



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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The following summary identifies the information presented and/or the actions taken at the **September 2, 2014** meeting of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education.

ASB President from El Rancho High School, Mia Castillo and ASB Spokesperson from Salazar High School, Jacqueline Reyes presented information to the Board of Education about the latest events at both schools. We welcome them as our student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2014-15 school year.

A Resolution was adopted in support of the "I'm In" School Attendance campaign and participation in Student Recovery Day event on September 5, 2014. Daily attendance monitoring is critical to the academic success of our students and ensures the fiscal stability of our District. Each time a student is absent - excused or unexcused - means a loss of approximately \$51.00 daily.

Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent Business Services and Laura Castillo, Director of Fiscal Services made a presentation on the El Rancho Unified School District's 2013/2014 Unaudited Actuals. The unaudited actuals report is the final report of the revenues and expenditures of the District for the 2013-14 school year. Mr. Frutos showed that we will have a positive certification, but he and his team will carefully review restricted expenditures during this school year.

A Resolution was adopted supporting educators and students against the Special Interest Lawsuit, Vergara vs. State of California. The El Rancho Unified School District supports, respects, and has a collaborative relationship with its teachers, knowing they are a key component, not an obstacle, to student achievement. Eliminating the professional rights of educators will make it harder to attract and retain highly-qualified teachers into our classrooms.

Approved a contract for Clinical and Instrumental Programs between Loma Linda University and the El Rancho Unified School District which authorizes the District to employ Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant Interns from Loma Linda University. The contract is at no cost to the District.

Approved a Letter of Agreement with Arts for All initiative, a systematic approach to developing district policy and a strategic plan that supports long-term arts educational goals for every K-12 grade student in our District. Arts for All, which was established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is a dynamic, county-wide collaboration working to create vibrant classrooms, schools, communities and economies through the restoration of all arts disciplines into the core curriculum for K-12 students.

Approved an Intern Agreement between Azusa Pacific University, Whittier College and Azusa Pacific University which continues a student teaching program with the El Rancho Unified School District.

Approved a License Agreement between the El Rancho Unified School District and the Sheriff's Youth Foundation to use school facilities at Ruben Salazar Continuation High School for the purpose of providing weekly educational enrichment programs and activities for youth between the ages of 7 and 17.

Approved a series of Resolutions and Memorandums of Understanding to formalize the change from Keenan to California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform (CECHCRs) as the broker of our insurance program and the movement to CalPERS. CalPERS is the third largest purchaser of health care in the nation, providing benefits to more than 1.3 million public employees, retirees, and their families. This change is projected to save the District approximately \$1.2 million during the 2014-15 school year.

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