired about the bill that was passed by the Governor "Lunch Junk fees."
  - Assistant Superintendent Rios shared that currently our students are not being charged as the district is on CEP, resulting in free meals for all students.
  - Director Rivera shared that he leads the wellness committee and that the sites work with him on the snacks in order to keep the junk out. Further sharing that it has been recommended to sites to avoid providing food incentives as part of the PBIS program.
- Suggested that staff also evaluate the needs of additional staff at other sites based on their enrollment.

Trustee Peña shared the following:

- Thanked El Monte Union High School District President Ricardo Padilla for inviting trustees to look at the math presentation that Rio Hondo provides for the math program for 6-8th grade students. She added that it was a great experience.

President Quintanilla shared that he also attended the meeting and shared the information from PCC with Dr. Fang.

**XXXI. 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 6:50 p.m. Items XXXI. Public Comments on Closed Session Items through XXXVI. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session were not required.

**XXXII. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_ p.m.**

**XXXIII. CLOSED SESSION**

**XXXIV. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

**XXXV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

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

**XXXVII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

President Quintanilla adjourned the November 7, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting at 9:32 p.m., be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**XXXVIII. NEXT MEETING DATES**



Diane Benitez, President



Nancy Armenta, Clerk

# Student of the Month Awards

November 2024



Encinita  
Elementary School  
*Bob Tang*

Bob Tang is an outstanding student who has demonstrated leadership competencies since entering 6th grade. Bob is a classroom teacher's assistant and makes morning announcements for Encinita. Bob is proactive in class and always ready to learn. This contributes to his academic performance and stellar writing ability. Bob makes sure to help his peers with classwork whenever he is finished early. Bob has a keen interest in science, specifically, how complex things are made. Bob is responsible, respectful, reflective, and a leader in his classroom every day.  
-Mrs. Kong and Dr. Nguyen, 6th gr Teachers



6<sup>th</sup> grade



Mildred B. Janson  
Elementary School  
*Ivy Matsunaga*

We are thrilled to recognize Ivy Matsunaga as our first Student of the Month for the school year! Ivy truly shines in all aspects of school life—academically, socially, and through her positive attitude. She is a wonderful addition to our sixth-grade community and a pleasure to have in the classroom. In every subject, Ivy excels, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic, and a love for learning. She articulates her thoughts clearly, participates actively in class discussions, and is not afraid to advocate for herself when needed. Beyond academics, she is a fantastic team player, always willing to help others and contribute positively to group work. Her politeness and kindness make her a joy to be around, and we are incredibly proud of the example she sets for her peers. The sixth-grade team is honored to have such a dedicated and bright student, and we look forward to seeing her continued growth this year. Congratulations, Ivy!  
-Mr. Aguilar, Ms. Hua, and Mrs. Gonzales, 6th gr Teachers



6<sup>th</sup> grade



Savannah  
Elementary School  
*Suri Tran*

Suri Tran is a motivated student who has worked diligently thus far in the school year. On the beginning of the school year iReady reading diagnostic, Suri scored at an overall 9th grade level. She is a phenomenal writer as she uses her creativity and high level vocabulary to enhance her writing. Overall, Suri is a role model when it comes to academics. She utilizes higher level thinking skills to problem solve, is helpful in the classroom, and is respectful to teachers and peers. It is with great pleasure that Ms. Wong, Ms. Arceola, and Ms. Lam deem Suri Tran Savannah's Student of the Month.  
-Ms. Wong, Ms. Arceola, and Ms. Lam, 6th gr Teachers



6<sup>th</sup> grade



Emma W. Shuey  
Elementary School  
*Hayden Chow*

Hayden Chow is our choice for Shuey's 6th Grade Academic Student of the Month. Hayden actively engages and participates during class. He goes above and beyond on all of his assignments, producing exceptional work. He works hard during and after school on iReady and AR. He is reading at the 9th grade level based on his STAR AR reading assessment. Hayden is very helpful and kind. He is a true joy to have in class and well deserving of Shuey's 6th Grade Academic Student of the Month. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up. We look forward to his future successes.  
-Mrs. Almaraz, Ms. Pettus, and Ms. Shotke, 6th gr Teachers



6<sup>th</sup> grade



Muscatel  
Middle School  
*Katie Wu*

In just a few weeks of school, Katie Wu has stood out at Muscatel. Katie is a role model to other students as she showcases her leadership skills in Muscatel ASB, while excelling in all her academic courses. Katie is a confident seventh grader who is always willing to raise her hand in class and share her thoughts or explain her point of view during classroom discussions. She shows kindness to classmates and incorporates the Leader In Me principles in her daily life. Outside of school, Katie enjoys playing volleyball, growing her photography skills, and shopping with friends. It is clear that Katie's strong character traits such as her determination, compassion, and witty nature will serve her well as she pursues her future goals. For these reasons, I nominate Katie Wu as student of the month.  
-Mrs. Eisen, 7th gr Teacher



7<sup>th</sup> grade



*Muscatel*  
*Middle School*  
*Linus Mak*

Linus Mak is a brilliant, accomplished eighth grade Language Arts Student of the Month. First and foremost, Linus excels academically. He approaches every assignment with curiosity and enthusiasm. Not only is he a quick and careful reader, but his writing is detailed and well-thought out. However, what truly sets Linus apart is presentation skills. When called on in class or presenting, he demonstrates a confidence that is a clear result of practice and self-reflection. Linus is a joyful member of Muscatel's Associated Student Body. In addition, outside of school, he participates in speech and debate. He is already prepared for joining extracurricular in high school, and has an inspiring path forward for possible future colleges and careers. A round of applause for this incredible student!

-Mrs. Young, 8th gr Teacher



8<sup>th</sup> grade