

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pico Rivera, California

BOARD OF EDUCATION
5:30 PM Informal Meeting with Parents
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

November 4, 2010
Durfee Elementary School
4220 S. Durfee Avenue

MINUTES OF BOARD ACTIONS

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

52 Adopted the minutes of the Board of Education's regular meeting held October 14, 2010 and Special Meeting held on October 28, 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 52 through 55)

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

- . 1 Approved attendance for one Mental Health Counselor to attend the Premier Education Solutions Inc. (PESI) Dialectical Behavior Therapy Conference in Anaheim, CA. Including registration, lunch, parking and mileage, expenses are estimated in the amount of \$234.72 payable from Medi-Cal LEA funds.
- . 2 Approved Independent Contract Agreement with Patrick Lowe for the 2010/2011 school year, effective November 5, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at \$400 per day, up to twice a month, payable from the Special Education funds.
- . 3 Approved attendance for one nurse to the California School Nurses Organization National Conference (CSNO) at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, in Fresno, CA, including registration, meals, parking and mileage expenses. Expenses are payable from Medi-Cal LEA funds in the estimated amount of \$1306.64.
- . 4 Approved attendance for three Psychologists to attend the Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo Education Law Conference entitled "It's the Law Now," in Cerritos, CA. Including registration, lunch, and mileage, expenses are estimated in the amount of \$186.03 payable from Medi-Cal LEA funds.
- . 5 Approved/Ratified contract with Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) as designated Administrator for the Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal) and the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program (MAA) and the El Rancho Unified School District for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. The total cost of \$9,878.00 will be payable from Medi-Cal MAA funds.
- . 6 Amended approved contract #23.5, August 26, 2010, to include additional agreed upon changes between Penny Lane Centers and the El Rancho Unified School District for mental health services. The total approved contract amount of \$73,000.00 shall not change. Total cost payable from budgeted Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant.
- . 7 Approved contract with Ms. Mary Bergman, Speech Pathologist, for an IEP mandated Augmentative Communication evaluation from November 5, 2010 through January 31, 2011 for one student. Expenditures are not to exceed \$500.00, paid from the Special Education Account.
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- .9 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreement through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Rossier Park Junior/Senior High School. Student will attend this school as defined in Item 18, under General Provisions, from September 21, 2010 to June 30, 2011 with payment of \$29,050.87 to be made by the district as specified in the Individual Service Agreement in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157 and 56365-56366.7 payable through Special Education funds.
- .10 Approved/Ratified Master Contract and Individual Service Tuition Agreement through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Whittier Area Parents' Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (WAPADH) for identified and Board-approved El Rancho students to attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$11,880.00 in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157 and 56365-56366.7 payable through Special Education account.
- .11 Approved Settlement Agreement establishing a special needs "Trust" for student in the amount of \$33,250.00, to be used to fund bona fide educational expenses within the scope of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC Section 1400 as approved by the Trustee, effective November 5, 2010. Payable from Special Education funds.

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- .1 Approved attendance for one (1) certificated staff member from the Categorical Programs Office to the Franklin Covey "Focus: Achieving Your Highest Priorities" training on November 16, 2010 in Los Angeles, CA. Total expenditure not to exceed \$306.60 payable from Centralized Title III Funds.
- .2 Approved/Ratified attendance for one (1) certificated staff member from Rio Vista Elementary School to the California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Shell Beach, CA, November 4 – 6, 2010. Conference registration, lodging, and travel expenses will be paid through a scholarship by the Warne Family Charitable Foundation. Substitute costs of \$300.00, of which \$250.00 will be reimbursed by the Warne Family Charitable Foundation, payable from Rio Vista Elementary School EIA/LEP Funds.
- .3 Approved attendance for 150 parents from El Rancho Unified School District to the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce 10th Annual Parent Education Conference at Whittier College on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Total expenditure of \$5,700.00 for registration and PTC transportation payable from Centralized Title I Assistance to Schools – PI Activities (30%) and Centralized Title I Assistance to Schools – Not PI Activities (70%) Funds.
- .4 Approved extended educational field trip for 43 Burke Middle School students and four (4) certificated staff members to the Desert Sun Science Center AstroCamp Program in the San Jacinto Mountains, California, Friday, March 11 – Sunday, March 13, 2011. PTC will provide transportation. Total expenditure of \$10,440.00 payable from Burke Middle School EIA/LEP Funds for substitutes (\$600.00) and student fundraisers and donations for participant costs (\$9,840.00).
- .5 Approved participation for 14 students from South Ranchito Elementary School Drill Team, two (2) certificated staff members, and two (2) parent chaperones in the Whittier Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Parents will transport their own children. There will be no expenditure.

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- .6 Approved educational field trip for seven (7) El Rancho High School Animal Advocates Club students and one (1) certificated staff member to the California VPI K9K Pet Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday, November 13, 2010 in Long Beach, CA. Transportation will be provided by parent drivers; insurance forms are on file. Total expenditure not to exceed \$175.00 payable from El Rancho High School ASB Animal Advocates Club Funds.
- .7 Approved educational field trip for 63 El Rancho High School Band, Color Guard, and Pepster students, two (2) certificated staff members, and (10) adult chaperones to the following events: Mayfair High School Music Festival, November 10, 2010; South Hills High School Festival, November 16, 2010; and Disneyland Christmas Parade, December 10, 2010. Transportation will be provided by PTC. Total expenditure of \$7,005.00 payable from El Rancho High School ASB Band/Color Guard and Pepster Funds (\$6,705.00 event costs) and General Funds (\$300 substitute costs), at no cost to the District.
- .8 Approved consultant agreement with Brenda Castillo, choreographer, to assist El Rancho High School choral department students, effective November 5, 2010 through June 15, 2011. Total expenditure of \$3,000.00 for consultant services payable from El Rancho High School General Funds.
- .9 Approved consultant agreement with Ronald Cruz, a well-known volleyball travel coach, to provide volleyball services for students and organize the El Rancho High School 2010/2011 Southern California Spike Off Boys' Volleyball Tournament, effective November 6, 2010 through February 20, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$2,500.00 payable from El Rancho High School ASB Boys and Girls Volleyball Funds.
- .10 Approved/Ratified consultant agreement with Dr. Ruth Von Blum to conduct classroom observations as part of a rigorous research study of the effects of Project ALPHA, effective October 15, 2010 through January 28, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$24,000, payable from California Math Science Partnership Grant Funds.
- .11 Approved/Ratified consultant agreement with Jack Bareilles, Lead Evaluator for the Teaching American History Grant, effective October 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$25,000, payable from Teaching American History Grant Funds.
- .12 Approved/Ratified consultant agreement with Dr. William Deverell, Director of Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, to act as the Content Director and Lead Historian to the Teaching American History Grant Program, effective October 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$44,000, payable from Teaching American History Grant Funds.
- .13 Approved/Ratified consultant agreement with Kim Matsunaga, Administrative Assistant, to act as a Teaching American History Grant liaison, effective October 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$20,000, payable from Teaching American History Grant Funds.
- .14 Approved/Ratified consultant agreement with Michele Zack, Local Historian, to assist with the Teaching American History Program, effective October 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure not to exceed \$25,000, payable from Teaching American History Grant Funds.

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- .15 Approved consultant agreement with CF Educational Resources (Carole Ferraud) to provide program improvement technical assistance for district support and all school sites for the purpose of ensuring improved educational achievement, effective November 5, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Total expenditure of \$78,000.00 payable from Centralized Title I Program Improvement Year 3 Funds.

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

- .1 Approved to accept donation in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Birney Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for the purpose of purchasing an additional playground structure for Alice M. Birney Elementary School.

DISCUSSION ACTION:

- 56** Approved/appointed a Governing Board Member as a representative to the Tri-Cities ROP Board of Management to fill the expiring term of Rita Jo Ramirez and become a voting member for a 2-year term, December 2010 through November 2012.

Rita Jo Ramirez

- 56A** Discussed the “scratch kitchens” at school sites. The El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education strives to expose our students to healthy food choices. Our school district and food services staff pride ourselves as a “from scratch” kitchen and make most items on the premises. We look at good nutrition as fuel for learning minds. It is the Board Members’ goal to continue with “scratch kitchens” to offer and promote student healthy and nutritional food options that they will recognize and continue to enjoy as adults for a lifetime.
(Submitted by Dr. Joseph Rivera, Board Member)

CLOSED SESSION ACTION ITEMS: (Items 57 through 64)

- 57** Approved/Ratified Certificated Employment Register No. 6-2010/2011, *as amended*
- 58** Approved/Ratified Classified Employment Register No. 6-2010/2011, *as amended*
- 59** Approved Student Expulsion: Student A
- 60** Approved Student Expulsion: Student B
- 61** Approved Student Expulsion: Student C
- 62** Approved Student Expulsion: Student D
- 63** Approved Student Expulsion: Student E
- 64** Approved Student Expulsion: Student F

ADJOURNMENT in the memory of Robert Velazquez, student, El Rancho High School: 9:36 PM