



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The following summary identifies the information presented and/or the actions taken at the **November 14, 2013** meeting of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education.

- El Rancho High School ASB President, Sydney Woo, informed the Board of Education about homecoming activities and football game, the annual canned food drive and the ERHS Talent Show being held the evening of the board meeting.
- Salazar High School ASB Spokesperson, Aubriana Flores, informed the Board of Education about the College/Career Day, Interact students participating in the March to End Polio and the funds they raised. She also spoke about the Halloween Maze, American Red Cross Blood Drive and announced that Kenneth Thompson and Aubriana Flores were recognized for their personal examples of trustworthiness.
- Birney Elementary School Student Council President, Joseph Bruyneel made a Power Point presentation about the school's highlights and accomplishments. Also in attendance from Birney Elementary were Principal, Kendall Goyenaga, students and staff.
- The following seven students were recognized for receiving a perfect score on the Mathematics 2013 STAR Exam:
 - Andrew Calderon Rivera Elementary
 - Ahriana Martinez Rivera Elementary
 - Melanie Ortega Rivera Elementary
 - Mia Vela Rivera Elementary
 - Christopher Campos South Ranchito Elementary
 - Salvador Esquivel, III South Ranchito Elementary
 - Marlene Osorio South Ranchito Elementary

At each Board meeting for this school year, groups of students will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment.

- A reception was held to honor and recognize long time Board Members Rita Jo Ramirez and Dr. Joseph Rivera. Ms. Ramirez had served on the Board of Education for twenty years while Dr. Rivera had served for eight. A small token of appreciation were presented to Ms. Ramirez and Dr. Rivera in recognition of their dedication and service to the El Rancho Unified School District and school community. Each board member positively commented on the contributions each have provided to our district and students.
- Leticia Covarrubias, Chief Business Officer made a presentation regarding the [Local Control Funding Formula and Common Core Expenditure Plan](#).

- **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- Martin Galindo, Superintendent, reviewed the following district academic and extra-curricular accomplishments:
 - ✓ Juan Navarro, senior at ERHS received a \$30,000 scholarship from the Whittier Narrows Nature Center Association.
 - ✓ Alyana Leal-Robles signed with George Washington University to play softball.
 - ✓ Winners in the Whittier Daily News Scary Story contest are Jasmine Ocegerra from ERHS and another two winners for their drawings-Leila Leal-Robles from Rivera Elementary and Kristian Ortega Velasquez from ERHS.
 - ✓ El Rancho High football team took second place in league and made the playoffs last week against Dominguez HS.
 - ✓ The ERHS Boys Water Polo team placed second in league.
 - ✓ In a recent band competition our Marching Dons placed second in band, third in Drum Major and Guard.
- The Board of Education approved attendance for two certificated staff members and one classified staff member to the 12th annual Tech Forum California: Insight and Innovation for Technology Leaders event on January 17, 2014 in Long Beach, CA. Total expenditure of \$585.00 for registration is payable from District General Funds and Burke Middle and El Rancho High LCFF Funds.
- The Board of Education approved a consultant agreement between El Rancho Unified School District and California Consulting, LLC, A California Limited Liability Company, to provide grant writing services. These grant writing services are available to individual school sites, groups of schools and for districtwide grants. This agreement shall be effective November 1, 2013 on a month to month basis. Total expenditure of \$4,000.00 per month is payable from General Funds.
- The Board of Education approved a contract agreement for services with Pivot Learning Partners for executive coaching services effective December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Total cost not to exceed \$23,700.00 is payable from Centralized Title II Funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

- **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES**

- The Board of Education approved attendance to the Transition Alliance: Build a Bridge to the Future Conference, presented by the California Transition Alliance and the California Department of Education, to be held on December 2-4, 2013, in San Diego, CA. One certificated Administrator and one certificated Vocational Counselor will attend. Total estimated expenditure of \$1,521.48 will be at no cost to the District; it will be paid by CalSTAT through the Whittier Union High School District's Career Connection Department.

- **DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES** (continued)

- The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Rancho Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Office of the District Attorney for the implementation of the Abolish Chronic Truancy (A.C.T.) program at Birney, Durfee, Magee, North Ranchito, Rio Vista, Rivera, South Ranchito, and Valencia Elementary Schools. Services provided will be at no cost to the District. This program will focus on students with excessive and chronic absences.
- The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Rancho Unified School District and the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) for the implementation of the MAOF Workforce Investment Act (WIA) during the 2013/2014 school year. Services provided will be at no cost to the District.
- The Board of Education approved the Individual Service Tuition Agreements between El Rancho Unified School District and Spectrum Center Inc. El Rancho Unified School District. Three additional students are to attend this school from August 28, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in accordance with Public Law 108-446 IDEA; Education Code Sections 56035, 56365-56366 and 56740. Total expenditure not to exceed \$72,000.00 is payable through the Federal and State Special Education Funds.
- The Board of Education approved the first reading of revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3515, Business and Non-Instructional Operations, School Safety and Security that addresses installation of security cameras in district facilities. El Rancho High School is tentatively identified for camera installation by March, 2014.

- **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- The Board of Education approved attendance for two certificated staff members from El Rancho High School to the UCLA History-Geography Project – Reading and Writing in the Secondary History Classroom – A Common Core Workshop in Culver City on December 7, 2013. Total expenditure of \$200.00 is payable from El Rancho High School LCFF Funds.
- The Board of Education approved attendance for thirteen certificated staff members from El Rancho High School to the UCLA Writing Project – With Different Eyes Conference at UCLA on November 16, 2013. Total expenditure of \$975.00 is payable from El Rancho High School EIA/LEP Funds.
- The Board of Education approved attendance for one administrator from St. Marianne School to the Mind Streams Leadership Conference for Educational Leaders at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel from November 20-22, 2013. Total expenditure of \$745.00 is payable from St. Marianne Title II Funds. Given that St. Marianne School is located in our district boundary, they are entitled to receive Title II funds.
- The Board of Education approved the participation for 45 students from the El Rancho High School boys' JV/varsity basketball teams, three certificated staff members, and two walk-on coaches in a sleepover/team bonding event in the El Rancho High School Raul P. Salcido Gymnasium from 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2013 through 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2013. There is no cost to the District.

- **DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES** (continued)

- The Board of Education approved amendment to Board Item No. 15.3 F, approved October 10, 2013, to adjust the total expenditure amount for agreements with 45 Supplemental Educational Service (SES) providers for schools in Program Improvement Years 2-5 under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, effective October 10, 2013 through April 30, 2014. Providers are not to exceed \$895.17 per eligible student receiving services (per pupil rate provided by the California Department of Education as of July 26, 2013). Total expenditure not to exceed \$330,586.65 \$439,282.20 is payable from District Title I Set Aside Funds.

- **DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- The Board of Education approved the final payment of \$24,875.00 to Best Contracting Services, Inc. and accepted the El Rancho Unified School District Roofing Project, Bid No. 629 as complete. Total contract cost payable from Measure "A" General Obligation Bond Funds.
- The Board of Education approved the final payment of \$3,205.12 to Unlimited Environmental Incorporated, and accepted the El Rancho Unified School District Asbestos Removal and Mechanical Demolition Project, Bid No. 631 as complete. Total contract cost payable from Measure "A" General Obligation Bond Funds.
- The Board of Education approved the acceptance of donated surplus playground engineered wood fiber from the City of Pico Rivera.
- The Board of Education approved the acceptance of proposal from Christofi Architects Inc. for additional services relating to the El Rancho High School Culinary Arts Classroom project. Based on the input from ERHS staff and administrators, modifications were made to the original plans. Total fee for additional services is \$6,000.00 payable from Measure "A" General Obligation Bond Funds.
- The Board of Education approved the acceptance of the proposal and entered into a service agreement with American Fidelity Administrative Services, LLC to provide an Affordable Care Act, Workforce and Impact Study. Total cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 payable from General Funds.
- The Board of Education approved the selection and proposal from High Performance Learning Environments to be the qualified consultant team to provide Facilities Master Plan consulting services to the El Rancho Unified School District.

- **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Rancho Federation of Teachers (ERFT) and the El Rancho Unified School District concerning the restoration of three furlough days for the 2013-14 school year.
- The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the El Rancho Administrators and Supervisors Association (ERASA) and the El Rancho Unified School District concerning the restoration of three furlough days for the 2013-14 school year.

- **DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES** (continued)

- The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the El Rancho Unified School District concerning the restoration of three furlough days for the 2013-14 school year.
- The Board of Education approved the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the El Rancho Federation of Teachers (ERFT) and the El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) concerning kindergarten classes and programs.
- The Board of Education approved the adoption of Resolution No. 16-2013/2014 authorizing nine Multiple Subject Credentialed teachers to teach in intermediate departmentalized classes per Education Code 44256(b).
- The Board of Education approved the consultant agreement with Dr. Albert Jones for the provision of consulting services to beginning and veteran teachers from November 2013 to June 2014 to be paid in two installments of \$1,750.00 on or before January 30, 2013 and \$1,750.00 on or before June 30, 2014.