



Regular Meeting
05/04/2023 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)

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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# 854 5291 6009
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Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Trustee
Mr. Ronald Esquivel, President
Mrs. Veronica Pena, Clerk
Mr. John Quintanilla, Trustee
Mrs. Diane Benitez, 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. NOTICES - Public Comments / Speaker's Requests**II. NOTICES****III. Call to Order by _____ at _____ p.m.**

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

IV. Members Present _____ Members Absent _____

President Esquivel 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: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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. 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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Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submissions of public comments. There were no submissions.

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

IX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at _____ p.m.

President Esquivel made the following statement:

"The Board will now recess to closed session for consideration of the items on the closed session agenda.

With respect to Item #2 - 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 relates to claims against the district"

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

X. CLOSED SESSION

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

Participants: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Dr. Maria C. Rios, and Dr. Jennifer Fang

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

Participants: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Dr. Maria C. Rios, Dr. Jennifer Fang, and Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP):

- One (1) Matter

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

- District Negotiators: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba and Dr. Maria C. Rios
- Employee Organization: Rosemead Teachers Association; California School Employees Association and its Rosemead Chapter 9; Management; Confidential; and Unrepresented - Provide direction regarding negotiations

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

Participant: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba:

- Superintendent

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

President Esquivel adjourned closed session at 7:37 p.m.

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

XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at _____ p.m.

President Esquivel reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

XV. MEETING RECORDED

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XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

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

XVII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S)

President Esquivel recognized and congratulated the following groups:

1. Student of the Month, May 2023 - Academic:

- Autumn Yuen, 6th gr. Encinita
- Ryan Nguyen, 6th gr. Janson
- Matthew Flores, 6th gr. Savannah
- Aaron Tran, 6th gr. Shuey
- Alana Rhome, 7th gr. Muscatel
- Krystal Duong, 8th gr. Muscatel

2. Science Olympiad Team - Shuey:

- Linus Mak
- Sergio Jimenez
- Lawrence Lam
- Khai-Tri Doan
- Aaron Tran
- Preet Kaur

- Violet Barquero
- Christine Lee
- Kent Gonzalez
- Ruoyi Zhang
- Ivan Huang
- Adrian Lopez
- Hinson Chiu
- Sean Cao
- Dyllan Tran
- Chris Yu, Advisor

3. Science Olympiad Team - Savannah:

- Ava Dorfman
- Abriella Martinez
- Isaac Rivas
- Emma Thov
- Arthamien Rojas Rivera
- Rumi Ochoa
- Adam Trang
- Anika Matic
- Alana Villa
- Vy Do
- Hanna Hu
- Nolan Luong
- Ethan Vo
- Ryan Wong
- Mason Nguyen
- Justin Lim
- Jennifer Nakata, Advisor

4. 2022-2023 School Site Teacher of the Year (TOY) and Classified Employee of the Year (COY):

- Encinita:
 - Kelly Lee, TOY
 - Bertha Castro, COY
- Janson:
 - Christina Gee, TOY
 - Krystal Ly, COY
- Savannah:
 - Jodie Lee, TOY
 - Nancy Escarcega, COY
- Shuey:
 - Chenly Jennifer Lam, TOY
 - Francisco Sandoval, COY

- Muscatel:
 - Helen Taylor, TOY
 - Chris Herrera, COY

5. 2022-2023 District Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year Recipients

6. 2022-2023 Retirees:

- Barbara "Bobbi" Sloan, Savannah Teacher, 25 Years of Service
- Francisco Sandoval, Shuey Custodian, 24 Years of Service
- Helen Taylor, Muscatel Teacher, 33 Years of Service
- Jan Brydle, Shuey Principal, 11.4 Years of Service
- Sandra Salgado, Encinita Office Manager, 27 Years of Service

President Esquivel recessed the meeting for a brief break at 9:00 p.m.

President Esquivel reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:09 p.m.

President Esquivel announced that Trustee Benitez excused herself from the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

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

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Mrs. Bracamonte checked the board@rosemead.k12.ca.us email account for submissions of public comments. There were twelve (12) as follows:

1. Jocie Wilson
2. Miriam Wazirkajoyan
3. Courtney Glass
4. Sam Joo
5. Cami Case
6. Terri Totten
7. Jan Brydle

8. Graciela Espinoza
9. Christina Price
10. Isael Barrera
11. Michelle Drain
12. Elaine Luong Huynh

President Esquivel recessed the meeting for a brief break at 9:33 p.m.

Trustee Benitez excused herself from the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

President Esquivel reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:38 p.m.

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month
- Congratulated the Savannah and Shuey Science Olympiad teams and gave kudos to the students and coaches.
- Gave kudos to all our retirees and thanked them for their service to our students.
- Expressed that he is looking forward to our open house events.
- Lastly, shared that tomorrow is Lunch Hero Day in celebration of our Nutrition & Wellness staff. He asked that everyone stop by to give them kudos and thank them for their delicious meals for our students.

XX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Esquivel shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the students of the month and shared that the students are very articulate in their speeches and speak amazingly.
- Congratulated the Savannah Science Olympiad team for earning gold medals and Shuey Science Olympiad team for earning silver medals.
- Congratulated all the retirees and shared that it is bitter-sweet. He wished them the best in their retirement.
- Shared that he enjoyed the Muscatel talent show and the show was a great success. It was a great turn out and it was great to see everyone who came out for the show to support our talented students.
- Expressed that the District is always working hard to do what is fair for all our staff and has confidence that the team will be fair.
- Lastly, he shared that he is looking forward to the open houses.

XXI. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Peña shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month.
- Congratulated the Savannah Science Olympiad team for earning gold and Shuey Science Olympiad team for earning silver medals.
- Congratulated the Teachers of the Year, Classified Employees of the Year, and the retirees thanking them for their inspiring and dedication to educating our students. She wished the retirees the best and thanked them for their hard work for our district, students, and staff.

- Thanked all the principals for the invitations to their open house events.
- Lastly, wished everyone a happy Cinco de Mayo.

Trustee Armenta shared the following:

- Congratulated all the Teachers and Classified Employees of the Year.
- Congratulated the District Teacher and Classified Employee of the Year on their selection.
- Congratulated all the retirees who will start enjoying their retirement life.
- Congratulated all the students of the month on their awards.
- Shared that she visited Shuey this week and thanked Principal Brydle for the school tour and the one-on-one opportunity. She also thanked all the Shuey teachers and staff for their hard work.
- Lastly, she shared that the Girls Empowerment Conference will be held this weekend and thanked everyone for their willingness and time invested in preparing for the event. She shared that the event will be impactful for everyone in attendance. She shared that the event is possible thanks to the sponsors and is really excited about the event. Ms. Armenta added that the mothers have been invited to be in attendance during the conference, and it is a really great opportunity for the mothers and daughters to connect. She gave a heartfelt thanks to all the staff who prepared for the event.

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following:

- Shared that all the celebrations during tonight's meeting are truly heart-warming and hear the students of the month speak.
- Expressed that the Boardroom is filled with all our students being recognized.
- Gave kudos to the Savannah and Shuey Science Olympiad teams and congratulated on a great job.
- Shared that he is very impressed with the speeches by the Students of the month.
- Congratulated the school site Teachers and Classified Employees of the Year.
- Congratulated the District Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year on their selection.
- Lastly, congratulated the retirees, sharing that it is bittersweet to see them leave and hopes that they will return in the future to visit.

XXII. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Cash Borrowing Between Funds and from the Los Angeles County Treasury for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

President Esquivel opened the public hearing at 9:48 p.m.

There were no public comments submissions received.

President Esquivel closed the public hearing at 9:48 p.m.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, item A: Classified Personnel Status Report, be Pulled for a separate vote.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

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 - Not Present

That the Consent Agenda, item A: Classified Personnel Status Report, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Abstention

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

That the Consent Agenda, item A: Certificated Personnel Status Report and items B-H, be Approved, as Corrected.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

- A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified**
- B. CONSENT - Minutes of the April 6, 2023, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- C. CONSENT - Purchase Orders of March, 2023 - April, 2023, (on file), and Warrants for Budgeted Expenditures**
- D. CONSENT - Donation Report**
- E. CONSENT - Obsolete Technology - Muscatel Middle School**
- F. CONSENT - Use of Facilities Application: 2023-2024 Educational Foundation for the Rosemead School District (all sites)**

- G. CONSENT - Use of Facilities Application: 2023-2024 Rosemead Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, Parent Teacher Association (PTAs), and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) all sites**
- H. CONSENT - Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report - (Renewals)**
- 1. CONSENT - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Codelicious (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 2. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 3. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - BrainPOP - (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [RENEWAL] (Corrected)**
 - 4. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Epic - (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 5. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Formative - (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 6. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Jupiter Ed, Inc. - (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 7. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - PowerSchool Group, LLC - Enrollment Express (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 8. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - The Music Center (Elementary Schools) [AMENDMENT]**
 - 9. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Turnitin, LLC (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 10. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Vocabulary.com (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**
 - 11. CONSENT - FISCAL SERVICES - Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) - Joint Educational Transit (JET) - (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 12. CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - California Linen Services - (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 13. CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Food Safety Systems - Districtwide [RENEWAL]**
 - 14. CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Alhambra Unified School District for the 2023-2028 West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (WSGV SELPA) Agreement for Operation of the Administrative Unit and Services (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 15. CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Enome, Inc. dba Goalbook Toolkit (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**

**16. CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
- Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) - Positive
Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) (Districtwide)
[RENEWAL]**

XXIV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S):

**A. Presentation of History-Social Science (HSS) Textbook Adoption
Recommendation, by Assistant Superintendent Fang**

Assistant Superintendent Fang presented the History-Social Science (HSS) textbook adoption recommendation. See the presentation attached.

XXV. ACTION ITEM(S)

**A. ACTION - Confirmation of Next Scheduled Study Session Board Meeting for
the Month of June 2023, as June 22, 2023**

That the Board of Trustees Confirm the next Scheduled Board Study Session Meeting on June 22, 2023, on the topic of: Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) draft and the Proposed 2023-2024 District Budget, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

B. ACTION - Appropriation Transfers at Year-End, 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

That the Appropriation Transfers at Year-End, 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, 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 - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

C. ACTION - Resolution No. 22-23/12, Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments and Transfers for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

That Resolution No. 22-23/12, Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

D. ACTION - Resolution No. 22-23/13, Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury, 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

The Resolution No. 22-23/13, Temporary Transfers from the Los Angeles County Treasury, 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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 - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

E. ACTION - Resolution No. 22-23/14, Temporary Cash Borrowing Between Funds, 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

That Resolution No. 22-23/14, Temporary Cash Borrowing Between Funds, 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

F. ACTION - Bid Award - Frozen Food and Refrigerated Food Distribution for The San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group

That Bid Award - Frozen Food and Refrigerated Food Distribution for the San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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 - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

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

That the Service/Consultant Proposals/Bid Awards/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report (New Contracts), be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

1. **ACTION - CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Learning Enrichment & Academic Resources Network (LEARN) - (Summer Academy) [NEW]**
2. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Aquarium of the Pacific (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [NEW]**
3. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. (Savannah Elementary School) [NEW]**
4. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Mobile Zoo of Southern California (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [NEW]**
5. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Mobile Zoo of Southern California (Savannah Elementary School) [NEW]**
6. **ACTION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Quizizz Inc. (Muscatel Middle School) [NEW]**
7. **ACTION - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Lagniappe Wellness Dietetic Internship (Districtwide) [NEW]**

- 8. **ACTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Actum Clinical & Behavioral Services (Districtwide) [NEW]**
- 9. **ACTION - TECHNOLOGY - ClassLink, Inc. - Single Sign-On Service (Districtwide) [NEW]**

H. ACTION - Consideration of Approval of Updated Policies - 2nd Reading (from 4/6/23 Agenda)

That the Updated Policies - 2nd Reading (from 4/6/23 Agenda), be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

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 - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

I. ACTION - California State Preschool Program (CSPP)-Program Self Evaluation (PSE)

That the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) - Program Self Evaluation (PSE), be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

J. ACTION - Resolution No. 22-23/15, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2023-2024 School Year

That Resolution No. 22-23/15, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2023-2024 School Year, be Approved.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Mr. John Quintanilla

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

XXVI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. DISCUSSION - Update of Bond Program

Superintendent Ruvalcaba provided an update on the Bond Program and answered questions.

B. DISCUSSION - Update of E-Rate Year 26 Services

Network Administrator Gaeta provided an update of E-Rate Year 26 services and answered questions.

C. DISCUSSION - 2023-2024 Professional Academic School Calendar, Late-Start Schedule, and Holiday Schedule for Administration and Classified Employees

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the draft 2023-2024 Professional Academic School Calendar, Late-Start Schedule, and Holiday Schedule for Administration and Classified Employees and advised that the calendars will be brought back for official action in June.

D. DISCUSSION - Review of Updated Policies - 1st Reading

Superintendent Ruvalcaba presented the drafted policies for a first reading and shared that they will return to the Board of action at the next meeting.

XXVII. NEW BUSINESS

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

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following updates to the matrix:

- SSDA policy service - shared that the district has reached out several times without a response. We will continue to reach out to them.
- Pole vault systems - shared that the district is working with the vendor to ensure that all parts are back in stock. The district is hoping to have all parts arrive by the end of the year. He shared that there were logistical delays due to some parts being unavailable, specifically parts that are for the stands of the white boards.
- Crossing guard surveys - shared that the City team was out yesterday surveying. He added that the District is waiting for the reports to be provided.
- Marquees - shared that Division of the State Architect (DSA) informed the district that it is now conducting a "limited - over the counter" review of the plans to focus on the structural design of the marquees. Although the marquees themselves do not require DSA review, the structure of the mount and the intended location are for approval. The district is scheduling the engineers.
- Feedback tool - shared a draft of the feedback tool and the Board agreed to move forward with the tool that will be monitored by the Superintendent's office.

President Esquivel shared the following:

- Shared that due to his work schedule he intends to withdraw his name as the Board's LACSTA representative. He asked the Board to reconsider his appointment at the next meeting.
- It was the Board's consensus to move forward with agendizing this action item.

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

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

XXX. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

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

That the Adjournment of the May 4, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting by President Esquivel at 10:43 p.m., be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

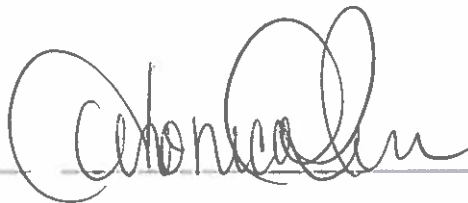
Mrs. Diane Benitez - Not Present

The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

XXXV. NEXT MEETING DATES



Ronald Esquivel, President



Veronica Pena, Clerk



Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

On April 22, 2023, the Shuey Science Olympiad Team led by Coach Yu competed.

Students participated in a wide variety of events including barge building, aerodynamics, save our earth, experimental design, and disease detective.

The Shuey team scored 320 points which earned them a **SILVER** medal.



May 4, 2023

Team Members



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Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

On April 22, 2023, the Savannah Science Olympiad Team led by Coach Nakata competed.

Students participated in a wide variety of events including barge building, aerodynamics, save our earth, experimental design, and disease detective.

The Savannah team scored 360 points which earned them a **GOLD** medal.



May 4, 2023

Team Members



Ava Dortman



Abriella Martinez



Isaac Rivas



Adam Trang



Anika Matic



Alana Villa



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History Social Science (HSS) Textbook Adoption Recommendation

Rosemead School District Board Presentation
May 4, 2023



Purpose of Presentation

Share:

- Textbook Adoption Pilot Process
- Survey Results
- Provide Recommendation



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Review of Process



- I LACOE Training**
2016 History-Social Science Framework & Civic Learning
Supporting Instructional Materials Adoption Toolkit
- 2 Use the Toolkit to review State Approved Programs**
- 3 Select Two Programs to Pilot**
- 4 Pilot Each Program for 8-10 weeks**



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K-8 Programs Reviewed

Thank You to the HSS Team that reviewed the programs to pilot:

Encinita: Kathy Nguyen (6th)

Jansón: Estella Gonzalez (2nd)

Savannah: Grace Rios (2nd)

Shirley: Rachel Son (4th), Kathleen Beltran (5th)

Muscatel Middle School: Traci Elsen (7th), Bernadette (8th) Polich, Michael Doyle (8th)

- I McGraw Hill CA Impact**
- 2 TCI History Alive**
- 3 Pearson/Savvas My World Interactive**



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THANK YOU Pilot Team

Every School and Every Grade Level Represented!

K: Lindy Ngo, Sharon Choi, Jennifer Lam, Jennifer Chang

1: Lisa Elkins, Lorrie Vega

2: Estella Gonzalez, Grace Rios

3: Myra Zuniga, Cami Case

4: Cindy Chien, Rachel Son

5: Kathleen Beltran, Pamela Harris

6: Kim Lam, Kathy Nguyen, Deborah Pettus, Lok Yiu Wong

7: Traci Elsen, Angie Kohn

8: Bernadette Polich, Michael Doyle



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Survey of Content: Teachers

Teachers rated each of these areas:

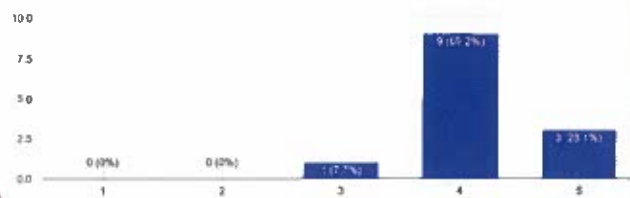
Limited/No Evidence, Adequate Evidence, or Strong Evidence

- Content: Materials encourage students to examine topics and themes from a variety of perspectives
- Content: Materials are engaging and age-appropriate
- Inquiry: Materials guide students to develop questions and plan inquiries
- Literacy: Materials support student development in writing for varied purposes and audiences and are aligned with CA CCSS for ELA/ELD
- Citizenship: Materials guide students to reflect on their responsibility as informed citizens
- Citizenship: Materials guide students to examine the role of government in society
- Chronological and Spatial Thinking: Student interpret timelines and use of maps
- Research, Evidence, and Point of View: Students differentiate between primary and secondary sources
- Historical Interpretation: Students summarize key events of the era and explain historical context
- ELD: Supports are available and embedded for EL Learners
- Differentiation: Options exist for deeper learning and provide tools for access to content
- Ease of Use for Teachers and Ease of Use for Students



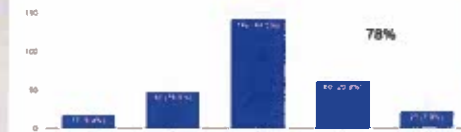
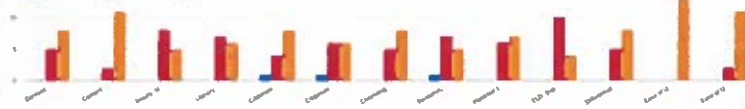
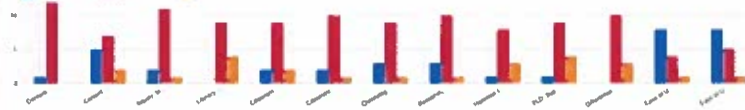
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Teacher Survey Results



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Student Survey Results





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Teacher Evaluation: TCI

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Student Evaluation: TCI

- Many mentioned they loved TCI History Alive
- Engaging content, games, and projects
- Student notebooks helpful
- Good videos, pictures with captions
- Good organization of information
- Able to highlight and annotate text, making studying easier
- Clear text
- Easy to understand new vocabulary
- Helpful graphic organizers
- Easy to navigate online curriculum



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TCI Overview



Each Video Activity introduces a compelling storyline through videos full of rich visuals, primary sources, and timelines. After watching a video, students complete a series of interactions. The interactions involve digging into the lesson's content and responding to questions that challenge students to show what they've learned.

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Public Review



**TCI History Alive! Curriculum
Available for Public Review**

**Location:
Ed Services Conference Room**



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Next Steps

- Board Approval May 18, 2023
- Professional Development on new adoption Fall 2023
- Summer Curriculum Map development committee



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THANK YOU!
Questions/Comments



Student of the Month Awards

May 2023



Encinita Elementary School Autumn Yuen

Autumn Yuen is an intelligent and outstanding student. It's part of her nature to be on top of things and put in extra effort to get things done perfectly. Autumn is very detailed and particular with how she wants her work to turn out, a perfectionist I should say. She's a born leader and truly knows how to manage herself and take charge when she's in any group. Autumn is hardworking and resourceful, which is the reason why she performs well academically. She always finds a way to succeed, no matter what circumstances she's faced with. It's without a doubt that Autumn will be extremely successful in anything she does.

~Mrs. Lam, Teacher



6th grade



Mildred B. Janson Elementary School Ryan Nguyen

The 6th grade teachers of Mildred B. Janson Elementary School are proud to recognize Ryan Nguyen as Student of the Month for the month of May. Ryan is an excellent student who continually shows his use of the 7 Habits through his consistent effort in doing his work and looking for new challenges throughout the school day. He works well beyond his grade level and ensures that he turns in quality work. Ryan is a respectful and considerate person who is always willing to help. Mildred B. Janson Elementary School and the 6th grade teachers are proud to select Ryan Nguyen as Student of the Month for May and congratulate Ryan on his accomplishments this year.

~Ms. Hua, Mr. Aguilar, and Mrs. Gonzales, Teachers



6th grade



Savannah Elementary School Matthew Flores

Matthew Flores is a bright and capable student. Matthew demonstrates strong academic skills such as completing his homework and classwork and asking questions for clarification. He also actively participates in class and is engaged during discussions. He demonstrates good citizenship and uses time wisely in class. Matthew has made steady progress on iReady math and reading. Matthew shows interest in P.E. and sports and is a good role model both inside and outside of the classroom. It is with great pleasure that Ms. Wong and Ms. Arreola deem Matthew Flores Savannah's Student of the Month.

~Ms. Wong and Ms. Arreola, Teachers



6th grade



Emma W. Shuey Elementary School Aaron Tran

Aaron Tran is very inquisitive and loves to learn about many different subjects. He has been an active member of the Student Lighthouse Team since 4th grade. His leadership roles include being a speaker for Honors assemblies, Leadership Day and Spring Festival. He has also been a school tour guide giving tours to guests from different schools and districts. In iReady reading, Aaron scored at the 8th grade level making 850% progress toward typical growth and 173% progress toward his stretch growth. In iReady math, Aaron scored at the 7th grade level. His AR grade equivalent is 7.8. His 6th grade teachers, Ms. Shotke, Mrs. Almaraz and Miss Pettus are proud to recognize Aaron Tran as Shuey's 6th grade Student of the Month!

~Miss Pettus, Ms. Shotke, and Mrs. Almaraz, Teachers



6th grade



Muscatel Middle School Alana Rhome

I nominated Alana Rhome for the 7th-grade student of the month for a few reasons. I have observed her for much of the school year and I am very pleased with what she has demonstrated academically. She has shown huge improvement going from a B- in semester 1 to a B+ in quarter 3. What I truly admire her for is her willingness to listen to advice I've given her in class regarding turning in assignments. In the beginning she ran into some difficulties in turning her assignments in on a consistent basis. However, as time progressed she reminded me a few times that she had begun to submit assignments early. She is very kind and polite and carries a great attitude in school. There is no doubt that she has a huge potential and has demonstrated that. Hence, she has deserved to become a student of the month.

~Mr. Vo, 7th gr Math Teacher



7th grade



Muscatel Middle School Krystal Duong

I nominated Krystal Duong for 8th-grade student of the month for a few reasons. I have observed her progress for a while now and I am quite pleased with what she has demonstrated academically. She has shown great resilience and fortitude throughout the school years. Originally she had a C- in semester 1. When quarter 3 began she remarkably turned things around 180 degrees. She ended up with an "A" and has not looked back since. I really admire her strong desire and determination in maintaining her outstanding grade. I hope that this very positive trend will continue throughout her academic career in high school and beyond.

-Mr. Vo, 8th gr Math Teacher



8th grade

2022-2023 Retirees



Barbara "Bobbi" Sloan



Savannah Teacher 25 Years of Service

Mrs. Barbara "Bobbi" Sloan started her teaching career as a substitute in Rosemead for two years before pursuing a career in teaching. Before that, she worked in the California Restaurant Association for 5 years and taught ESL to adults. Her love for teaching prompted her to go back to school and get a master's degree in human development, with a thesis on storytelling. That was 25 years ago! She taught 3rd grade her first year of teaching and for the next 24 years has taught 2nd grade at Savannah. She has incorporated her love for storytelling, dancing, and acting into her teaching to give her students an engaging way to learn. Once a Savannah Dolphin, always a Savannah Dolphin. Bobbi, you will be sorely missed by all the Savannah staff and community. Happy retirement!



Francisco Sandoval

Shuey Custodian 24 Years of Service

It takes so many people to have a successful, safe, and joyful school. Many of these people work tirelessly behind the scenes without recognition. For the past 23 years, Mr. Frank Sandoval has been one of these very special people. While it may seem like a trivial thing, opening your classroom door every morning to a clean room starts the school day on a positive note that is invaluable. Everyone can feel the care that Mr. Sandoval takes to make sure that our school is ready for learning. Whenever he is asked for assistance, his response is always "No problem!" accompanied by his ever-present smile and prompt action. We are truly grateful for the years of dedication and care that Mr. Sandoval has given to Shuey School, and it is with utmost love and respect that we wish him the best in retirement. Thank you Frank!



Helen Taylor

Muscatel Teacher 33 Years of Service

Helen has served the Rosemead School District for 33 years. She has grown the music program, not only at Muscatel, but for our entire Rosemead School District, as Ms. Taylor has provided after-school music instruction for our elementary school students as well. Ms. Taylor serves as a trusted adult for numerous students, and the connections that Ms. Taylor makes with students are to be commended. It is not unusual to see Ms. Taylor at students' extracurricular activities, outside of the school day, lending her support to her kids. In addition to her celebrated teaching career, Helen is an accomplished musician. She is a cellist who has delighted many an audience. A testament to how much her students love her, Helen has been known to be the featured musician at a former Muscatel Mustang wedding or birthday event known amongst her colleagues for her positive can-do attitude, a true attribute to Mustang culture, and her witty sense of humor. A true Mustang. Helen is not only a treasured colleague, but a dear friend to many Mustang staff members. Helen's presence on the Muscatel campus will be sorely missed, but we will celebrate her in her well-deserved retirement, knowing she's spending time with her mother and sister in Southern California, as well as an occasional jaunt to Monterey. And of course, we will look forward to future cello performances and stories about that new dog that Helen has vowed to adopt! Happy retirement, Helen! We wish you all the happiness in the world!



Jan Brydte

Shuey Principal 11.4 Years of Service

Mrs. Jan Brydte is an extraordinary principal and leader. There is nothing Principal Brydte will not do for her students, teachers, staff, and parents. She always took time to listen and understand, then go above and beyond to give care of any need. Our Shuey Sharks now have a new Principal Brydte loves them and everything about her school. For example, everyone knows she lives at Shuey. She makes sure every detail of every event is well planned out so her teachers don't have to stress. Principal Brydte is also an inspirational leader. She brings real ideas to her team and gets them motivated and excited to try new strategies, new technology, and new programs. The Shuey team embraces real ideas because she empowers them to take ownership. Many of her team have gone on to become experts in technology, STEAM, literacy, and have presented at national conferences. She believes in her team and believes in the best in people. Principal Brydte has also been an integral part of the district leadership team. When state testing moved from the CST to SBAC and after the CFLT changed to the EL PAC, she signed up to be a trainer and provided other principal support and led the assessment tools development for the entire district. Principal Brydte continues to be a role model for other principals, especially our new team members. She will be missed tremendously. Congratulations to Principal Brydte on her retirement!



Sandra Salgado

Encinita Office Manager 27 Years of Service

Mrs. Sandra Salgado did an outstanding job as the office manager at Encinita Elementary School. She knew every student and every family, and they loved her because they knew how much she cared about them. As a former community liaison at Shuey, she had a heart for the families so it was very natural for her to be the go-to person at Encinita. Everyone came to Sandra for help and support, and for a listening ear. She was compassionate and took care of everyone's needs. The Encinita office was always a happy place to be. The students knew if they were hurt or needed something, she would gladly help. She was always smiling and eager to say, "How can I help you?" Her teachers and staff loved her and her principals could not do the work without her amazing organization and office skills. Sandra also volunteered to help in all school events including supporting the PTA. A special gift Sandra was that she knew American Sign Language and was able to help translate for our deaf and hard of hearing parents. Sandra also always went out of her way to support the special education students, teachers, staff and families. Sandra has been dearly missed but we congratulate her on her retirement! It is well deserved!






2022-2023 Retirees

**The Board of Trustees,
Administration, Staff, and
Students thank you for your
endless dedication to our
families and students.**


Thank you.



2022-2023


Teacher & Classified Employees of the Year

Board of Trustees Meeting: May 4, 2023



ENCINITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teacher of the Year



Kelly Lee

Amongst all the incredibly talented educators at Encinita, Mrs. Kelly Lee truly stands out as a shining star. This is what some of her colleagues shared about Mrs. Lee: "Kelly has gone above and beyond to assist in our DLI program when it was needed. She took time away from her class to help the 2nd grade DLI team." "The way she is always there for her students and makes sure they're getting the education they deserve." "Special shout out to Kelly for stepping up to help the DLI program survive and thrive!" Mrs. Lee consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that each and every student is receiving a high-quality education. Often working just school hours planning & preparing for the next lesson. She creates engaging lessons that cater to a diverse range of learning styles and highlights her contagious subject matter enthusiasm. Mrs. Lee routinely connects with students on a personal level, and regularly goes out of her way to offer extra support for her struggling students through after school tutoring or working with parents on how to support their child with homework. Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Lee is an exemplary member of our school community. Kelly serves actively on the PTA board, fundraises for events and fun activities. Kelly truly loves and cares for her colleagues and is always willing to lend a helping hand no matter how small or big the need. Mrs. Lee is giving dedication and endless commitment to the success of her students. Congratulations Kelly Lee on being this year's Teacher of the Year!



ENCINITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classified Employee of the Year



Bertha Castro

Encinita's Classified of the Year goes to Mrs. Bertha Castro. As the new office manager in a new industry (coming from medical), Bertha has made a tremendous and positive impact on our school community. Her dedication, work ethic, and commitment to our school community is commendable. This is what some of her colleagues shared: "Even though she has no background working in schools, she is keeping up with all the hard work, training, job site, commutes, meal while making in our office-run efficiently." "Bertha has done amazing adjusting to school life, is very helpful, going to help, and always willing to help." "She has done an outstanding job learning her new position and always professional & helpful to support teachers and families." "Mrs. Castro is an integral part of our school's success and is a true team worker who is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure our school runs smoothly." "Whether it is organizing school events, assisting teachers, or supporting students, Bertha is always there to lend a helping hand." What truly sets Mrs. Castro apart is her ability to connect with our students. She has a special talent for working with children and develops strong relationships with our students. Bertha's kindness, compassion, and patience make her a valued member of our school community. She has made a positive impact on the lives of our students. Her excellent work ethic and relationship building skills make her a model employee in terms of professionalism and reliability. Bertha is a great team player and is always willing to collaborate with others to ensure that our school is a success. Congratulations, Bertha!



MILDRED B. JANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teacher of the Year



Christina Gee

Christina Gee is a true blessing at Janson. In her classroom, she has created a place where students can thrive. Her students come in with many different gifts & abilities and she creates a place for each one to learn and progress. Mrs. Gee has led the Student Lighthouse team this year and supported the implementation of the ELIACis and ELIACis through the campus. Mrs. Gee has also been a member of the site MTSS team and the lead of the PAIS team. She is helping all teachers and staff with the MTSS protocols and PAIS procedures for all students. Here are some of the things that her colleagues have said about her: "Christina demonstrates love and support for her students and their overall growth." "Mrs. Gee is an outstanding teacher that is committed to work hard, FIVE DAY and her dedication to all our JANSO students, staff, and Hasimpead community is seen by all at this school. She is so organized, a top-notch teacher who always brings to her B.S. STORM, she brings into all leadership projects that asks at the entire Janson staff." "Mrs. Gee is a dedicated teacher that truly cares for all her kids at Janson. She not only brings amazing care for her own students, she also serves on the Site Leader in the Student Lighthouse team. School Site Council, meeting among a decade showcase Janson, presenting for Janson at the Leader in the Symposium, and more! Christina Gee is definitely the teacher of the year!"



MILDRED B. JANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classified Employee of the Year



Krystal Ly

Mrs. Krystal Ly has been a blessing for our Jaguars this year. Every day, she spends her time in Room 3 as the Instruction Aide for our kindergarten Jaguars. "You can see her smiling in small groups working with individual students and making sure that all our little Jaguars are learning." When she is not helping Mrs. Chung in room 3, she can be found busy in the cafeteria making sure the tables and seating students in many different activities. This year she has gone above and beyond to support the 6th grade station on committee fundraising and making sure that none of our 6th grade students will have to pay for anything during the school year. Here are some of the things that her colleagues have said about her: "Mrs. Krystal is always willing to help not only us teachers but the entire JANSO school in all leadership roles. I am soooooo PROUD to have seen her blossom into an amazing role model and leader this year here at JANSO for a year!" "Mrs. Ly goes above and beyond in all that she does. While she is the kindergarten aide in room 3, she makes sure to take care of all the little kids at drop off, recess, lunch, dismissal, etc. She also helps take on multiple roles administering the ELIAC, volunteering for PTA, and even presenting at the Leader in the Symposium. Krystal Ly has more than demonstrated that she is Janson's Classified Employee of the Year!"



SAVANNAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teacher of the Year



Jodie Lee

Mrs. Jodie Lee has been at Savannah Elementary for approximately 26 years. She is truly an integral member of the Savannah community. Mrs. Lee wears many hats as our 1st grade teacher, PTA Treasurer, the PTA representative to Janso, our PB S Dolphin Store and the PTA's Star Reader program. This is what some of her colleagues say about Mrs. Lee: "She is our PB S rep plans with PTA and has wonderful teaching strategies. When you walk in her classroom it is truly evident students are receiving rich rigorous work." "Not only is she an educator who gives her best in teaching her students, she's been our PB S rep for several years, involved with PTA, and has been in charge of the Dolphin Store. Her creative ways to make the Dolphin Store happen during the pandemic is greatly appreciated." As an example of the PB S support, she provides our teachers and students each month she sources and restocks the PB S Dolphin Student Store, writes bulletin boards, creates a beautiful bulletin board to excite our students about the program each month. Mrs. Lee also runs our PTA's Star Reader program to provide reading for our partner students. And that's not all she's done. Mrs. Lee has also volunteered to organize our evening reading books, definitely a big task as we have hundreds of books to help all teachers have easy access to help with targeted small reading groups.



SAVANNAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Classified Employee of the Year

Nancy Escarcega



Mrs. Escarcega goes above and beyond her responsibilities. In addition to helping our SpEd students by supporting them in the classroom, she also helps with Leader in Me, Science Olympiad, and PAIS. She has volunteered in the past to serve on the School Site Council. This is what some of her colleagues said about her: "Nancy is always there to help anyone who needs a hand. She is great with the students." Mrs. Escarcega is kind to all students and treats them fairly on the playground. She is loved by all staff and Dolphins! The 1998 teacher shared the following: "Twenty-two years ago, I was desperately searching for an instructional assistant who could support the needs of my SDC students. I was fortunate enough to find Nancy Escarcega. Nancy is kind, patient, and passionate about meeting the needs of our students. We have selected Nancy Escarcega for the following reasons: Nancy has been an integral part of every school and classroom that she has been assigned to. Supporting students in the playground to make sure everything runs smoothly. Nancy is the backbone of our school. She is the center force at every assembly and school event proactively ensuring things smoothly. As we returned to in-person learning, Nancy was the student force making sure students were tested, assemblies went smoothly, and teachers were supported. She handled countless emergencies on top of her regular duties in the classroom. Students enjoy that she is their go-to person because of the love she carries. We are so grateful for all that she does!"

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EMMA W. SHUEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Teacher of the Year

Chenly Jennifer Lam



Mrs. Chenly Jennifer Lam is a patient and conscientious transitional kindergarten (TK) teacher. Over the past five years, she has bounced between teaching kindergarten and TK with grace and flexibility. When you enter her classroom, you can see the hard work and creativity she puts in every lesson. Her classroom environment is beautiful, colorful, and diverse, reflecting her students. She regularly adapts instructional materials to meet the diverse needs of her students, often hand-making the materials herself. Mrs. Lam is a team player. She readily helps out other staff members, even making T-shirts for our Science Olympiad team. Mrs. Lam is always positive and does not give up even with the most challenging students. Mrs. Lam's colleagues write: "Mrs. Lam has worked in racism with her class at the same time as a classroom teacher. Mrs. Lam is a diligent teacher. She puts her time effort and heart into teaching the challenging class. She is so friendly and ready to lend a helping hand to any of the staff. Mrs. Lam always goes the extra mile for her students. She is dedicated and so hard working. When you have a class full of TK students that are well-behaved and constantly learning, the students have a good teacher and that is success." Mrs. Lam's commitment to her students and her instructional and unstructured activities have been positively received by her students' responses to her reinforcement. It is a tremendous growth in the social-emotional maturity of her students."

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EMMA W. SHUEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Classified Employee of the Year

Francisco Sandoval



When I informed the staff that Mr. Frank Sandoval was retiring, there was a loud gasp across the room. Everyone experienced mixed emotions: happy for Frank and very sad for us. For the last 23 years, Mr. Sandoval has given dedicated hard work to the students, teachers, and staff at Shuey School. When new staff come to Shuey School, they always point out how positive and helpful Mr. Sandoval is. During the pandemic, he coordinated us, learned all the new cleaning protocols and diligently implemented them. Whenever he is called for a cleanup or emergency, he always responds promptly with a smile. Mr. Sandoval is one of the unfatigued and reliable superstars that make Shuey School such a special place. Mr. Sandoval's colleagues wrote: "Mr. Sandoval is an amazing, dedicated person. He doesn't talk much, but he always has a smile on his face and is happy to help when needed. He is high, driven, and full of wisdom. Mr. Sandoval is always taking care of his students and working with the staff. Mr. Sandoval is a real life of a saint. He always has a smile and he has the students' interests at heart and always says to them no matter how busy he is. Mr. Sandoval is so hard and even though I want to tell you Frank for all the hard work he has been putting in for the last couple of years, it definitely hasn't been easy. Mr. Sandoval is a pillar of this school. He makes our school special."

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MUSCATEL MIDDLE SCHOOL Teacher of the Year

Helen Taylor



Muscatel's Teacher of the Year is Helen Taylor. Her colleagues shared the following: "Helen always makes our time fun and her presence is positive & helpful. Helen Taylor is an amazing teacher! They are the mold. When it comes to her, I've been inspired to teach with her for 28 years. Her humor and great wit with students and teachers will be missed. I will never forget our parade days together with our team and band, laughing with the kids on the bus, making the best of our Saturdays. Thank you, Helen, for your professionalism and love! You'll be missed. Helen has been an inspirational teacher for several decades. Her influence has produced a lifetime of music lovers with many of her students going on to become musicians and music teachers alike." She has been an instrumental staff member and friend to everyone. As this will be her final year of teaching, I can't think of any better way to thank her for her dedication.

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MUSCATEL MIDDLE SCHOOL Classified Employee of the Year

Chris Herrera



Muscatel's Classified Employee of the Year nominee is Chris Herrera. Chris always has a hard and keeps his plate together. Chris Herrera holds Muscatel together. You would think there are 20 Chris' running around every day. He is everywhere! Always making our school better, more beautiful and functioning. He is truly amazing. He is the HARDEST worker I have ever seen. Chris goes out of his way to ensure at Muscatel Middle School, everything goes good and is a safe learning environment. Chris always hard and always around with a smile on his face.

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Teacher of the Year

Kelly Lee



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Krystal Ly



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Thank you for your hardwork and dedication to our students.

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