

# EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The following summary identifies the information presented and/or the actions taken at the **March 3**, **2015** meeting of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

- The Board of Education adopted a Resolution declaring the month of April as National Autism Awareness Month in the El Rancho Unified School District.
- Approved and adopted a revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 regarding Uniform Complaint Procedures to comply with federal law.

#### **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

- Approved a second reading and adopted a new Board Policy 7111, Naming and Renaming of School Facilities. There was no previous policy in ERUSD regarding the naming or renaming of a facility. The adoption of this policy will provide the Board, staff and community a transparent process for the naming or renaming of any District facility which could be a room, building, field or other facility in our District.
- Approved a Consultant Agreement between the El Rancho Unified School District and Under the Stars Events for services related to the Every 15 Minutes event at El Rancho High School. This agreement will be paid out of CAL-Grip grant funds.
- Approved a Consultant Agreement between the El Rancho Unified School District and Sepia Productions Inc. for the Every 15 Minutes event at El Rancho High School. This agreement will be paid out of Cal-Grip grant funds.
- Board of Education approved conference attendance for the 2015 Foster Youth Education Summit in Pasadena. Foster Youth are now one of the areas of focus and accountability in the LCAP Plan.
- Approved Conference Attendance to the California Institute of Behavioral Mental Health, Aggression Replacement Training (A.R.T.).
- Approved California Department of Education Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training. ERUSD will host this training in our District which will save funds.

### **DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

• Amended a Master Contract and approved/ratified Individual Service Agreements between El Rancho Unified School District and Whittier Area Parents' Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (WAPADH), a nonpublic, nonsectarian public agency. This agreement is part of a student's IEP.

### **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- Approved attendance to the 2015 California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) Conference and Expo at the Sacramento Convention Center.
- Amended an extended educational field trip for Birney Elementary School students to the Whale Watch Spirit Cruises and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, CA.
- Approved an extended educational field trip for The STEAM Academy @Burke students to Washington D.C. and New York. Funds for this trip are raised by the students and staff at the STEAM Academy @Burke.
- Approved participation for El Rancho High School students in the 2015 Lions Clubs International Youth Leadership Institute at the Lions Camp at Teresita Pines in Wrightwood, CA.
- The Board of Education approved a consultant agreement with Mad Science of Los Angeles for Science enrichment for GATE students. This funding will provide a series of four Saturday classes for GATE students. During the economic crisis in our District and State, GATE funding was cut. This is our District's first attempt to provide extra services for GATE students.
- Approved participation in the Advanced Placement (AP) Test Fee Reimbursement Program for El Rancho High School.

#### **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- Approved conference attendance to LA Expo Design & Development for landscaping.
- The Board of Education approved certification of the El Rancho Unified School District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The first interim and this second interim report identify the District as positive.
- The Board of Education awarded Bid No. 2014/2015-636 for Wireless Access Points (WAP). 90% of this contract will be paid out of e-rate funds with only 10% cost to the District.
- Approved acceptance of a proposal to provide Transport connection from District Offices to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for access to CENIC.

## **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES** (continued)

- The Board of Education approved acceptance of proposal from Time Warner Cable Business Class for Internet Access which will triple our bandwidth for the 2015-16 school year at significantly reduced cost.
- The Board of Education approved the selection of two architectural firms who will begin work on the implementation of our Facilities Master Plan.
- Approved the selection of a grant writing services consultant. The District will be replacing our current grant writing firm with a more effective contract tied to results or actual grants awarded.

### **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- The Board of Education approved the Certificated Salary Schedules to reflect the 0.5% salary increase for the 2014-2015 school year.
- The Board of Education approved the Classified Salary Schedules to reflect the 0.5% salary increase for the 2014-2015 school year.

# Next Regular Board Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Regular Public Meeting (6:30 pm Open Session) at City Hall.