

**EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Pico Rivera, California

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
6:00 PM Informal Meeting with Parents  
6:30 PM Regular Meeting

April 15, 2010  
North Park Middle School  
4450 S. Durfee Avenue

**MINUTES OF BOARD ACTIONS**

*CALL TO ORDER:* 6:35 PM

*ADOPTION OF MINUTES:*

- 121** Adopted the minutes of the Board of Education's regular meeting held March 16, 2010 and special meetings held March 23, 2010 and March 25, 2010.

*CONSENT AGENDA:*

**122 SUPERINTENDENT – Norbert Genis (562) 801-5199**

- .1 Approved Resolution No. 25-2009/2010 declaring the week of May 16-22, 2010, "Classified School Employee Week" in recognition of the contributions of classified school employees.
- .2 Approved Resolution No. 26-2009/2010 declaring May 4, 2010 as "National Teacher Day" in recognition of the contributions of teaching professionals.
- .3 Approved the Contract for Consultant Services between El Rancho Unified School District and Ira Nelken & Associates, Inc., to provide evaluation and management technical assistance for the School Readiness Early Education Program effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure of \$20,000.00 payable from First 5 LA School Readiness grant funds.
- .4 Approved the Contract for Consultant Services between El Rancho Unified School District and Rosario Ordonez-Jasis at a cost of \$28,608.00 effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure of \$28,608.00 payable from First 5 LA School Readiness grant.
- .5 Approved the Contract for Consultant Services between El Rancho Unified School District and Intercommunity Child Guidance Center at a cost of \$69,600.00 effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure of \$69,600.00 payable from First 5 LA School Readiness grant.
- .6 Approved Resolution No. 24-2009/2010 authorizing Norbert Genis, Superintendent, Susanna Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Lydia Cano, Assistant Superintendent, and Roberta Gonzalez, Principal of Early Learning Programs to sign required documents issued by the Los Angeles County Children and Families First-Proposition 10 Commission grant agreement transactions for the Governing Board.

**123 DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES – Arnold Tovar (562) 801-4810**

- .1 Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Cal State University, Los Angeles and the El Rancho Unified School District to provide counseling and mentoring of students at Obregon school for the 2009-2010 school year at no cost to the district.

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- . 2 Approved required attendance to the Safe Schools/Healthy Students *Communication Institute for 2009 Grantees*, which is to be held May 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, MD. Expenditures for Project Director will be paid directly by the Communication & Social Marketing Center master account. Estimated expenditures of \$1,010.76 to be paid from the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 3 Approved attendance to the 37<sup>th</sup> *Annual We Tip* conference and exhibition which is to be held April 23, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Ontario, CA. Registration and mileage for a total expenditure of \$109.82 will be paid directly from the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 4 Approved attendance for one nurse to attend the *PESI HealthCare Life-Threatening Pediatric Emergencies* at the Burbank Holiday Inn, in Burbank, CA, including registration, lunch, parking and mileage expenses. Expenses payable from Medi-cal LEA funds in the estimated amount of \$233.07.
- . 5 Approved attendance to the 5<sup>th</sup> *Annual California Head Start Association Health Institute (CHSA)* to be held April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Marriott Los Angeles Burbank Hotel. Registration and mileage for a total expenditure of \$406.58 to be paid with the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 6 Approved Contract Agreement with *West Coast Center for Educational Excellence* for the 2010/2011 school year, effective June 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at a total of \$141,000 payable from Special Education funds.
- . 7 Approved/Ratified addendum to the Individual Service Agreement previously approved on August 27, 2009, item 19.29 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and *Five Acres Therapeutic School*. The purpose of this addendum is to add speech services as well as IEP attendance with a new amount of \$35,060.33.
- . 8 Approved/Ratified Master Contract and Individual Service Tuition Agreement between El Rancho Unified School District and *Vista Ridge Academy/ChildNet Youth & Family Services*. El Rancho Unified School District students will attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$33,064.87 to be made by the district as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157 and 56365-56366.7, payable through Special Education funds.
- . 9 Approved/Ratified contract with *Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center* for transportation of student. Service provided from March 9, 2010 to April 9, 2010. Payment not exceed \$2,000.00 which is payable from the Special Education Account.
- . 10 Approved/Ratified contract with *DG Therapy Group, Inc.* for Physical Therapy Assessment from February 25, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Expenditures are not to exceed \$350.00, which is to be paid from the Special Education Account.
- . 11 Approved/Ratified contract with *Ms. Mary Bergman*, Speech Pathologist, for an Assistive Technology Assessment from April 12, 2010 through June 30, 2010 for student. Expenditures not to exceed \$500.00 to be paid from the Special Education Account.

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- .12 Approved Consultant Agreement with *Autism Spectrum Therapies* to provide Supervision of Positive Behavioral Support Services. Services are provided from April 15, 2010 to June 30, 2010, for 60 hours at the rate of \$125.00 per hour. Total not to exceed \$7,500.00, is to be paid from the Special Education Account.

**124 DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – Susanna Smith (562) 801-5208**

- .1 Approved attendance for one (1) certificated staff member from Ruben Salazar High School to attend the Apex Learning Practitioners Institute 2010 at Pomona Unified School District on April 28, 2010. Total expenditure of \$150, substitute cost, payable from Ruben Salazar High School EIA/SCE funds.
- .2 **PULLED** attendance for one (1) certificated staff member from the El Rancho Adult School to the California Consortium for Independent Study Conference in Fresno, California on April 21-22, 2010. Total not to exceed \$900.00 payable from El Rancho Adult School funds.
- .3 Approved amendment to board item #04.6 approved on July 9, 2009 to participate in performance tour for 56 North Park Middle School Band students, **five (5) El Rancho High School students**, two (2) certificated staff members, and eight (8) parent chaperones to Shriners Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital in New York City, and Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 29 – April 3, 2010. **Amendment is necessary to include the five (5) El Rancho High School students, which were not included on the original board item.** Total expenditure of \$118,800.00 is payable from North Park Middle School Band Boosters via fundraisers and donations, at no cost to the District.
- .4 Approved educational field trip for 33 El Rancho High School students, one (1) certificated staff member, and (2) adult chaperones to the Disneyland Backstage Workshop in Anaheim, California on Monday, April 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Total expenditure of \$2,655.00, which includes participant fees and PTC transportation, payable from El Rancho High School ASB Choral funds (includes student fundraisers). There is no cost to the District.
- .5 Approved educational field trips for 20 students and (2) certificated staff members from Rivera Middle School to University of California, Santa Barbara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pepperdine University campuses on May 17 through May 19, 2010. World Strides, student travel company, will provide transportation. All expenses incurred for this trip will be primarily paid through fundraisers and payments by parents at no cost to the school or district.
- .6 Approved participation of the Rivera Middle School Band in the Chula Vista Music Festival at East Lake High School on May 07, 2010. PTC will provide bus transportation. Total cost will not exceed \$665.00 and will be funded through Rivera Middle School ASB Band Account.
- .7 Approved educational field trips for 40 sixth grade students, one (3) certificated staff member from Rivera Middle School to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Transportation will be provided by PTC. Expenditures of \$390.00, for transportation, payable from Rivera Middle School ASB (Green Club) funds, at no cost to the district.

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- . 8 Approved participation of the Rivera Middle School Marching Band and Cheerleaders in the Monterey Park Playdays Parade on May 15, 2010. PTC will provide bus transportation. Total cost will not exceed \$500.00 and will be funded through Rivera Middle School ASB Account.
- . 9 Approved (*as amended*) educational field trip for ~~ten (10)~~ **three (3)** eighth grade students and ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** certificated staff member from North Park Middle School to Washington, DC and to Civil War Battlefields to visit national monuments and museums, and to see government in action, June 2-6, 2010. Total expenditure of approximately ~~\$15,928.00~~ **\$5,518.00**, which includes air transportation, accommodations, meals, **substitute**, and tours is payable from fundraisers, ~~and~~ individual participants, **and North Park Middle School EIA/SCE funds (\$450 for substitute)**. ~~There is no cost to the District.~~
- .10 Authorized educational field trip for Birney Elementary School fifth grade students and teachers as follows: 100 students and 4 certificated teachers on Friday, May 7 and Friday, May 14, 2010, to Chantry Flats Ranger Station in the Angeles National Forest; and transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. Total expenditure of \$1,068.00, for transportation, payable from Birney Elementary School 5th grade fundraising (\$400), Dads Club (\$400) and PTO (\$400) and Title I (\$268) funds. There is no admission cost.
- .11 Approved consultant agreement with Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to provide training and/or consulting services to two (2) certificated staff members and six (6) administrators at El Rancho High School on April 26, 2010. Total expenditure of \$550.00 for consultant services payable from El Rancho High School EIA/SCE funds.
- .12 Approved consultant agreement with Gonzalo Espinoza (sound engineer) to assist El Rancho High School Drama Department students, effective April 16, 2010 to June 2, 2010. Total expenditure of \$178.30 for consultant services payable from El Rancho High School General funds.
- .13 Approved the 2010 Summer School Program in El Rancho Unified School District.

**125 DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES – Lydia Cano (562) 801-5294**

- . 1 Approved/Ratified to declare 104 items of computer equipment as obsolete, which is no longer usable by the District.
- . 2 Approved/Ratified Amendments to Accumulation Program for Part-Time and Limited-Service Employees (APPLE Plan) and reliance on the Plan as pre-approved by the IRS, effective February 1, 2010.
- . 3 Adopted Resolution No. 27-2009/2010, Implementation of Tier III Program Flexibility in 2010-11 Budget Act and approve transfer of funds into the unrestricted General Fund.
- . 4 Approved agreement between El Rancho Unified School District and Flewelling & Moody Architects for architectural services to furnish a site plan for the new fire access road at Maizeland School in connection with the City of Pico Rivera's Passons Boulevard Grade Separation Project. Total cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 and shall be reimbursed by the City of Pico Rivera.

**125 DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES – Lydia Cano (562) 801-5294**

- . 5 Approved to accept Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the California Community Foundation and City National Bank to South Ranchito Elementary School in the El Rancho Unified School District to be used for an English Language Learner Intervention Program.

**126 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES – John Lopez (562) 801-5216**

- . 1 Approved the new position and job description of certificated Mental Health Counselor, as required and funded by Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 2 Approved the new position and job description of classified After-School Mentoring Liaison, as required and funded by Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 3 Approved the new position and job description of classified School Community Liaison, as required and funded by Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.
- . 4 Approved attendance for two (2) employees from the Human Resources Department to attend the Fred Pryor Seminar “Records Retention and Destruction” on May 18, 2010 in Long Beach, California. Total expenditure of \$298.00 is payable from the District General Fund.

*DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM 131:*

- 131 TABLED** - Discuss and approve a District wide campaign to stop the financial loss of revenue as it pertains to student attendance throughout the District. The District will do this by informing all District personnel of the campaign and responsibilities to move the attitude or culture of the students and their families about student attendance. The campaign will include members of the community, law enforcement and Pico Rivera city employees’ assistance in this campaign. A zero tolerance towards absences will be implemented and a task force involving stake holders to meet to discuss the implementation of this campaign immediately.

*Submitted by: Rachel Canchola*

*CLOSED SESSION: (Items 127 through 130)*

- 127** Rejected Claim.
- 128** Approved/Ratified Certificated Employment Register No. 10-2009/2010
- 129** Approved/Ratified Classified Employment Register No. 10-2009/2010
- 130** Approved Student Expulsion: Student A  
Informational

*ADJOURNMENT: 11:55 PM*