

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

A G E N D A

*CALL TO ORDER:* Rita Jo Ramirez, President

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:* Nash Rivas, ERHS ASB President

*ROLL CALL:* Rita Jo Ramirez, President  
Vincent Chavez, Vice President  
Delia Alvidrez, Clerk  
Rachel Canchola, Member  
Dr. Joseph Rivera, Member

*ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET:* Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté, Superintendent  
Susanna S. Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Educational Services  
Arnold Tovar, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services  
Lydia Cano, Asst. Superintendent, Business Services  
John Lopez, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources

*ASB BOARD MEMBER:* ASB President/El Rancho H.S.

*ASB BOARD MEMBER:* ASB Spokesperson/Salazar H.S.

*RECORDER:* Myrna Atencio

*INTERPRETER: (Spanish)* Herlinda Acevedo

*VISITORS:* Register No. 10-2010/2011

*EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL ASB REPORT:*

- ❖ Nash Rivas, ASB President at El Rancho High School

*SALAZAR HIGH SCHOOL ASB REPORT:*

- ❖ Aracely Ortiz, ASB Spokesperson at Salazar High School

*BOARD RECOGNITIONS:*

- ❖ Student Government, Durfee Elementary School

**The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education:**

*ADOPTION OF MINUTES:*

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

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

*Comments from the public are invited in accordance with Education Code Section 35145.5, which permits matters not on the agenda to be brought before the Board at regular meetings. The Board, however, cannot take action on matters not on the agenda. The President reserves the right to limit the time allowed for this portion of the agenda.*

**SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS:**

*The Superintendent and District staff report to the Board of Trustees on relevant educational issues, participation in and attendance at seminars, conferences and district-wide activities.*

- ❖ ROTC – Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté, Superintendent
- ❖ American History Grant – Susanna Contreras-Smith, Assistant Superintendent

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:**

*Board members have an opportunity to report and discuss information regarding conference participation, committee updates, and other district-wide activities.*

**The Board shall limit the total time for each agenda item to 20 minutes and individual speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda item, per Board Bylaw 9323.**

**HEARING SESSION:**

*The public is invited to speak to any action item on the CONSENT AGENDA only. This does not include items listed for Closed Session. Members of the public desiring to introduce items not on the agenda for discussion by the Board must comply with the requirements of Board Bylaw 9322, which requires filing a written request with the Superintendent at least seven workdays prior to the regular meeting.*

**CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 52 through 55)**

*The Board President will call for a motion and second to open Board discussion on the Consent Agenda.*

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Consent Agenda items are voted on by a single motion. However, Board members or the Superintendent may withdraw items for further discussion and separate action.*

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

- . 1 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Amend 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 Approve 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.
- . 8 Approve 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve 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.

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

- . 1 Approve 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve 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.

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

- . 4 Approve 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 Approve 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.
- . 6 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve 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 Approve/Ratify 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.

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

- .11 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve/Ratify 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 Approve/Ratify 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.
- .15 Approve 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 Approve 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.

*CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 52 THROUGH 55:*

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*HEARING SESSION:*

*The public is invited to speak to any action item on the DISCUSSION/ACTION agenda*

*DISCUSSION ACTION:*

*Items listed may require further explanation prior to action by the Board.*

56 Approve/appoint 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.

56A Discuss 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)

*CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 56 THROUGH 56A:*

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*PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURPOSES OF CLOSED SESSION:*

*Numbers 1 through 3 under closed session will be addressed.*

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*CLOSED SESSION:*

*Closed Session items cannot be discussed by members of the public. Board members or the Superintendent may withdraw items from the open session agenda for further discussion/clarification in closed session.*

- (1) Public Employee Appointment/ Evaluation/ Resignation/ Dismissal/ Release: Certificated Register No. 6 - 2010/2011
  - Certificated (1) appointment to the temporary position of Instructional Coach-RTI for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (1) appointment to the temporary position of District History Coach for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (1) employment as Adult School Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (3) employment as Long Term Substitute Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (2) ratify employment as Substitute Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (5) approve employment as Substitute Teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
  - Certificated (1) request for resignation for the 2010-2011 school year.

*CLOSED SESSION:*

- Certificated (1) amendment to release of employment to adjust effective date for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Certificated (4) supplemental pay assignment for staff members from North Park Middle school to work the 2010-2011 second semester supplemental assignments effective February 1, 2011 – June 15, 2011. Total expenditures payable from the District General Fund.
- Teachers (8) amendment to Board Item #44, Section WW, Register #5, 2010-2011, approved 10/14/10 extra-duty, extra-pay to provide after-school tutorial and homework services to kindergarten through fifth grade students, effective November 5, 2010 through May 12, 2011/Birney Elementary School.
- Teachers (17) approve extra-duty, extra-pay to provide after-school language arts and mathematics intervention services for Title I and English Language Learners, effective November 5, 2010 through April 14, 2011/Magee Elementary School.
- Teacher (1) extra-duty, extra-pay to research, compile and create procedures and materials to reduce unexcused absences and tardies, effective November 5, 2010 through January 27, 2011/El Rancho High School.
- Teachers (44) extra-duty, extra-pay to participate in the Mathematics Curriculum Council during the 2010-2011 school year, effective November 5, 2010 through June 30, 2011/Educational Services/Categorical Programs.
- Teachers (31) extra-duty, extra-pay to take part in Project ALPHA research activities during the 2010-2011 school year, effective November 5, 2010 through June 30, 2011/Educational Services/Categorical Programs.
- Teacher (1) approve/ratify extra-duty, extra-pay to provide extended-learning day instruction for the Migrant Education credit accrual program, PASS/Cyber High, effective October 30, 2010 through June 30, 2011/ Educational Services/Categorical Programs.

(2) Public Employee Appointment/Evaluation/Resignation/Dismissal/Release:  
Classified Register No. 6 - 2010/2011

- Ratify Substitute Employment (2) Clerical Substitutes
- Ratify Substitute Employment (1) Custodian Substitute
- Substitute Employment (1) Custodian Substitute
- Probationary Employment (1) Clerk Typist II/Bilingual
- Out of Category (1) Library Media Technician
- Placement on 39 month re-hire (1) Clerk Typist II Bilingual
- Ratify Substitute Employment (1) Child Care Attendant
- Ratify Substitute Employment (1) Café Helper I
- Substitute Employment (3) Special Ed. Inst. Aide
- Substitute Employment (1) Cafeteria Helper I
- Ratify Out of Category Employment (1) Cook/Baker
- Recall from the 63 month re-hire list (1) Café Manager I
- Resignation (1) Cafeteria Helper I
- Resignation (1) Child Care Attendant
- Probationary Employment (5) Behavior Technician
- Ratify Unclassified Employment (1) Noon Supervisor
- Ratify Unclassified Employment (3) Inst. Aide Trainee
- Unclassified Employment (5) Student Worker Café.
- Unclassified Employment (1) ASB Worker
- Unclassified Employment (1) Walk on Coach



*CLOSED SESSION:*

- (3) Conference with Labor Negotiator Mr. John Lopez, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources: ERFT/CSEA/ERASA/Other Unrepresented Employees (Pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code § 54957.6)

*RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:*

*PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:*

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*CLOSED SESSION ACTION ITEMS: (Items 57 through 64)*

- 57 Approve/Ratify Certificated Employment Register No. 6-2010/2011
- 58 Approve/Ratify Classified Employment Register No. 6-2010/2011
- 59 Approve Student Expulsion: Student A
- 60 Approve Student Expulsion: Student B
- 61 Approve Student Expulsion: Student C
- 62 Approve Student Expulsion: Student D
- 63 Approve Student Expulsion: Student E
- 64 Approve Student Expulsion: Student F

*ACTION ITEMS 57 THROUGH 64:*

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