



**Regular Meeting
08/10/2023 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# 834 1800 7098

Passcode: 625102

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 received for closed session topics.

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

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

President Esquivel recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:32 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

- Middle School Principal

B. 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

C. 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, and Dr. Jennifer Fang:

- One (1) Matter

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Participants: Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba and Dr. Jennifer Fang:

- Approval/ratification of the June 28, 2023 Settlement Agreement and Release for Student v. Rosemead School District, OAH Case No. 2023030291

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

President Esquivel adjourned closed session at 7:42 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 7:52 p.m.

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

President Esquivel announced that the Board of Trustees took the following actions in closed session:

1. To Approve/Ratify the Final Settlement Agreement and General Release dated June 28, 2023, between Parents and District for Student v. Rosemead School District, OAH Case No. 2023030291, pursuant to which the District has agreed to fund and provide educational services to the student, and the student's Parents have released claims against the District, in exchange for educational services as specified in the Agreement.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

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.

2. Appointment of Dr. Jose Hugo Moreno as Muscatel Middle School Principal, effective date and official start date to be determined with the following Board vote:

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 - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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XVI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: _____

President Esquivel requested for Cami Case to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

XVII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S): None

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 two (2) submissions as follows:

1. Cami Case
2. Debbi Lawrence

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- Gave kudos to the teams that have been working tremendously hard throughout the summer.
- Thanked the Maintenance & Operations team. He shared that the District has had several projects going on at all sites and that the team has worked above and beyond to ensure the work is done. He especially thanked Tony Flores and Octavio Serrato for their leadership.
- He thanked the administrator site leadership team for working through the summer.
- Shared that teachers have been eager to get back into their classrooms and thanked them for their patience because of construction projects still wrapping up on campuses.
- Thanked the Human Resources team Denise Fuentes and Maria Garza for all the hiring.
- Gave kudos to the Fiscal Services and payroll team for their hard work closing the books.
- Gave kudos to the Educational Services team who have worked hard to ensure that students have their books.
- Gave kudos to Dr. Rios for her hard work on the facilities projects throughout the entire summer.
- Lastly, wished everyone a great start for the school year.

XX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Esquivel shared the following comments:

- Welcomed everyone back from summer break.
- Expressed that the playground installations have truly transformed the campuses and look very nice. He added that several neighbors have complimented the projects.
- Lastly, he shared that he was just informed of a new "Dr" in the house, Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba. He congratulated him on furthering his education on behalf of the Board.

XXI. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Pena shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Dr. Ruvalcaba on the completion of his Ph.D.
- Congratulated Dr. Hugo Moreno on his appointment as the Muscatel Principal and for joining the district. She looks forward to working with him.
- Complimented the summer program and shared that she works in that field. She shared that when she did a program visit, she saw that every child was happy to be there. She added that the staff were so welcoming and inviting. Mrs. Pena thanked Mr. Brian Lopez acting principal and Ms. Rosann Magdaleno and Mr. Hector Soto for a great job. During her visit she saw the great experience for students and the level of commitment of staff.
- Lastly, she shared that the new playgrounds look great and are very well positioned. She thanked all the staff for their hard work. Mrs. Pena thanked the team for their hard work and is looking forward to the new school year.

Trustee Armenta shared the following comments:

- Gave a big heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Ruvalcaba for his completion of his Ph.D. She shared that his completion speaks to his commitment to personal growth, and she's not sure where he found the time to do everything he does.
- Congratulated Dr. Moreno on his appointment as Muscatel's Principal.

- Shared that she attended the new teacher luncheon and thanked Cami Case for the invitation and opening the windows for collaboration.
- Shared that she saw the new Maintenance and Operations truck that was delivered earlier in the day. She thanked Dr. Ruvalcaba and Dr. Rios for acquiring the much-needed new trucks for the crew.
- Thanked Mrs. Debbi Lawrence for her hard work for the summer camp and shared how great it is to see the commitment to students. She shared that their education speaks to the commitment of the wonderful teachers. She gave kudos to the team for hosting the summer camp.
- Lastly, she wished everyone a fruitful and wonderful new academic year and thanked staff for their constant ideas to do best for our students.

Trustee Benitez shared the following comments:

- Welcomed back staff from the summer break and hopes everyone had a wonderful summer.
- Congratulated Dr. Ruvalcaba on the completion of his Ph.D.
- Welcomed Dr. Moreno to the District.
- Lastly, shared that she also attended the new teacher luncheon and was happy to welcome the new teachers.

Trustee Quintanilla shared the following comments:

- Congratulated Dr. Ruvalcaba and Dr. Moreno.
- Gave kudos to all the staff that worked the summer.
- Thanked Mrs. Lawrence and the team for the great summer program.
- Shared that he is looking forward to the new school year.
- Lastly, expressed that it is very heartwarming to be a part of the school district and for everyone to have a fabulous school year.

XXII. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved, with the following corrected items: F2-24th Street Theatre Company and F3-Andrew Joerg Grueschow; item A: Amended Personnel Status Report - Certificated; and with item A: Amended Personnel Status Report - Classified pulled.

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 - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

That item A: Personnel Status Report - Classified, be Approved as Amended.

Motion made by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Abstain

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

- A. CONSENT - Personnel Status Report - Certificated and Classified (Amended)**
- B. CONSENT - Minutes of the July 27, 2023, Board of Trustees' Meeting**
- C. CONSENT - Purchase Orders as of June - July, 2023, (on file), and Warrants to Budgeted Expenditures**
- D. CONSENT - Donation Report**
- E. CONSENT - Use of Facilities Application - Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk - March & November 2024 Elections (Encinita, Janson, and Shuey)**
- F. CONSENT - Service/Consultant Proposals/Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report**
 - 1. CONSENT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Educational Institution Service [RENEWAL]**
 - 2. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - 24th Street Theatre Company (Elementary Schools) [RENEWAL]**
 - 3. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Andrew Joerg Grueschow (Elementary Schools) [NEW]**
 - 4. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - C & C Language Service Company (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
 - 5. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Canva US, Inc. (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [NEW]**
 - 6. CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Elevated Achievement Group (Muscatel Middle School) [RENEWAL]**

7. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Elevo (Sports for Learning) (Elementary Schools) [RENEWAL]**
8. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Erik Negroe (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
9. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - ExploreLearning, LLC (Muscatel) [RENEWAL]**
10. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - ExploreLearning, LLC (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
11. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Hanna Interpreting Services, LLC (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
12. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Imagine Learning (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
13. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Khan Academy (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [NEW]**
14. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Learning A-Z (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
15. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Pictures with Class by Barksdale (Muscatel Middle School) [NEW]**
16. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Prodigy (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [NEW]**
17. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Red Apple Reading, Inc. (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [NEW]**
18. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Renaissance Learning (Districtwide) [AMENDMENT]**
19. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Studio 1 (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [NEW]**
20. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Teacher Innovations, Inc. (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
21. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Vantage Learning (Emma W. Shuey Elementary School) [RENEWAL]**
22. **CONSENT - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Zoom Video Communications, Inc. dba Zoom (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
23. **CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - ChildCare Careers, LLC dba The Education Team (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**
24. **CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Swing Education (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**

- 25. **CONSENT - NUTRITION & WELLNESS - Priority Nutrition Care LLC (Districtwide) [NEW]**
- 26. **CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Beach Cities Learning Center, LLC (Districtwide) [AMENDMENT]**
- 27. **CONSENT - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - Children's Hospital Los Angeles Medical Group (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]**

XXIV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S): None

XXV. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. ACTION - Confirmation of the Next Scheduled Study Session for the Month of September 2023, as September 21, 2023

That the September 21, 2023 Study Session for the Month of September 2023, 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.

B. ACTION - Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services as the Primary Representative and Mrs. Maria Garza, Coordinator, Human Resources, as the Alternate Representative to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) known as the MERGE Risk Management Joint Powers Authority, Effective August 11, 2023

That the Designation of Dr. Maria Rios, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, as the Primary Representative and Mrs. Maria Garza, Coordinator, Human Resources, as the Alternate Representative to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) known as the MERGE Risk Management Joint Powers Authority, effective August 11, 2023, 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 Benítez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**C. ACTION - Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)
Membership Renewal and Designation of their LACSTA Board Representative
for the 2023-2024 School Year**

The item died due to lack of a motion.

XXVI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): None

XXVII. NEW BUSINESS

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

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following Matrix updates:

- Encinita portables - shared that during construction there were other needs discovered regarding the electrical wiring not being up to code. The Board approved change order no. 1 on July 27, 2023, and staff will bring a second change order as a result of the electrical wiring issue. He shared that the issue was discovered when the inspectors came out and discovered the significant need to upgrade the two portables.
 - Dr. Rios shared that the electrical upgrade is estimated to cost between \$40,000-\$50,000 and is necessary for the portables to be utilized for the start of school. She shared that the contractor has agreed to work Saturday and Sunday to complete the urgent work. She further explained that the team is ready with a Plan B in case the work is not complete, or another urgent issue is discovered.
 - Dr. Ruvalcaba added that after the contractor has completed the work both M&O and tech teams will need to come out to prepare the room for use as a classroom.
 - Trustee Pena thanked staff for having a Plan B for students.

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 August 10, 2023, Board of Trustees meetings by President Esquivel at 8:29 p.m., be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

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.

XXXV. NEXT MEETING DATES



Ronald Esquivel, President



Veronica Pena, Clerk