

**EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
*Conducting the District's Business in Public*

**ERUSD Conference Room (Student Services Building)**  
**9333 Loch Lomond Drive**  
**Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

**March 1, 2012**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD ACTIONS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Joseph Rivera, President, at 5:37 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL – Members of the Board of Education**

Dr. Joseph Rivera, President  
Delia Alvidrez, Vice President (5:40 p.m.)  
Rita Jo Ramirez, Clerk (5:44 p.m.)  
Rachel Canchola, Member  
Alfred Renteria, Jr., Member

**ROLL CALL – Members of the Administrative Cabinet**

Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté, Superintendent  
Susanna Contreras-Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
John Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Pearl Iizuka, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Office  
Dr. Christopher Gutierrez-Lohrman, Director, Student Services

**VISITORS** – Register No. 12-2011/2012

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Recommendation is made that the Agenda be adopted as submitted.*

Motion: Renteria      Second: Canchola      Vote: 3-0      PASSED (as corrected)

**4. G. O. BOND AND FACILITIES WORKSHOP**

Presented by Ernesto ~~Camacho~~ Flores, Caldwell Flores Winters  
Ernesto Flores provided a presentation for the Board and Bond Oversight Committee.  
Steve Castellanos and Rosa Perez, Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. representatives were also present to answer questions from the Bond Oversight Committee and the Board of Education.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

6. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** 6:50 p.m.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session is conducted in accordance with applicable sections of California law. Closed Sessions are not open to the public. If additional time is required, the Board will reconvene Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting.*

7.1 Public Employment Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Pursuant to Government Code §54957)  
Certificated Personnel Register No. 9-2011/2012

8. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** 8:30 p.m.

9. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Rivera announced that the Board took action in Closed Session to release five (5) probationary certificated employees.

Vote: 5-0 PASSED

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are those on which the Board has previously deliberated or that can be classified as routine items of business. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Education votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed or pulled from the Consent items. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each Item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Education shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.*

**HEARING SESSION:** (Blue speakers card)

*This is the time when members of the audience may speak to any item **on the CONSENT AGENDA only.** Your remarks will be limited to three (3) minutes. **Please note that questions from the public on personnel and/or IEP-related items cannot be accommodated due to confidentiality requirements.***

*The Board President will call for a motion and a second to open Board discussion on the Consent Agenda. Consent Items are voted on by a single motion. Board Members or the Superintendent may withdraw items for further discussion and separate action.*

Motion: Ramirez Second: Alvidrez

**10.1 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- A. Adopted Resolution No. 15 – 2011/2012, authorizing the District to adopt Competency Standards in determining the order of termination and ranking of certificated personnel, pursuant to Education Code 44955.
- B. Adopted Resolution No. 16 – 2011/2012, authorizing the District to implement the procedures for skipping during a Certificated Reduction in Force, pursuant to Education Code 44955.

## 10.1 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- C. Adopted Resolution No. 17 – 2011/2012, authorizing the District to determine the order of termination/reemployment for certificated personnel solely on the basis of the needs of the District and its students, pursuant to Education Code 44955.

Consent Agenda Vote: 5-0 PASSED

## 11. NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

*This is the time of the meeting when members of the public may address the Board on matters that **are on the ACTION ITEMS agenda only**. In the interest of time, individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for each agenda item to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.*

- Maria Amador, 5323 Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera, El Rancho Adult School student read a letter to the Board regarding the closure of the Adult School. She shared how important the English classes are to her. She also gave to the Board for their review letters from other ESL students.
- Dr. Nicholas Aleman, former Adult School ESL student, addressed the Board on the closure of the Adult School. He shared with the Board how the program assisted him as an immigrant. He continued his education and is currently a professor at Whittier College, an accomplishment he would not have been able to achieve without the ESL program. He asked for the Board to find a better solution and to reconsider not cutting the ESL program.

### 11.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

- A. Approved eight representatives to the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Region 24 (Southwest Crescent-Los Angeles County) to serve for a two-year term from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014. The Board agreed to vote for the seven (7) nominees on the ballot and to add Rachel Canchola as a write-in candidate.

Motion: Canchola Second: Ramirez Vote: 5-0 PASSED

### 11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES

- A. Adopted Resolution No. 14 – 2011/2012 authorizing the reduction or discontinuance of particular kinds of services, pursuant to Ed. Code 44955.

Motion: Renteria Second: Ramirez Vote: 5-0 PASSED

- B. Adopted Resolution No. 19-2011/2012, authorizing the reduction or discontinuance of particular kinds of service at the El Rancho Adult School, pursuant to Education Code 44955.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Canchola Vote: 5-0 PASSED

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Canchola

Second: Ramirez

Vote: 5-0

PASSED