

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Pico Rivera, California

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting

February 23, 2006  
City Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Blvd.

MINUTES OF BOARD ACTIONS

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

172 Adopted the minutes of the Board of Education's regular meeting held February 9, 2006.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 173 through 176)

173 SUPERINTENDENT -- Norbert Genis (562) 801-5199

- . 1 Approved Resolution No. 20-2005/2006 declaring that Board Member Joe Rivera was absent from the February 9, 2006 regular board meeting due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. Education Code 35120 allows Governing Board of Education members to be absent from board meetings and not have their monthly stipend affected.
- . 2 Approved augmentation for increase in construction costs for the previously approved practice gym at El Rancho High School. Amount of \$879,870 to be funded by undesignated General Obligation Bond funds.
- . 3 Approved agreement with the Iceman Snow Company to provide a hands on sensory experience with snow appropriate for young children at Maizeland Early Learning Program March 1, 2006. Total expenditure not to exceed \$2,124.00 payable from the Parent Advisory Committee Fund.
- . 4 Approved Reimbursement for Asperger's Disorder, Diagnosis, Characteristics and Intervention Strategies for four El Rancho Unified School District Employees. Payable through Special Education Psychological account in the total amount of \$120.00.
- . 5 Approved/Ratified Master Contract and Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and SEEK Education non-public school for special education student, authorize identified and Board approved El Rancho pupil to attend this school as defined in item 18 under General Provisions with payment to be made by the District as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157, and 56365-56366.7 in the sum of \$1,257.00.
- . 6 Approved/Ratified Master Contract and Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Therapy West, Inc. non-public school for special education students, authorize identified and Board approved El Rancho pupils to attend this school as defined in item 18 under General Provisions with payment to be made by the District as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157, and 56365-56366.7 in the sum of \$1,980.00.

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- .7 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Gallagher Pediatric Therapy Services non-public school for special education student, authorize identified and Board approved El Rancho pupil to attend this school as defined in item 18 under General Provisions with payment to be made by the District as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157, and 56365-56366.7 in the sum of \$3,608.00.
- .8 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Gallagher Pediatric Therapy non-public school for special education student, authorize identified and Board approved El Rancho pupil to attend this school as defined in item 18 under General Provisions with payment to be made by the District as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157, and 56365-56366.7 in the sum of \$21,156.00.
- .9 Approved/Ratified Individual Service Tuition Agreements through the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program between El Rancho Unified School District and Gallagher Pediatric Therapy non-public school for special education student, authorize identified and Board approved El Rancho pupil to attend this school as defined in item 18 under General Provisions with payment to be made by the District as specified in the Individual Service Agreements in accordance with Education Code Sections 56157, and 56365-56366.7 in the sum of \$820.00.
- .10 Approved contract with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes. Estimated expenditure for the Full Diagnostic Evaluation is \$645.00 and the Diagnostic Evaluation is \$200.00 totaling \$845.00. Contract begins February 24, 2006 and ends June 22, 2006. Payable through Special Education Psychological account.

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- .1 Approved attendance for four certificated staff members from North Ranchito Elementary School to Sopris West's two-day *Step Up to Writing Training* on February 27 & 28, 2006 in Long Beach, California. Expenditures of \$1,500.00 payable from North Ranchito Elementary School SIP funds.
- .2 Approved attendance for two certificated staff members from El Rancho High School to the *California Association of Leaders for Career Preparation Spring Workshop* to be held on March 3, 2006 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey, California. Total expenditure of \$530.00 payable from El Rancho High School VEA/Perkins funds.
- .3 Approved attendance for 11 certificated staff members from El Rancho High School to the *54<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Science Education* on April 6-9, 2006, in Anaheim, California. Estimated expenditures of \$5,423.00 payable from El Rancho High School Governors Incentive Award funds.
- .4 Approved attendance for one certificated staff member and eight (8) ASB students from Salazar High School to the *Seventh Annual Leadership Training* on February 24, 2006 in Anaheim, CA. Expenditures of \$951.00 are payable from Salazar High School's ASB, Title I, and EIA/LEP funds. There is no cost to the district for transportation, which will be provided by attending certificated staff member.

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- . 5 Approved attendance for one certificated staff member from Rivera Middle School to the *Annual California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) State Conference* on March 9-12, 2006 in Garden Grove, CA. Total expenditures of \$502.00 payable from Rivera Middle School SIP funds.
- . 6 Approved academic field trip for 20 students and 3 teachers from Magee and 18 students and two teachers from Rio Vista Elementary Schools to the Los Angeles County Science Olympiad event on Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Cal Poly Pomona. Transportation will be provided by PTC. Expenditures of \$400.00, for transportation, payable 50% by the Magee PTA account and 50% by Rio Vista PTO funds.
- . 7 Approved educational field trip for 75 third-grade students, four (4) teachers, and several parent chaperones from Birney Elementary School to Descanso Gardens in Los Angeles, CA, on Friday, April 7, 2006; and transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. Expenditures of \$345.00 for transportation payable from Birney SIP funds. Parent chaperones will provide their own transportation; there are no admission fees.
- . 8 Approved educational field trip for 75 third-grade students, four (4) teachers, and several parent volunteers from Birney Elementary School to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles on Wednesday, March 15, 2006; and transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. Expenditures of \$395.00 for transportation payable from Birney Elementary School SIP funds. Parent chaperones will provide their own transportation; there are no admission fees.
- . 9 Approved educational field trip for 75 third-grade students, four (4) teachers and eight (8) parent chaperones from Birney Elementary School to the Southwest Indian Museum in Los Angeles, CA, on Wednesday, March 8, 2006; and transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. Expenditures of \$412.00 for transportation and admission payable from Birney Elementary School SIP funds.
- . 10 Approved educational field trip for 75 students, three (3) certificated staff members, and 26 parent volunteers from Birney Elementary School to Pier Point Landing in Long Beach, CA for Whale Watching, March 10, 2006; and authorize transportation agreement with Richmond Bus Company. Parent volunteers are responsible for their own admission. Total expenditures of \$1,352.00 are payable from Birney Elementary School SIP funds.
- . 11 Approved performance of the Rivera Middle School Chorus at Knotts' Berry Farm on April 27, 2006. Admission cost to be covered through fundraising and PTC will provide bus transportation. Total cost will not exceed \$1200.00 and will be funded through Rivera Middle School ASB Account and SIP Account.
- . 12 Approved/Ratified participation of the North Park Middle School Colorguard in the Vista, California Colorguard Competition on February 17-19, 2006. Participation will be at no cost to the District. Transportation to be provided by parent chaperones. North Park Band Boosters will raise funds and seek donations to cover the \$1,050.00 for students' costs.
- . 13 Approved educational field trip for 160 students and four teachers from Rivera Middle School to the Mt. Sac Relays AAF Youth Days at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California on March 31, 2006. Transportation to be provided by PTC. Total expenditures of \$ 1400.00 payable from Rivera Middle School SIP and ASB Funds.

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- .14 Approved participation for 18 students and 3 teachers from Rivera Middle School in the Iolani Cross Country Invitational, September 22-26, 2006 in Kualoa, Hawaii. Expenditures of \$12,600.00 for students' registrations will be paid by student fundraisers, at no cost to the district. Total expenditures of \$1350.00, for substitutes, payable from Rivera Middle School SIP Funds.
- .15 Approved/Ratified participation of the El Rancho High School Wrestling Program in the CIF Individual Duals at La Quinta High School in La Quinta, California on February 17 & 18, 2006. Students will be departing from El Rancho on Thursday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m. (4<sup>th</sup> period). El Rancho van transportation will be provided and driven by Mr. Alvarado. Accommodations will be at the Best Western Date Tree Hotel in Indio, CA, 3 miles from La Quinta High School. Total expenditures of \$1740.00, which includes lodging, transportation and meals, is payable from the El Rancho Wrestling Team Program at no cost to the District.
- .16 Approved consultant agreements with Toby Larson, Educational Consultant, to provide writing workshops and classroom demonstrations to certificated staff at Birney Elementary School on February 28, March 7, 14 and 28, 2006; to provide writing demonstration lessons and feedback to certificated and classified staff at Rivera Elementary School on March 7, 2006; to provide two half-day Step Up to Writing workshops to certificated staff at North Ranchito Elementary on March 8 and 22, 2006. Expenditures of \$6,550.00 payable from Birney Elementary School Title I funds (\$4,200), Rivera Elementary School Title I funds (\$750) and North Ranchito Elementary School Title I (\$800) and SIP funds (\$800).
- .17 Approved consultant agreement with Maria Elsa Barajas for a series of workshops for Selby Grove Elementary School parents on March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2006. Expenditures of \$1500.00 are payable from Selby Grove SIP, ELAP and EIA/LEP funds.
- .18 Approved amendment of original date of January 23, 2006 to March 13, 2006 for consultant agreement with Thinking Maps, Inc. to train certificated staff at North Ranchito Elementary School. Original agreement was approved by the Governing Board on July 26, 2005, Board Item # 20.6, for the following dates: August 30, 2005, October 25, 2005, and January 23, 2006; the January date was changed due to conflicts in scheduling. Expenditures of \$3,600.00 payable from North Ranchito Elementary School Title I funds, as approved on the aforementioned Board Meeting date.
- .19 Approved amendment to item #30.9 approved on August 23, 2005 (amendment #10 to Los Angeles County Office of Education Contract No. C-5882: 99:206), in which the Los Angeles County Office of Education increases funding to the schools as follows: Magee Elementary School increased \$16,700 and Selby Grove Elementary School increased \$3,833. Total funding increased by \$20,533.00.
- .20 Approved/Ratified the Rio Hondo Education Consortium GEAR UP Grant for North Park Middle School, effective February 24, 2006, to provide academic student support, enrichment programs, academic advisement, family field trips, parent education workshops for sixth grade students and their families, and professional development for teachers. The grant award is \$754,400 annually and will be shared by North Park Middle School, Los Nietos Middle School and Columbia Middle School, with El Monte Union High School District acting as the fiscal agent. All costs for the services to be funded by the GEAR UP Grant at no cost to the District.

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- .21 Approved the submission of the District's 2005-2006 Consolidated Application, Part II, to the California Department of Education. (*The Consolidated Application is available for review in the Educational Services Office*).

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

- .1 Approved contract agreement between El Rancho Unified School District and Flewelling & Moody to provide architectural and engineering services for the District's "New Practice Gymnasium Project" at El Rancho High School. Total cost of \$348,000 payable from budgeted General Obligation Bond Funds.
- .2 Approved attendance for four classified staff members from the Maintenance and Operations Division to the "2006 Toro Irrigation Classes" on March 16-17 and April 26, 2006 to be held at the Toro Company in Riverside, California. Total cost of \$1,000 payable from restricted maintenance funds.
- .3 Approved the purchase of six relocatable classrooms and two library/media centers for Valencia Elementary, Rivera Elementary, Rio Vista Elementary and North Park Middle School from Modtech Holdings, Inc. under the Coachella Valley Unified School District Piggyback provision. Total cost of \$658,112, payable from budgeted bond funds.
- .4 Approved contract agreement with J.E. School Consulting to conduct a Level 1 Justification Study for Levying Developer Fees. Total cost of \$13,000 payable from Developer Fees.

**176 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES – Kathryn Enloe (562) 801-5216**

- .1 Approved the District's Teacher Recruitment and Student Support Program Plan in order to receive funding from the California Department of Education in the amount of \$72,579.00.
- .2 Approved participation to local College and University Job Fairs for Spring 2006 at a cost of \$1,300 to be paid from the General Fund.
- .3 Approved consultant agreement with Catherine D. Daley for the presentation of "Bridging Cultures," a four-seminar series. Consultant will provide services to BTSA Induction teachers as well as other interested teachers, on March 16, April 27, May 18, and June 8, 2006. Expenditures are not to exceed \$2,000.00 payable from BTSA Induction Program funds.
- .4 PULLED an increase in salary for R.O.T.C. Instructors in accordance with the new 2006 Pay & Allowances Scales for the United States Armed Forces, which was signed into law by President Bush. These new military pay rates are effective January 1, 2006 and adjustments to John Mushallo's and Steve Mick's salary should be made accordingly.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- 177** Approved First Reading of *revised* Board Bylaw 9220 – Governing Board Elections.

*CLOSED SESSION: (Items 178 through 182)*

- 178** Approved/Ratified Certificated Employment Register No. 14-2005/2006
- 179** Approved/Ratified Classified Employment Register No. 14-2005/2006
- 180** Denied Student Expulsion: Student A (with stipulations)
- 181** Approved Student Expulsion: Student B
- 182** Approved Student Review: Student C

*ADJOURNMENT: 10:28 PM*