



## EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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The following summary identifies the information presented and/or the actions taken at the **February 4, 2014** meeting of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education.

- **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- The Board of Education approved an amendment of the calendar of regular meetings for 2014 to be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Closed Session and 6:30 p.m. Open Session.

January 21, 2014

July 1, 2014

February 4, 2014

August 5, 2014

February 18, 2014

September 2, 2014

~~March 18, 2014~~ March 11, 2014

September 16, 2014

April 1, 2014

October 7, 2014

May 6, 2014

October 21, 2014

May 20, 2014

November 18, 2014

June 17, 2014

December 16, 2014

- The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 23-2013/2014 in support of Engineers Week which will be observed during the week of February 9-15, 2014. Engineers Week is a week long program of nationwide events with the aim of celebrating the world of engineering. The week aims to create a positive awareness and spark enthusiasm about the engineering profession to people of all ages, especially students and their teachers and parents as well as showcasing engineering as an exciting and diverse career option.
- The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 24-2013/2014 in support of School Counseling Week which will be observed during the week of February 3-7, 2014. The El Rancho Unified School District recognizes the many contributions of school counselors to quality education. School counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development.
- The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 25-2013/2014 in recognition of February as Career and Technical Education Month. Career and technical education provides students with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well educated workforce which fosters productivity in business and industry. The El Rancho Unified School District offers rigor, relevance, and relationships that engage students in career path preparation and options for higher education.

- **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- The Board of Education approved participation for eight (8) El Rancho High School wrestling team students to participate in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Regional Wrestling Tournament at Santa Maria High School in Santa Maria, CA February 20-22, 2014. Participation in the CIF tournament is an honor for only the best wrestlers in Southern California. Students train year-round to earn such distinction.

- **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES** (continued)

- The Board of Education approved a consultant agreement with Elena Karina Byrne to implement a poetry unit with El Rancho High School students, effective February 26, 2014 through June 2, 2014. Poetry workshops have been a part of the El Rancho High curriculum for the past three years. The impact on students has been positive and transformative. The students will read a collection of poetry, study various aspects (including form, rhythm, image, tone, voice) of poetry and develop their craft of writing. The workshops will culminate with a spoken word performance, which will be held at the Shannon Center on the Whittier College campus. Total expenditure of \$2,000.00 has been funded by the Flourish Foundation.
- The Board of Education approved a consultant agreement with Dr. Sholeh Wolpe, Whittier College professor, to implement a poetry unit with El Rancho High School students, effective February 26, 2014 through June 2, 2014. Last year Dr. Wolpe co-taught the poetry workshops. Dr. Wolpe is uniquely qualified to enrich the curriculum. She has lived and taught all over the world and is a published poet who has the ability to bring the world to our students through poetry and performance and to “open the geography of literary imagination.” Total expenditure of \$2,000.00 has been funded by the Flourish Foundation.
- The Board of Education approved a donation agreement with Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation for musical instruments valued at \$27,012.00 to North Park Middle School. This donation is made in support of music education.

- **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- The Board of Education approved a contract agreement with Phantom Fireworks Company for services rendered to El Rancho High School as related to the “Fireworks Sale” from June 28 (set-up) to July 5, 2014 (take down) at no cost to the District. Funds received shall be deposited into the Associated Student Body (ASB) Account to benefit El Rancho Athletic and Extra Curricular Programs.
- The Board of Education accepted a donation of one SMART Board Interactive Display from SimplexGrinnell for use at El Rancho High School. The donation is valued at \$23,325.00.

- **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- The Board of Education approved/ratified authorization for one (1) certificated employee authorizing them to teach in a class outside their credential per California Education Code 44258.2. California Education Code 44258.2 allows the holder of a Single Subject Teaching Credential to be assigned to teach classes in grades 5 through 8 in a middle school. The teacher must have a minimum of twelve semester units or six upper division or graduate semester units of course work in the subject to be taught from an accredited institution. Action of the Governing Board and teacher consent is required.
- The Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 26-2013/2014 regarding the restoration of three furlough days for unrepresented employees for the 2013/2014 school year.
- The Board of Education adopted revised Board Policy 4040, Employee Use of Technology.