

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
6:00 PM

April 10, 2008  
El Rancho High School Cafeteria  
6501 Passons Blvd.

**MINUTES OF BOARD ACTIONS**

*CALL TO ORDER:* 6:01 PM

*ADOPTION OF MINUTES:*

- 136** Adopted the minutes of the Board of Education's regular meeting held March 13, 2008 and special meeting held March 20, 2008.

*CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 137 through 140)*

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

- . 1 Approved Resolution No. 31-2007/2008 declaring that Board Member Rita Jo Ramirez was absent from the March 20, 2008 special board meeting due to illness. Education Code 35120 allows Governing Board of Education members to be absent from board meetings and not have their monthly stipend affected.
- . 2 Approved Resolution No. 30-2007/2008 authorizing Norbert Genis, Superintendent, Susanna Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Lydia Cano, Chief Business Officer, and Joanne Brenner, Director 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.
- . 3 **PULLED** 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Total expenditure of \$20,000.00 payable from First 5 LA School Readiness grant funds.
- . 4 **PULLED** 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Total expenditure of \$69,600.00 payable from First 5 LA School Readiness grant.
- . 5 Approved Annual Fund Raiser to be conducted by the Early Learning Program Parent Advisory Committee from May 2, 2008 through May 23, 2008, following board policy # 1321 on solicitation of funds from and by students.
- . 6 Approved an educational field trip to the Natural History Museum May 13, 20, 27, 2008. Entrance fees and District transportation costs for The State Preschool Program not to exceed \$3,375.00 from State Preschool account.

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- .7 Approved amended educational field trip (approved January 17, 2008, Item 095.1) to the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, May 6, 2008 to increase the number of participants. Entrance fees and District transportation costs for CDC, not to exceed \$325.25 from the Parent Advisory fund and an additional \$325.25 to be paid from the Special Education Account.

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

- .1 Approved contract agreement for Vision Screening with Dr. Wayne W. Hoeft, O.D. for the 2008/2009 school year. Cost of services is \$3.25 per student payable from the Health Services General fund account.
- .2 Approved contract with Paradigm Health Care Services to provide Medi-Cal Local Education Agencies (LEA) Billing Option Claiming Services and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Claim Services for contract period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The El Rancho Unified School District shall pay Paradigm Health Care Services a fee for gross LEA claims processed not to exceed 15 % of Medi-Cal claims processed. With regards to MAA Claim Services, the El Rancho Unified School District shall pay \$125 per participant per time survey quarter per year to Paradigm Health Care Services. Fees shall not exceed 3% of “Medi-Cal Maximum Reimbursable” funds received by the District.
- .3 Approved/Ratified Addendum to General Agreement Contract previously approved on January 17, 2008, Item 096.6 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the *Speech and Language Development Center*. The purpose of this addendum is to change the following: Basic Education Program rate to \$132.25 per day, Speech Services rate to \$78.00 per hour, Occupational Therapy Services to \$78.00 per hour, Physical Therapy Services to \$78.00 per hour and APE Services rate to \$78.00 per hour. Effective July 2, 2007 through June 30, 2008. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same.
- .4 Approved/Ratified addendum to the Individual Service Agreement previously approved January 17, 2008 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the *Speech and Language Development Center*. The purpose of this addendum is to change the basic Education rate of \$130.93 per day to \$132.25 per day effective July 2, 2007 through June 19, 2008, an increase of \$1.32 per day x 204 = \$269.28. Also to change speech services rate of \$77.25 per hour to \$78.00 per hour, effective July 2, 2007 through June 19, 2008, an increase of 75 cents per hour = \$33.00. The new contract amount is \$61,267.00.
- .5 Approved/Ratified addendum to the Individual Service Agreement for student, previously approved January 17, 2008 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the *Speech and Language Development Center*. The purpose of this addendum is to change the basic rate to \$132.25, change speech services rate to \$78.00, change PT services rate to \$78.00 per hour and change APE services rate to \$78.00 per hour effective July 2, 2007 through June 19, 2008. The new contract amount is \$50,155.00. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same.

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- .6 Approved/Ratified addendum to the Individual Service Agreement previously approved January 17, 2008 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the *Speech and Language Development Center*. The purpose of this addendum is to change the basic Education rate to \$132.25 per day, effective July 2, 2007 through June 19, 2008, an increase of \$269.28. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same. The new contract amount is \$37,179.00.
- .7 Approved/Ratified addendum to the Individual Service Agreement approved January 17, 2008, item 96.06 through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and *Speech and Language Development Center*. Change the Basic Education rate to \$132.25 per day. Also change OT services to \$78.00 per hour effective July 2, 2007 through June 19, 2008. The new contract amount is \$44,131.00.
- .8 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the following non-public school for special education students: *Gallagher Pediatric Therapy* identified and board approved El Rancho pupils will attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$4,225.00 to be made by the district as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157 and 56365-56366.7.
- .9 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the following non-public school for special education student: *Gallagher Pediatric Therapy* identified and board approved El Rancho pupil will attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$2,197.00 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 account.
- .10 Approved Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the following non-public school for special education student: *Gallagher Pediatric Therapy* identified and board approved El Rancho pupil will attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$5,070.00 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 account.
- .11 Approved Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and the following non-public school for special education students: *Gallagher Pediatric Therapy* identified and board approved El Rancho pupil will attend this school as defined in Item 18 under General Provisions with payment of \$2,366.00 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 account.

**139 DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – Susanna Smith (562) 801-5206**

- . 1 Approved attendance for one (1) certificated staff member from El Rancho High School to attend the *CIF Coaches Education Instructor Training* on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in Los Alamitos, California. Total expenditure of \$440.00, for registration and substitute teacher, payable from El Rancho High School General funds.
- . 2 Approved educational field trip for 120 El Rancho High School AP Biology students, six (6) certificated staff members and six (6) parent chaperones to the California Science Center *Body Worlds Exhibit: The Human Heart* in Los Angeles, CA, Friday, April 11, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PTC will provide transportation to and from El Rancho High School. Total expenditure for transportation and admission not to exceed \$1,800.00 is payable from El Rancho High School AP Biology funds and student fundraisers, at no cost to the District.
- . 3 Approved extended educational field trip for thirty-two (32) El Rancho High School students and four (4) certificated staff members to historical sites in Rome and Florence, Italy and Barcelona, Spain April 2 – April 11, 2009. Air transportation will be provided by United Airlines, ground transportation by Education First Coach Bus Lines, and accommodations by the Marriott. To offset total cost of \$87,884.00, a portion of payment for students only will be through student fundraisers. All remaining expenditures are the responsibility of each participant, at no cost to the District.
- . 4 Approved extended educational field trip for eighteen (18) eighth grade students, one (1) certificated staff member, and one (1) AVID tutor/school security officer from North Park Middle School to Washington, DC and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to visit national monuments, museums, and battlefields and see the government in action, June 2 – 6, 2008. There is no cost for chaperones. Total expenditure of approximately \$24,152.00, which includes PTC transportation, air travel, accommodations, meals, and tours, is payable from North Park Middle School ASB funds (PTC), fundraisers and individual participants (all other costs), at no cost to the District.
- . 5 Approved field trip for sixty (60) Rivera Middle School band students, one (1) certificated staff member, and five (5) parent chaperones to Knott's Berry Farm to perform in a concert and enjoy the attractions on Saturday, May 17, 2008, in Buena Park, CA, departing from the Rivera Middle School campus at 10:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 9:00 p.m. Admission cost will be covered by parents. Total expenditure of \$400.00 for round-trip PTC bus is payable from Rivera Middle School ASB funds, at no cost to the District.
- . 6 Approved educational field trip for 76 Birney Elementary School 5th grade students, three (3) certificated staff members, one (1) instructional aide, and six (6) parent chaperones to the "House of Blues" in West Hollywood, CA, on Monday, May 5, 2008. Students will experience a live musical presentation that traces the history of blues from its roots in African musical traditions; and authorize transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. There are no admission costs. Total expenditure of \$393.00 for transportation is payable from fundraising by classrooms, PTO, and Dads Club, at no cost to the District.
- . 7 Approved educational field trip for 100 North Park Middle School students and two (2) certificated staff members to the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts live theater production of "Inspector General" in Glendale, California on Friday, April 18, 2008. Total expenditure of \$600.00 for PTC transportation is payable from North Park Middle School ASB funds, at no cost to the District.

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- .8 Approved/Ratified participation of 74 students from Rivera Middle School Marching Band and Cheerleaders in the Hawaiian Gardens Parade on Saturday, April 5, 2008, accompanied by three (3) certificated staff members and five (5) parent chaperones. A PTC bus will pick up students from Rivera Middle School at 9:00 a.m., transport them to the parade site in Hawaiian Gardens, CA, and return them to the school site by 2:30 p.m. Total expenditure of \$500.00 for transportation is payable from Rivera Middle School ASB funds.
- .9 Approved participation of 50 El Rancho High School Band members, one (1) certificated staff member, and four (4) parent chaperones (2 each: female, male), in the Annual Heritage Festival in San Diego, California, Friday, April 25 – Saturday, April 26, 2008. Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Hotel and ground transportation will be provided to and from El Rancho High School by PTC Charter busses. Total expenditure of \$8,950.00, which includes transportation, accommodations, and meals, is payable from El Rancho High School ASB funds, at no cost to the District.
- .10 Approved consultant agreement with Dr. Hector Gonzalez for medical services rendered to the El Rancho High School Varsity Football Team during seven (7) athletic events: 5 home varsity football games, 1 Powder Puff football game and 1 CIF football game (if played), effective September 5, 2008 through December 14, 2008. Total expenditure of \$65.00 per event worked, not to exceed \$455.00, is payable from El Rancho High School ASB funds.
- .11 Approved consultant agreement with Armando Briones, Jr. for services rendered as related to public address at five home football games and one CIF game, on an event-to-event basis, effective September 8 – December 1, 2008. Total expenditure, not to exceed \$600.00 (\$100.00/game—only for games worked), is payable from El Rancho High School ASB funds.
- .12 Approved amendment to Educational Services Board Item No. 186.11, approved 4/26/07, consultant agreement with Vantage Learning to provide professional development with the Vantage My Access! Electronic Writing Program at all three middle schools, effective August 1, 2007- June 1, 2008. Each site will have 2 days of staff development. Amendment is needed in order to include travel expenses for the presenter, which was not included on the original quote. All other funding and details of the agreement and contract will remain the same. Total estimated additional expenditure of \$220.00 is payable from EETT Formula funds.
- .13 Approved consultant agreement with Soul Dragon, a musical group, for one presentation for Family Music Night for Durfee and Obregon families and staff on May 13, 2008. Total expenditure of \$2,000 payable from Durfee Elementary School Art & Music Block Grant funds.
- .14 Approved amendment to Board Item No. 111.21, approved 2/14/08, contract with Los Angeles Office of Education (LACOE) for a two-year license and support for Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grant and Multimedia Services. Amendment is necessary due to revised contract (#C-9142:07:09) from LACOE, which specifies correct payment dates. Total expenditure of \$60,000.00 consultant fee (\$30,000.00/year for two years) is payable through the EETT Competitive Grant funds.
- .15 Approved the submission of the 2007-08 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for all listed schools.

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

- . 1 Approved/Ratified Business Office Reports for the month of March 2008.
  - a. Miscellaneous Cash Collections Receipt Nos. 26251 through 26352 totaling \$1,949,050.56. *Receipts include the following donations:*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Target	\$ 207.90	Durfee Elementary
Macy’s west G.I.F.T.	\$ 87.00	Durfee Elementary
Target	\$ 27.25	Selby Grove Elementary
Target	\$ 237.66	Rivera Elementary
SCO, LLC	\$ 656.92	Rivera Elementary
Target	\$ 204.01	North Ranchito Elem.
Target	\$ 235.34	Rio Vista Elementary
  - b. Purchase Order Nos. P175767 through P175851 and including prior numbered confirming orders totaling \$213,292.12 and Cafeteria Purchase Orders totaling \$161,018.32.
  - c. “A” Warrants Schedule C1H through 085 totaling \$6,802,210.81.
  - d. “B” Warrants No. (*System trouble - information not available from LACOE*).
  - e. Revolving Cash (*None to report*).
  - f. Clearing Account No. 3143 through 3147 totaling \$121,736.40.
- . 2 Approved contract agreement with Phantom Fireworks Company for services rendered to El Rancho High School, as related to the “Fireworks Sale” from June 28 (set-up) to July 5, 2008 (take down) at no cost to the District. Funds received will benefit El Rancho Athletic and Extra Curricular Programs.
- . 3 Approved Change Orders No. 03 and 04 for the District Wide Door Hardware project for Rivera Elementary, Magee Elementary, North Ranchito Elementary, Rio Vista Elementary, Valencia Elementary, Rivera Middle and El Rancho High School by Construction Hardware for a total cost of \$3,987.50. Total project payable from Budgeted Bond Funds.
- . 4 Approved to declare ~~51~~ 33 items of computer equipment as obsolete and authorize disposal of equipment, which is no longer usable by the District.
- . 5 Adopted Resolution No. 32-2007/2008 Addition of the East Whittier City School District to the Pupil Transportation Cooperative and authorize the District’s designee to the Board of Directors of Pupil Transportation Cooperative to approve East Whittier City School District as a member, effective July 1, 2008.
- . 6 Approved/Ratified attendance for one Director of Purchasing & Warehousing and one District Peace Officer to attend the “Campus Law Enforcement Course” presented by the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, March 31 – April 3, 2008 in Orange, CA. Total expenditure of \$80.00, payable from Safe and Drug Free Funds.

*DISCUSSION/ACTION:*

- 141** Approved El Rancho Unified School District’s vote in the run-off election to the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Region 24 (Southwest Crescent-Los Angeles County) to serve for a 2-year term, from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010.
  - Dora de la Rosa, Palos Verdes Peninsula USD (Incumbent)
  - Myra Demeter, Beverly Hills USD
  - Dana H. Russell, Culver City USD

*CLOSED SESSION: (Items 142 through 148)*

- 142** Denied Claim.
- 143** Approved/Ratified Certificated Employment Register No. 11-2007/08, *with exceptions.*
- 144** Approved/Ratified Classified Employment Register No. 10-2007/2008
- 145** Approved Student Expulsion: Student A
- 146** Approved Student Expulsion: Student B
- 147** Approved Student Expulsion: Student C
- 148** Approved Student Expulsion: Student D

*ACTION ITEMS 142 THROUGH 148, with exception:*

*Exception:* Item 143, Section C, First 2-names **FAILED**

*ADJOURNMENT:* 9:25 PM