



ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting

May 09, 2017

5:30 PM

1830 S. Nogales Street, Board Room

Rowland Heights, California 91748

I. OPENING

I.A. Call to Order

Minutes:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Tuesday, May 9, 2017, was called to order by Board President, Lynne Ebenkamp, at 5:31 p.m.

I.B. Roll Call and Attendance

Minutes:

Superintendent, Julie Mitchell, Ed.D., called roll and took attendance of the Board of Education.

All Board Members were present.

All Cabinet Members were present.

I.C. Adoption of the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Quick Summary:

Adopt the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2017. or Adopt the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2017, with the following corrections/modifications:

Motion Passed: Adopt the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

Minutes:

Additionally, the following items were requested to be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and/or vote:

VIII.B.10. Contract Agreement between WIN Education and the Rowland Unified School District

VIII.B.13. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Blue Water

Educational Consultants and the Rowland Unified School District

VIII.C.13. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Facility Maintenance Agreement between Clean Energy and Rowland Unified School District

VIII.D.1. Approve Human Resources Action Report HR16-17:10

I.D. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items Only - Written Requests to Address the Board

Quick Summary:

NOTE: Remarks are limited to three (3) minutes, unless extended further or limited by vote of the Board. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by the Board, is allocated for each subject discussed. Ordinarily, Board Members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to Staff following a presentation.

Minutes:

There were no public comments on Closed Session Agenda Items.

II. CLOSED SESSION

Quick Summary:

Recess to Closed Session. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Board may adjourn to Closed Session at any time during the meeting to discuss staff/student personnel matters, negotiations, litigation, and/or the acquisition of land or facilities.

Minutes:

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

II.A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation pursuant to Government Code section 54957

II.B. Pupil Readmission, Suspended Stipulated Expulsion and Expulsion

II.C. Meet with Chief Negotiator, Dennis J. Bixler, and discuss negotiations pursuant to Government Code, Section 3549.1 and/or Section 54957.6, regarding the Association of Rowland Educators (ARE) and California

School Employees Association (CSEA) [Collective Bargaining]

II.D. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Quick Summary:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: Superintendent of Schools

III. OPEN SESSION

Quick Summary:

The Board will return to Open Session.

Minutes:

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:06 p.m., with Lynne Ebenkamp presiding.

III.A. Flag Salute

Quick Summary:

All in attendance will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Rorimer Elementary student, Giovanni Ramos.

Minutes:

All in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Rorimer student, Giovanni Ramos.

III.B. Closed Session Report

Quick Summary:

Report on any Board Action taken in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code 54957.7.

Motion Passed: The Board approved the Resignation and Settlement Agreement and General Release between the District and Classified Employee # ME9250819. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

III.C. Board Recognitions

III.C.1. Recognize PTA/Parent Group Representatives for Outstanding Contributions to RUSD Schools

Quick Summary:

The Board will recognize PTA/Parent group representatives for their outstanding contributions to our schools.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following PTA Presidents and Parent Group Representatives for their Outstanding Contributions to the RUSD Schools:

- Noreen Miranda - Hurley Elementary PTA President
- Kathy Bernal - Jellick Elementary PTA President
- Elizabeth Ruvalcaba - Rorimer Elementary PTA President
- Anna Carlos - Rowland Elementary PTA President
- Alice Chang - Shelyn Elementary PTA President
- Adriana Reynoso - Ybarra Academy PTSA President
- Jesus Castillo - Yorbita Elementary PTA President
- Viri Cedeno - Alvarado Intermediate PTSA President
- Maria Varga - Nogales High School PTSA President

III.C.2. Recognize Kaufman Classroom Grant Awardees

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following recipients of the Kaufman Classroom Grant:

- Rocio Chavez - Hurley Elementary
- Vanessa Guadron - Hurley Elementary
- Nancy Buck - Jellick Elementary
- Christina Garcia - Rowland Elementary
- Joan Strasser Durrin - Rowland Elementary
- Laura Diaz - Oswald Academy
- Krystal Kawamoto - Oswald Academy
- Clare Ruesga - Oswald Academy
- Pascale Ngo - Rowland High School
- David Koza - Rowland High School

III.C.3. Recognize the FORUS Foundation Scholarship Award Recipients

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following recipients of the 2017 FORUS Foundation Scholarship:

- Boneui Koo, Rowland High School
- Marian Huang, Rowland High School
- Stephanie Batres, Nogales High School
- Kristy Tjorko, Rowland High School
- Vanessa Cerano, Nogales High School

The Board recognized the following recipients of the 2017 FORUS Classroom grants:

- Vanessa Guadron, Hurley Elementary
- Laura Dent, Rowland High School

- Susie Bratt, Jellick Elementary School
- Julie Chiang, Rowland High School
- Sharon Siedlecki, Sheyln Elementary School
- Leslie Smith, Rowland High School
- Skip Rogers, Shelyn Elementary School
- Daryl Tamez, Shelyn Elementary School

III.C.4. Recognize the Rowland High School National Merit Finalists

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School National Merit Finalists for showing high potential for future academic accomplishments:

- Jefferson Mach
- Nathan Siu

III.C.5. Recognize the Rowland High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team

Minutes:

The Board recognized Coach Quentin Carr and the following Girls' Varsity Basketball team members at Rowland High School for their outstanding performance:

- Kayci Hirakawa
- Faith Castillo
- Tianna Eaton
- Kristen Lu
- Rachel Capinia
- Halley Ojerio-Bunton
- Chelsey Ragasa
- Nicole Woo
- Katie Quon
- Kaylin Ngo
- Maggie Dang
- Teresa Chang
- Isabella Wu
- Jessica Gay

III.C.6. Recognize the Rowland High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team

Minutes:

The Board recognized Coach Jason Villanueva and the following Rowland High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team members for their outstanding performance as a CIF-Southern Section Division 4AA Semi-Finalist:

- Paul Granadozin
- Jarbas Faria

- Phillip Aguiniga
- Curtis Hong
- Dameon Thomas
- Matthew Gonzales
- Sean Beasly
- Ethan Galang
- Jayson Alano
- Rijon Williamson
- Jesse Shaihor
- Karl Santos
- Howard Park
- Stephen Duan
- Edward Madison

III.C.7. Recognize the Rowland High School Wrestlers

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School Wrestlers for placing in both the CIF Finals and CIF Masters Meet:

- Armando Murillo
- Richard Rojo-Santiago

III.C.8. Recognize the Rowland High School Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School Career and Community Leaders of America for receiving multiple awards at the state competition:

- Jackie Ma
- Brenda Kwong
- Christian Ballardo
- ShianLeei Yu
- Nicole Zhang
- Ashley Leung
- Osmani Bailon
- Sean Monroe
- Samantha Ung
- Diane Chen
- Jessica Chiu
- Sophia Htay
- Cecilia Wang

III.C.9. Recognize Rowland High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School Future Business Leaders of America for their outstanding achievement at the State Conference:

- Jeremy Ho
- Win Mon
- Yaobang Guo
- Vanessa Kwan
- Mark Chang
- Michael Kuo
- Brian Chung
- Camilla Wu

III.C.10. Recognize the Rowland High School Prostart Team

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School ProStart Team for their 5th place award at the 2017 California ProStart Cup:

- Alexis De Luna
- Anna Shehatta
- Matthew Candelaria
- Noah Policarpio
- Andrew Gomez

III.C.11. Recognize Rowland High School Students for Outstanding Community Service

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Rowland High School Students for their outstanding community service:

- Kristy Tjokro
- Cathy Chen

III.C.12. Recognize the Grand Prize Recipient of the Congressional Art Competition

Minutes:

The Board recognized Michelle Liang for receiving the Grand Prize award at the Congressional Art Competition.

III.C.13. Recognize the Elementary and Secondary Science Olympiad Teams

Quick Summary:

Recognize Jellick Elementary, Northam Elementary, Yorbita Elementary, Tesis Academy and Rowland High School for their outstanding participation in the Science Olympiad competitions.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the following Elementary and Secondary Science Olympiad Teams for their outstanding performance at the Los Angeles Regional Science Olympiad:

Rowland High School - Secondary

- Alvin Dai – 1st Place in the Disease Detectives Event
- Michelle Chiew – 1st Place in the Disease Detectives Event
- Wesley Kwan – 1st Place in the Invasive Species Event
- Anthony Tan – 1st Place in the Invasive Species Event
- David Militante – 3rd Place in the Write It Do It Event
- Wesley Kwan – 3rd Place in the Write It Do It Event

Telesis Academy of Science and Math - Elementary

- Matthieu Aguilar
- Victoria Arrizon
- Sabrina Barrett
- Andrew Cobar
- Constantinos Dimitriadis
- Ivan Flores
- Naomi Gonzalez
- William Huynh
- Ysabelle Merzo
- Kian Oda
- Brenda Ornelas Gallegos
- Edward Rosell
- Clarissa Tabuloc
- Danyel Tumaliuan
- Rebecca Villacorte
- Thomas Aguilar
- Caitlin Cabanilla
- Athena Castano
- Reuel Castro
- Ricardo Gonzalez
- Brent Huynh
- Anit Jhaveri
- Isaiah Kim
- Stephanie Lopez
- Getsemani Piedra
- Chelsea Sudargo
- Keila Villanueva
- Jensine Yu
- Daniel Zuniga
- Zachary Silva

Yorbita Elementary School - Elementary

- Andrew Castillo
- Paola Aispuro

- Isaac Roque
- Cassandra Gonzalez Luna
- Erik Ramirez
- Gabriela Ruiz Virrueta
- Bianca Cortes
- Jahaira Ramirez
- Juan Fregoso
- Michael Zabala
- Christian Diaz
- Luis Chavarin
- Marcos Cortes

Jellick Elementary School - Elementary

- Julian Cedeno
- Joel Salan
- April Denolo
- Megan Ruiz
- Julia Del Castillo
- Lency Galo Zelaya
- Jonas Davis
- Alexander Pena
- Maria Bahena
- Samantha Konno
- Natalie Munoz
- Marisol Bahena Piedra
- Tianwei Xi
- Javier Bahena
- Adam Nguyen

Blandford Elementary School - Blandford

- Samantha Leong
- Alyssa Lopez
- Katie Moc
- Madeleine Tsoi
- Andrew Acevedo
- Faith Lee
- Aidan Pan
- Kylie Phan
- Robert Schaffer
- James Tao
- Allison Cho
- Justin Gamboa
- Natalie Hao
- Betty Peng
- Hanwen (Hummer) Xu

III.C.14. Recognize and Thank the Rorimer Elementary Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members for Providing Refreshments

Quick Summary:

Recognize and thank the Rorimer Elementary students, parents, staff, and community members for providing the refreshments at tonight's Board meeting.

Minutes:

The Board recognized and thanked the Rorimer Elementary students, parents, staff, and community members for providing the refreshments at tonight's Board meeting.

IV. REPORTS

IV.A. Rorimer Elementary Spotlight Report

Quick Summary:

Rorimer Elementary teacher, Yaxaira Chavez, will provide a brief report highlighting what is going on at their organization.

Minutes:

Rorimer principal, Joyce Garcia, introduced 6th grade Dual Immersion program student and Student Council President, Giovanni Ramos. Giovanni shared highlights of school events organized by Student Council like Pennies for Patients in which they collected \$3,600 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, May the 4th Be With You, Twin Day, Super Hero Day, PBIS and shared that Student Council members made charts of how students should behave in and out of class, painted tiles for the front of the school. Giovannie advised it is an honor to be Student Council President and thanked the Board for the opportunity to present.

Second grade Rorimer Elementary teacher in the Dual Immersion program, Yaxaira Chavez, shared how they are positively impacting student learning at Rorimer with a school-wide focus on writing while working with Growing Educators in implementing the writing workshop approach for grades TK-6. She also highlighted the technology that has become a strong presence in the classrooms, as well as the Mind, Math and Music and Dual Immersion programs at Rorimer. Yaxaira concluded by expressing her appreciation for Director Silvia Rivas and the Board for the newly adopted Dual Language curriculum and invited everyone to join students for their Walk-a-thon on May 25.

IV.B. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

This is our favorite busy time of the year – recognizing our students and schools for their accomplishments and celebrating their achievements! As you saw, we had many recognitions tonight and there are a few more that I would like to share with you:

- RUSD is golden once again – Congratulations to Rowland High School and Alvarado Intermediate for being selected as 2017 California Gold Ribbon Schools! Both schools will be honored by the California Department of Education next week at the California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony on May 15 in Los Angeles.

- For the third year in a row, a Rowland High School art student took first place in the Walnut Valley Water District Water Conservation Awareness Poster Contest. Congratulations to Amanda Kim, 11th grader from Rowland High School, and Killian Elementary 3rd grade student Rocia Han who were honored on May 3 at the Walnut Valley Water District Water Awareness event.
- We also want to congratulate the 41 students from all of our high schools that were recognized last week at the 49th Annual Student Awards Ceremony by The Kiwanis Club of Walnut Valley. They recognized our outstanding students in the areas of service, leadership, social science and science, and presented the Ed Chapman Awards to students in the fields of business, fine arts, health & medical, technology and educational careers.
- Our students were also recognized at the La Puente Valley ROP's Student Recognition Night. Congratulations to all of the students recognized, including the La Puente Valley ROP
- Student of the Year Award Winner Ryan Ramos from Nogales High School, who received a \$1,200 Scholarship that night.
- I also want to remind the community as well as the Board that May 25th we have an open meeting at 5 p.m. at Oswalt Academy for community input regarding the construction and rebuild project at Oswalt.
- Lastly, a reminder that graduation day and the last day of school this year is June 1st.

IV.C. Student Board Representatives' Reports

IV.C.1. Santana High School

Quick Summary:

Receive a Santana High School Student Representative to the Board Report.

Minutes:

Crystal Bahena-Pilo, ASB President at Santana High School shared the following message: Good evening Madam President, members of the board, superintendent Dr. Mitchell, and members of the audience.

This week on Thursday, May 11 we will be having our third and final blood drive of this school year from 9 am to 2:30pm. We are encouraging more donations from students, as well as from the staff. We will also be accepting public donations to make the most impact in our neighborhood. Everyone who donates will receive a \$5 In-N-Out gift card.

I'm very excited to share that yesterday we had a successful field trip to Vasquez Rocks with Mrs.Guzman and Mr.Schlarmann. Throughout the day we learned various things about the earth and its movements, the different types of rocks, and how mountains were formed. We were also able to see and actually stand along the San Andreas Fault Line. After being able to explore and see where the San Andreas Fault Line lies, we were able to make a stop and have an amazing experience playing in the snow! To end this wonderful trip, we went to The Devil's Punchbowl and had an amazing time hiking, exploring, and taking memorable pictures!

On Saturday, May 6 there was a field trip with Ms. Pineda and Mr. Feldman to UCLA in which 34 students attended. Students were able to see the campus and get inspired to

attend college. It is my pleasure to announce that we will be having our final Coffee House on May 19. We are expecting Matt Sorum from Guns N Roses. As you may know, Matt adopted Santana's Music Program two years ago and continues to support us. We hope you all can join us! I am glad to say that our yearbook sale was a success and the yearbook team did an amazing job in putting the yearbook together!

The yearbook theme for this year was "Back to the 90s", since class of 2017 is the last of the 90s kids!

I'm proud to say that the Solar Boat Competition is in full swing! The boat was tested and it passed the inspection on Saturday, May 6 at Nogales High School. Our Solar Boat team can't wait compete on May 18-21 and we gladly invite you all to join us!

Mr. Schlarmann's Horticulture Class is hard at work! The students along with Mr.Schlarmann are working hard to finish the Drought Garden. They are starting to put the landscaping and plants together and hope to be done by the end of the school year.

When speaking with our p.e teacher, she stated that our p.e program is in need of equipment and is hoping for the board to help us find funding for a weight room, ping pong tables, a shaded area for students, and a gym. She is also hoping that we can be able to take students either to Nogales High School or Rowland High School to teach our students how to swim. This would be very beneficial to our students and future students since we don't have clubs or sports on campus and I feel that our students should be able to take advantage of that as well as the other students at the regular high schools . Sometimes Santana students feel that we are treated differently because we are at a continuation school, when our diplomas are just as valuable as any other students.

This past week, Mrs. Guzman visited Nogales High School to purchase prom tickets for students and was very impressed with the student store. Our student store is ran out of a classroom on push carts , we are hoping that when Santana is remodeled it can be taken into consideration to provide a student store for our students as well . The student store isn't just for students to purchase things, it also teaches students how to run a business. Today we started our first annual three on three basketball tournament. Students are very excited to participate and root on their favorite team. We are hoping to also do a soccer and football tournament here on campus.

Santana High School's principal, Mr.Edmunds is retiring this year. As students we believe that our new principal should be someone qualified for the job, which should not be based on race or language and that has experience working in a continuation setting. We want the new principal to be able to listen to our students and be able to make connections with them. We believe that our new principal should not be critical or judgmental and should not give into stereotypes. We want a principal who has hope for the kids in our community and is more involved in school activities. Santana students want a principal who is not afraid of standing up for our school.

To conclude, I would like to say that I am very fortunate to have been President of ASB. I believe that just by being at Santana is a blessing. Thanks to this school and to my teachers, I have been granted the opportunity to better myself. Santana has not only helped me to catch up on my credits, but also to grow as a person. On behalf of Santana High School's ASB, I would like to give a special thanks to our ASB director. We are very

grateful to have her by our sides because regardless of the circumstances she is always there to listen and help us when we need her. It is truly amazing how much love a teacher can have for her students. Thank you Mrs. Guzman or as we call her "Momma Guzman" for believing in every single one of us and helping us reach our goals. Happy Teacher's Day and Happy early Mother's Day to all!

IV.C.2. Nogales High School

Quick Summary:

Receive a Nogales High School Student Representative to the Board Report.

Minutes:

Junica Ruaro, who is replacing Laura Martinez as student representative from Nogales High School, shared that as this year is coming to the end, many preparations have begun for next year including elections for various clubs like ASB in which she will be leading as the Executive Secretary next year. Junica shared highlights of school performance and athletics groups as well as various senior events happening on campus including college signing day.

IV.C.3. John A. Rowland High School

Quick Summary:

Receive a John A. Rowland High School Student Representative to the Board Report.

Minutes:

Liay Kawachi, ASB Speaker of the House, Rowland High School shared the following highlights:

- Prom Expo on April 12
- Best Buddies Prom on April 14
- Prom Court Performance on April 19
- Prom at the California Science Center on April 22
- Teacher Appreciation and Staff Appreciation Week
- Put posters on doors showing appreciations
- Passed out highlighters
- Staff luncheon
- Passing out survival kits
- Thank you notes
- Powder Puff practices May 8-18 with game on the 19th
- 12 days of Rowland with landmarks on campus May 15 - 31
- Make your own sundae on April 24
- Senior Signing Day
- Scholarship Signings on May 10
- End of Year Senior Assembly on Friday
- Senior Recognition Day May 15
- Senior Awards Night May 30
- Senior Sunset on May 25
- Senior Day on May 26

- Graduation Practice coming up
- Grad Night at Disneyland May 31
- Graduation on June 1
- Dance Showcase
- Performing Arts Rally
- Pop Show April 27 and 29
- Comedy Sports Teacher Match on May 5
- Pageantry Showcase on May 5
- Congratulated Spring Athletics department on making it to CIF
- Introduction of 2017-2018 ASB Speaker of the House Nicholas Phillips

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V.A. Written Requests to Address the Board

Quick Summary:

NOTE: Remarks are limited to three (3) minutes, unless extended further or limited by vote of the Board. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by the Board, is allocated for each subject discussed. Ordinarily, Board Members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to Staff following a presentation.

Minutes:

1. Roy Humphreys congratulated those recognized for their accomplishments and staff for all that they do then shared his opinions on the ten percent construction order change previously brought up by the Board, transparency, Core Values, student-centered focus, Chinese Immersion teaching and the Chinese Exclusion Act.

2. Mario Zepeda, parent of student at Rowland High School who is a softball player, expressed his concern for the school transportation to and from sports events arriving late to pick up the players which is having a negative impact on their safety and this issue needs to be corrected.

Dr. Mitchell advised Transportation Director, Jim Burleson, is in the audience this evening and asked that they connect to discuss this issue further.

3. Shay Lohman, ARE representative, expressed his amazement for the amount of students receiving awards and stated it is evident of the student-centered approach at RUSD. He thanked the District and Mr. Schmitz for allowing the California Teachers Association the use of Telesis campus for Professional Day advising that dozens of educators across the region were impressed with not only with the facilities, but also with the work being done in RUSD. With this being National Teacher Appreciation Week, on behalf of ARE, Shay thanked the Board, management and the community for their good wishes and extended an invitation to join them at El Cholo's tomorrow where they will also be celebrating the retirement of CTA staff member Eileen Fetters. He concluded by thanking the FOR US Foundation for the grants received as they are helpful in the classrooms and wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VI.A. Textbook Adoption - Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 (Grades 6-12)

Quick Summary:

At the recommendation of the Rowland Unified School District (RUSD) district-wide secondary Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 (GAG) Pilot Committee, the Board is being asked to approve the recommendation to adopt Big Ideas by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt as the new Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 curriculum for students in grades 6-12.

Rationale:

In order to better coordinate curriculum to the newly adopted standards-aligned Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 (from Common Core Standards), this instructional materials adoption will provide curricular support for teachers and students.

Motion Passed: Approve the recommendation to adopt Big Ideas Math by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt as the new Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 curriculum for students in grades 6-12. Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Big Ideas Math, Algebra 1 - Student Edition 2017: ISBN 978-0544608948 Big Ideas Math, Geometry - Student Edition 2017: ISBN 978-0544609020 Big Ideas Math, Algebra 2 - Student Edition 2017: ISBN 978-0544609556 Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

Minutes:

Board members engaged in discussion regarding the textbook chosen stating it was an excellent choice and will help students with dual language, who may not be completely fluent.

VI.B. New Course Request and Instructional Material Adoption - Expository Reading and Writing

Quick Summary:

At the recommendation of Rowland Unified School District (RUSD) teachers, program specialist, and school administration, the Board is being asked to adopt the course, Expository Reading and Writing and additional instructional materials for RUSD students in grade 12.

Rationale:

The goal of the Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC) is to prepare college-bound seniors for the literacy demands of higher education. Through a sequence of

eight to ten rigorous instructional modules, students in this yearlong, rhetoric-based course develop advanced proficiency in expository, analytical, and argumentative reading and writing. The cornerstone of the course the ERWC Assignment Template presents a scaffolded process for helping students read, comprehend, and respond to nonfiction and literary texts. Modules also provide instruction in research methods and documentation conventions. Students will be expected to increase their awareness of the rhetorical strategies employed by authors and to apply those strategies to their own writing. They will read closely to examine the relationship between an author's argument or theme and his or her audience and purpose; to analyze the impact of structural and rhetorical strategies; and to examine the social, political, and philosophical assumptions that underlie the text. By the end of the course, students will be expected to use this process independently when reading unfamiliar texts and writing in response to them. The ERWC is closely aligned to the seven criteria of the UC English requirement. Students successfully completing this course develop skills, knowledge, processes, and dispositions in the following areas of academic literacy: reading rhetorically, writing rhetorically, listening and speaking rhetorically, and habits of mind. In alignment with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy (CCSS for ELA/Literacy).

Motion Passed: Adopt the course, Expository Reading and Writing and additional instructional materials for RUSD students in grade 12. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Ms. Donna Freedman.

- Yes Mr. Cary Chen
- Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
- Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
- Yes Mr. David Malkin
- Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.C. Partnership Agreement with Mount San Antonio College for Non AB288 Course Offerings

Quick Summary:

The Rowland Unified School District and Mount San Antonio College desire to enter into a partnership agreement to offer college courses to high school students on RUSD campuses.

Rationale:

The Rowland Unified School District and Mount San Antonio College desire to make available to RUSD high school students a dual enrollment program developed and provided by Mount San Antonio College under which District's students will have the opportunity to take certain courses for college credit. To do so, both parties will enter into a Partnership Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year to set forth the terms upon which Mount San Antonio College will provide the Program to RUSD students at various District high school sites and RUSD will make available its facilities for such purpose. For the Fall 2017, Rowland High School and Nogales High School will each host one Mount San Antonio College class, offered after regular school hours, for the purpose of making available a general education college course, allowing students to engage in this enrichment opportunity and furthering

student learning. Under the Partnership Agreement, Mount San Antonio College will provide dual enrollment faculty, appropriate curriculum, instruction, and award college credit for courses provided at the request of District. Additionally, Mount San Antonio College shall pay the total cost of tuition, books, and materials for high school students who enroll in a dual enrollment course. The Rowland Unified School District will provide classroom/instructional facilities, equipment, and educational technology for each class offered.

Motion Passed: Approve the Partnership Agreement between the Rowland Unified School District and Mount San Antonio College to provide dual enrollment courses to high school students. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. David Malkin.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Abstain Ms. Angelena Pride

Minutes:

Board members engaged in discussion regarding this partnership being a great opportunity for students that want to go to college, but have a financial difficulty as they will be able to complete courses before they finish high school through Mt. SAC at no cost to them, which will provide an opportunity for some students to graduate high school with both an Associate's Degree and a diploma.

VI.D. Second Reading and Adoption Revised Board Bylaw Exhibit 9323, Meeting Conduct

Quick Summary:

Receive for second reading and adoption Board Bylaw Exhibit 9323, Meeting Conduct.

Rationale:

Board Bylaw 9323 currently reads that "Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item". Board Bylaw Exhibit 9323 requires amendment to be consistent with, and reflect, Board Bylaw 9323.

Motion Passed: Receive for second reading and adoption revised Board Bylaw Exhibit 9323, Meeting Conduct. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.E. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Member Appointment

Quick Summary:

Renew Wendy Zhong's appointment to the CBOC for a two year term in compliance with the CBOC Bylaws.

Motion Passed: Approve the committee's recommendation to reappoint Wendy Zhong, Parent/PTA Member to the 2006/2012 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Mr. Cary Chen.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

Minutes:

Board member stated as Board Rep for CBOC thanked Wendy Zhong for an outstanding job.

VI.F. Approve Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Amended Bylaws

Quick Summary:

The Board established the Rowland Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee ("CBOC"), which has duties, obligations and rights as set forth and established in the Bylaws. The Board previously approved Bylaws for the CBOC on April 16, 2013. The Board is being asked to receive and approve Amended Bylaws. Any amendment of the Bylaws shall only become effective if and when it is approved by the Board.

Rationale:

The original Bylaws were approved by the Board on April 16, 2013. The CBOC has participated in the preparation of the amended bylaws presented to the Board, including providing input to the proposed amended Bylaws. The new Bylaws reflect changes in law and practices and will assist in operation of the RUSD CBOC meetings.

Minutes:

Superintendent, Dr. Mitchell, stated that since posting the Amended Bylaws, some recommendations have come to the attention of staff. She explained the following recommended changes to the proposed amended CBOC Bylaw sections 3.1., 9.1. and 12.2B., are to clarify the role of the CBOC and the Board in those sections:

3.1. Pursuant to Education Code section 15278, the purpose of the Committee is to inform the public ~~and the Board~~ regarding the expenditure of Measure R bond proceeds. The Committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction, and advise the public as to whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

9.1. The Board shall have sole discretion to select, appoint and remove Committee members, ~~and to determine its final size.~~ The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members ~~and no more than fifteen (15) members~~ appointed by the Board after an open and public recruitment process. Employees, officials, vendors, contractors, or consultants of the District are not eligible for voting or active membership on the Committee.

12.2. B. The Committee approves a motion recommending the removal of ~~to remove~~ a member for cause. A motion recommending the removal of ~~to remove~~ a member shall be approved by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at a Committee meeting, the matter having been placed on the agenda and a quorum being present. The motion and its result shall be communicated in writing to the member under consideration and to the Board President within one (1) week after the meeting that the motion was approved. The committee member removal shall be effective once the Board takes action to approve the CBOC's recommendation. ~~immediately upon passing the motion.~~ If the motion fails, the member under consideration cannot be removed by another vote of the Committee based on the specific bases for cause used for that initial vote.

Dr. Mitchell also advised that the following recommended change to amended CBOC Bylaw section 6.10.A.3. is to increase the level of communication:

6.10. A.3. The annual written report will be presented to the public at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

VI.G. Personnel Commission Budget, Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Quick Summary:

Receive and concur with the proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 Personnel Commission Budget.

Motion Passed: Receive and concur with the proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 Personnel Commission Budget. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cary Chen and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.H. Change in Board Meeting Date for the May 23, 2017, Board Study Session

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve a change in schedule for the May 23 Board Study Session meeting, to May 31, 2017.

Rationale:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board is being asked to change the schedule for their May 23 Study Session meeting. Should the Board wish to change the date of the meeting as to avoid any conflicts with other District business, it is recommended the Study Session meeting be moved to Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Motion Passed: Approve changing the day and date of the May 23, 2017 Board of Education Study Session meeting to Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. David Malkin.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.I. Rowland Unified School District 2017-2018 District Direction and Focus Areas

Quick Summary:

Receive for discussion the draft District Direction and Focus Areas for the 2017-2018 year.

Minutes:

Superintendent Dr. Mitchell stated the District Directions and Focus Areas have been shared with CSEA and ARE and will appear for approval at the June meeting.

VI.J. First Reading and Review of Revised Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Quick Summary:

Receive for first reading and review of revised Board Policy 5145.3: Nondiscrimination/Harassment.

Rationale:

Board Policy 5141.3 is being updated to reflect various provisions of state and federal law which prohibit discrimination against students in educational programs and activities based on certain actual or perceived characteristics of an individual, including Education Code 220, which prohibits discrimination based on race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes.

Assembly Bill 1266 requires that a pupil be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the pupil's records. Additionally, the updated policy reflects the statutory right of a transgender student to participate in sex-segregated educational programs and use facilities consistent with his/her gender identity as specified in Education Code 221.5.

Additionally, Education Code 234.1 mandates that districts adopt policy prohibiting, at school or in any school activity related to school attendance or under the authority of the district, discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, based on the aforementioned characteristics.

VI.K. First Reading and Review of New Board Policy 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention

Quick Summary:

Receive for first reading and review of new Board Policy 5141.52: Suicide Prevention.

Rationale:

AB 2246 mandates that the Governing Board of any district serving students in grades 7-12 adopt a policy on student suicide prevention prior to the 2017-2018 school year. The policy must address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. Additionally, it must specifically address the needs of high-risk groups and must address any training to be provided to teachers of pupils in grades 7-12. This policy was developed using the CSBA sample in consultation with a team of individuals that included school and community stakeholders, and school-employed mental health professionals. The team also consulted model policy recommended by the California Department of Education.

Minutes:

Board members engaged in discussion regarding adding verbiage to the policy to reflect the influence of peer relationships on high school students as one of the causes for depression and suicide, the possibility of this cause being too specific in the policy, as well as the three areas that were specifically required to be outlined in the policy per Education Code 215.

Dr. Mitchell advised that it is the Board's policy so it is possible to amend the policy. She explained that as is required for developing this policy, a committee which included mental health professionals was created and led by Director of Student Services, Mari Bordona, to develop this policy. The committee used resources from CSBA and Education Code language from Ed. Code 215 to develop the language of this policy. If there is a recommendation to make any changes we will need to bring it back to the committee.

VI.L. Resolution No. SO-16-17:05, National School Nurses Day

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 10, 2017 as National School Nurses Day.

Rationale:

Rowland Unified School District joins the California Department of Education and the California School Nurses Organization in declaring Wednesday, May 10, 2017, as "National School Nurse Day" in order to salute the vital role that school nurses play in the success of our public schools and the health of our children.

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution SO-16-17:05, National School Nurses Day, May 10, 2017. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Ms. Donna Freedman.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.M. Resolution No. SO-16-17:06, Day of the Teacher, May 10, 2017

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 10, 2017 as Day of the Teacher.

Rationale:

The California Department of Education encourages schools to recognize National Day of the Teacher, which arose out of legislation co-sponsored by the California Teachers Association and the Association of Mexican American Educators. Senator Joseph Montoya wrote the bill and it was adopted in 1982.

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution SO-16-17:06, Day of the Teacher, May 10, 2017. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Ms. Donna Freedman.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VI.N. Resolution No. SO-16-17:07, Classified School Employees' Week

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to adopt a resolution proclaiming May 21 - 27, 2017 as Classified School Employees' Week.

Rationale:

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 45460, the California Department of Education encourages schools to recognize Classified School Employee Week annually on the third full week in May. All public schools shall annually observe the week in recognition of classified school employees and the contributions they make to the educational community, and observance shall be integrated into the regular school program.

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution SO-16-17:07, Classified School Employees' Week, May 21 - 27, 2017. Passed with a motion by Mr. David Malkin and a second by Ms. Donna Freedman.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen

- Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
- Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
- Yes Mr. David Malkin
- Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VII. PUPIL PERSONNEL

VII.A. RUSD Student #16-17:03 - Readmission from Expulsion

Quick Summary:

Readmit student 16-17:03 to the Rowland Unified School District, effective May 10, 2017, with placement at Santana High School.

Rationale:

Student 16-17:03 was expelled from the Rowland Unified School District by the Board of Education on December 13, 2016. It is recommended that Student 16-17:03 be readmitted to the District, effective May 10, 2017, with placement at Santana High School.

Motion Passed: Readmit student 16-17:03 to the Rowland Unified School District, effective May 10, 2017, with placement at Santana High School. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. Cary Chen.

- Yes Mr. Cary Chen
- Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
- Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
- Yes Mr. David Malkin
- Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VII.B. RUSD Student# 16-17:10 - Suspended Stipulated Expulsion

Quick Summary:

Approve the Suspended Stipulated Expulsion of student #16-17:10, effective May 10, 2017, with placement in the home instruction program within the Rowland Unified School District. Parents have waived the due process of procedures, as approved by the Board.

Motion Passed: Approve the Suspended Stipulated Expulsion of student #16-17:10, effective May 10, 2017, with placement in the home instruction program within the Rowland Unified School District. Parents have waived the due process of procedures, as approved by the Board. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cary Chen and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

- Yes Mr. Cary Chen
- Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
- Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
- Yes Mr. David Malkin
- Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VII.C. RUSD Student #16-17:11 - Expulsion

Quick Summary:

Approve the expulsion of Student #16-17:11 from all schools and programs of Rowland Unified School District, effective May 10, 2017, with referral to a County or alternative school outside of the District for placement in an educational program.

Motion Passed: Approve the expulsion of Student #16-17:11 from all schools and programs of Rowland Unified School District, effective May 10, 2017, with referral to a County or alternative school outside of the District for placement in an educational program. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Mr. Cary Chen.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Rationale:

NOTICE: All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered by the Board of Education to be routine or sufficiently supported by prior or accompanying reference materials and information not requiring additional discussion. They will be enacted by a motion as referenced below. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Education votes on the motion, unless Members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items be discussed, added to, or deleted from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Members of the public may request that a specific item be removed from the Consent Calendar by completing the "Written Request to Address the Board" form/card and presenting it to the Secretary of the Board, in accordance with Board Bylaw 9322. All Consent items are indicated by the designation (c) after the item title.

Motion Passed: To approve and/or ratify items on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Agenda Item VIII.B.10., VIII.B.13, VIII.C.13 and VIII.D.1. for separate discussion and action. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Ms. Angelena Pride.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

VIII.A. General Function Consent Items

VIII.A.1. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

VIII.A.2. Gifts/Donations

Quick Summary:

Accept the gifts/donations made to the District as listed on the attached, and send the appropriate letters of appreciation.

VIII.B. Educational Consent Items

VIII.B.1. Nogales High School Every 15 Minutes Program

Quick Summary:

Approve the request from Nogales High School for twenty-three (23) students to participate in the Every 15 Minutes Program event from May 11-12, 2017.

Rationale:

The Every 15 Minutes Program offers real-life experience without the real-life risks. The program's name was conceived in 1990 when one alcohol-related traffic fatality occurred in the United States every fifteen minutes. This emotionally charged program is an event designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving. This powerful program will challenge students to think about drinking, texting while driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved. The Rowland Unified School District Police Department (RUPD), in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol and the Office of Traffic Safety, is taking a proactive step in educating local high school students about making mature decisions when alcoholic beverages are involved.

VIII.B.2. Nogales High School Cheer Travel to the USA Spirit Cheer Camp, Garden Grove, California, July 5-7, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the request from Nogales High School Varsity Cheer to travel to Garden Grove, California, to participate in the annual USA Spirit Camp from July 5-7, 2017.

Rationale:

The event provides students with the opportunity to interact with other cheer teams from around the country while being trained by United Cheer Association to enhance skills and safety techniques.

VIII.B.3. Nogales High School Boy's Basketball Team, Summer Basketball Tournament, San Diego, California, June 23-25, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the request from the Nogales High School Basketball Team to attend and participate in the SDSU Summer Basketball Tournament in San Diego, California, June 23-25, 2017.

Rationale:

This event provides student-athletes the opportunity to compete at a large-scale event, which features competition from various regions of the United States. In addition, this opportunity will provide them the ability to compete in a college basketball environment and gain valuable experience.

VIII.B.4. Rowland High School Cross Country Team Training Camp, Big Bear, California, July 16-21, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the request from Rowland High School Cross Country team to participate in a high altitude training camp in Big Bear, California, July 16-21, 2017.

Rationale:

Rowland High School Cross Country students will experience elite, high altitude training and analysis from RHS coaching staff in Big Bear, CA. Students will engage in team activities and training that will prepare them for our 2017 season. Students will gain a strong foundation from the physical to the mental aspects of reaching our goals.

VIII.B.5. Rowland High School Boy's Basketball Team, Point Loma Basketball Camp, Point Loma, California, June 23-24, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the request from the Rowland High School Basketball Team to attend and participate in the Point Loma Basketball Camp, Point Loma, June 23-24, 2017.

Rationale:

This event provides student-athletes the opportunity to compete at a large-scale event, which features competition from various regions of the United States. In addition, this opportunity will provide them the ability to compete in a college basketball environment and gain valuable experience.

VIII.B.6. Attendance of Non-Public School Faculty from St. Martha's Catholic School and Oxford Academy at the Staff Development Educator's National Conference 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 9-14, 2017

Quick Summary:

Approve the attendance of staff members from Saint Martha's Catholic School and Oxford Academy at the Staff Development Educator's National

Conference 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 9-14, 2017.

Rationale:

St. Martha's and Oxford Academy staff will be participating in the Staff Development Educator's National Conference 2017. This conference will provide professional development and networking with fellow teacher-educators. Through lectures, workshops, discussions, demonstrations and exhibits, the conference aim is to present exemplary practices and materials education community while fostering a critical examination of a wide range of philosophical viewpoints in the grade levels of Kindergarten thru the Twelfth. Title II Federal funds allocated to the Rowland Unified School District are to be used by the district for staff development at any school residing in our attendance area, including non-public schools. As a requirement for receiving Title II funds districts are required to provide professional development opportunities in consultation with non-public schools. Title II funds are allocated to St. Martha's School and Oxford Academy, but are maintained and monitored by the District's Special Projects/GATE office.

VIII.B.7. SELPA Parent Travel Request - NEW HAVEN Residential Treatment Center, Spanish Fork Campus, Spanish Fork, Utah, May 18-23, 2017

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the request from SELPA for one parent to travel to NEW HAVEN Residential Treatment Center, Spanish Fork Campus, Spanish Fork, Utah, May 18-23, 2017, to attend a Parent/child therapeutic visit with a child who has been placed in the out-of-state residential treatment center.

Rationale:

Students who are placed in a residential treatment center either in California or out of state via the Individual Education Plan process may have parent travel included as an associated service. The purpose of providing travel is for parent(s) to participate in a pre-approved therapeutic visit that has been authorized by the residential treatment center and the district. The ultimate goal is to work towards reunification and the return of the student to a less intensive educational setting.

VIII.B.8. Abstract - California Learning Communities for School Success Program

Quick Summary:

The California Learning Communities for School Success Program (CLCSSP) grant will enhance efforts to support students' social-emotional needs, providing additional educational options, expanded supports, and preventive measures.

Rationale:

The CLCSSP will provide opportunities and student supports to improve

school climate in eight target Rowland Unified School District (RUSD) schools identified as representing the most need related to discipline, crime, dropout rates, and socio-economic status: Nogales High School, Santana Continuation HS, Giano Intermediate, Hurley, Northam, Rorimer, Villacorta, and Yorbita Elementary Schools. Anticipated outcomes are (1) decreased discipline referrals, suspensions, and expulsions; (2) improved graduation and attendance rates; (3) increased sense of engagement in school among students; and (4) increased sense of school safety among students, parents, and staff.

VIII.B.9. Amend Contract Agreement between MTI Production and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Hurley Elementary students will promote bilingualism and learn about a genre of writing through the arts. Hurley third grade students will conduct a performance as a culminating activity for their class. Parents will not be charged to attend the event.

Rationale:

MTI Productions will supply a license for an amateur production of Disney's Aladdin Dual-Language Edition, that will be performed by Hurley's third grade Dual-Immersion students for two nights (May 24 and May 25, 2017). This license gives permission to have flyers and advertise to the public so everyone in the community can attend the performances and provides materials such as the script, guide and piano vocal score. The contract was approved at the April 4, 2017. We are asking to amend the contract to include a mandatory royalty fee along with a charge for additional materials at the cost of an additional \$220.00.

VIII.B.10. Contract Agreement between WIN Education and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Approve the Contract Agreement between the Rowland Unified School District and WIN Education for services provided during the summer school term of June 5 - July 7, 2017.

Rationale:

WIN Education will be providing the services of the WIN STEAM 2017 Summer Camp for 4 elementary schools (Hollingworth, Hurley, Rowland Elementary and Shelyn). The WIN STEAM 2017 Camp gives students a wide variety of fun and engaging science and art projects using Project Based Learning (PBL) and a 21st Century learning environment. The program allows the students to gain exposure of varied STEAM projects such as electrical learning, mechanical design, material science, applying math for building, and technology. Students in the program will be working in a mini lab environment set up for students to work in teams. The teacher will guide and work with the students through the process using the scientific method.

Through the program, the students will augment English learning through making and building projects.

Motion Passed: Approve the Contract Agreement between the Rowland Unified School District and WIN Education for services provided during the summer school term of June 5 - July 7, 2017. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cary Chen and a second by Ms. Donna Freedman.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen

Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp

Yes Ms. Donna Freedman

Yes Mr. David Malkin

Recuse Ms. Angelena Pride

VIII.B.11. Contract Agreement Between Disciplina Positiva and Rowland Unified School District, Villacorta Elementary School

Quick Summary:

Approve the Contract Agreement with Disciplina Positiva for one parent education workshop on Thursday, May 11, 2017 and one staff training on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Rationale:

Disciplina Positiva will provide a two hour parenting workshop entitled Capable Children Raised Through Love, Dignity, and Respect on Thursday, May 11, 2017. Parents will learn and be exposed through a series of experiential activities that will help them face the challenges that they experience with children on a daily basis such as: homework, rebellion, peer pressure, gangs, technology, drugs, etc. Parents will learn parenting tools that will invite cooperation from their children. Disciplina Positiva will also provide a training entitled Teacher Training of Positive Discipline in the Classroom on Monday, May 15, 2017 for all Villacorta teachers. Teachers will learn through a series of experiential activities how to face the challenges they experience with children, parents and co-workers on a daily basis.

VIII.B.12. Independent Contractor Agreement Between KiD Sounds, LLC and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between KiD Sounds, LLC and the Rowland Unified School District for the term of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

Rationale:

KiD Sounds, LLC will provide a one day (5 hour) inservice training on the GAMEPLAN music curriculum that was adopted beginning the 2016-2017 school year. The training will be tailored to the needs of our elementary music teachers and include strategies that can be used with the curriculum in the general music classes. Teachers be able to ask curriculum related

questions and discuss a variety of topics to help teachers easily maneuver through the curriculum and comfortably teach it to their students.

VIII.B.13. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Blue Water Educational Consultants and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the contract between the Rowland Unified School District and Blue Water Educational Consulting to train (two days) and provide onsite coaching (20 days) for the implementation of an Alternative Learning Center and an Alternative to Suspension Classroom for the 2017-2018 school year.

Rationale:

LCAP Goal 5 includes the development of systems to increase school safety and improve school climate. One of the metrics related to this goal is the reduction of out of school suspensions and improved attendance. The implementation of educational options that include alternatives to support At-risk and non-traditional students and to reduce out of school suspensions is an integral part of Tier III prevention/intervention support in PBIS. The Alternative Learning Center Model (ALC) and the Alternative to Suspension Classroom will assist the district in implementing a long term, sustainable LCAP initiative and action plan regarding reduced suspensions, attendance, discipline, school safety and a positive climate.

Motion Passed: Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Blue Water Educational Consulting and the Rowland Unified School District for the term of August 1, 2017 - June 29, 2018. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. Cary Chen.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen

Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp

Yes Ms. Donna Freedman

Yes Mr. David Malkin

Abstain Ms. Angelena Pride

VIII.B.14. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Growing Educators and the Rowland Unified School District, Northam Elementary School

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to ratify the Independent Contractor Agreement between Growing Educators and the Rowland Unified School District for the facilitation of professional development for teachers at Northam Elementary.

Rationale:

Northam Teachers are engaging in a school wide focus on Balance Literacy, utilizing the structure and practice of Interactive Read Aloud, Shared Reading, and Word Study. In collaboration with the professional learning services of

Growing Educators, sessions will be differentiated to specifically target the literacy needs and focus areas of students at early literacy, primary, and upper grade levels. Creating cohesive and articulated literacy practices at all grade levels. Teachers will also learn how to implement Balance Literacy lessons to support language development for English Learners. Growing Educators will provide 2 days of TK-5 Professional Development including: classroom lab demonstrations, study sessions with analysis of student work, 1:1 coaching, curriculum and assessment planning.

VIII.B.15. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Dr. Marlen Barbee and the Rowland Unified School District, Special Education

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Marlen Barbee, Ph.D. and the Rowland Unified School District for the term of May 10 - June 30, 2017.

Rationale:

Dr. Marlen Barbee, an outside agency consultant will provide an independent psycho-educational evaluation for a Special Education student on a Settlement Agreement (2016110257) to be conducted between the periods of May 10 - June 30, 2017.

VIII.B.16. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Douglas Speech Associates and the Rowland Unified School District, Special Education

Quick Summary:

Douglas Speech Associates will conduct speech and language assessments for a Special Education student as needed.

Rationale:

Each student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) outlines services needed in order for the student to be successful. On recommendation from the IEP Team, the contractor is to provide a comprehensive language and speech evaluation of a Special Education student on behalf of the District. Services will include: parent interview; standardized assessment in all areas of language (vocabulary, semantics, syntax, receptive/expressive language, pragmatics).

VIII.B.17. Independent Contractor Agreement Between the Jonathan Edward Moffat and the Rowland Unified School District, Oswalt Academy

Quick Summary:

Ratify the Independent Contractor Agreement between the Jonathan Edward Moffat and the Rowland Unified School District for assemblies performed on September 12, 2016 at Oswalt Academy.

Rationale:

The contract included three Cyber Safety presentations for students in grades 5-8 as well as a session for staff and an evening parent information meeting. Oswalt students learned the importance of recognizing cyber bullying and preventing of misuse of technology.

VIII.B.18. Independent Contract Agreement Between Dr. Luis Cruz and the Rowland Unified School District, Villacorta Elementary School

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the Independent Contract Agreement between Dr. Luis Cruz and the Rowland Unified School District, Villacorta Elementary School for professional development services to be provided on May 19, 2017.

Rationale:

Dr. Luis Cruz will provide regular and varied professional development opportunities to teachers in the form of training, practice and application of research based instructional practices and collaboration. Professional development will be conducted by the consultant related to Professional Learning Communities in order to provide technical support for teacher teams to collaborate together on learning cycles that include essential standards and learning objectives.

VIII.B.19. Independent Contractor Agreement Between California Science Center Foundation and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Approve the Contract Agreement between the Rowland Unified School District and the California Science Center Foundation for services provided during the school term of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Rationale:

The California Science Center Foundation will provide a professional learning program that supports the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for 6 elementary schools in the Rowland Unified School District during the 2017-2018 school year. The schools are Hurley Elementary, Jellick Elementary, Rorimer Elementary, Rowland Elementary, Villacorta Elementary and Ybarra Academy. The program will help schools increase familiarity with the NGSS and provide a basis for planning instruction around the new standards in advance of upcoming assessments and state-wide realization. The Foundation will also provide a follow-up program for the 6 schools involved in the program during the 2017-2018 school year.

VIII.B.20. Independent Contractor Agreement Between Windtree Education and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Rowland Unified GATE students in grades 4-6 will be provided with a Robotics enrichment program during the 2017 Summer School session.

Rationale:

Windtree Education will provide summer school Robotics classes for 4th - 6th grade GATE and advanced RFEP students. Session will be held June 5 - June 16, 2017 and June 19 - June 30, 2017. The Robotics course will teach students how to use high quality hardware to build a Raspberry Pi Self Driving Robot Car as well as, provide the opportunity to learn computer programming, such as the Python language. The course will build STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) skills, and prepare students for a team-based competition.

VIII.B.21. Independent Contractor Agreement Between the New England Academy and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

GATE students in grades 4-6 will be receive Debate enrichment classes during summer school.

Rationale:

New England Academy will provide the GATE Summer School program for 4th - 6th grade GATE students. Classes will be offered in two, 40 hour sessions running June 5 - 16, 2017 and June 19 - 30, 2017.

VIII.B.22. Independent Contractor Agreement Between STAR Education and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Students in grades 1 - 6 will be provided extended enrichment workshops during Summer School English Learner, RFEP, At-Risk and Newcomer classes.

Rationale:

STAR Education will provide Summer Enrichment Classes for students in grades 1-6 who are attending RFEP, At-Risk and Newcomer Summer School classes at Hurley, Hollingworth and Rowland Elementary schools. Classes will be held June 5 to July 6, 2017. Workshops include Mission to Mars, Da Vinci, Zime Design, Exploding Science, Stop Motion Animation, Story Masters, Kids Lab: Digital Designer and CSI Mystery Science.

VIII.B.23. Memorandum of Understanding Between HOPE International University and the Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the renewed Memorandum of Understanding between Hope International University, and the Rowland Unified School District, Family Resource Center, to provide interns and trainees in the field of psychology and counseling. Hope International University trainees and interns provide counseling services to Rowland Unified

School District students through RUSD's Zone 78 program.

Rationale:

The agreement establishes a non-monetary partnership. The partnership with Hope International University allows interns and trainees to provide counseling to Rowland Unified School District students through the Zone 78 program. This renewed agreement and will be in effect until June 30, 2018. Interns and trainees from Hope International University receive hours, on-site training, and supervision in the Zone 78 program. Interns and trainees are required to be fingerprinted and meet the TB requirements. This partnership helps both entities. The interns complete necessary hours of counseling experience and supervision; RUSD students benefit from counseling services.

VIII.B.24. Approval of Conference Attendance

Quick Summary:

Approve the Conference attendance as listed on the attached.

VIII.C. Administrative Consent Items

VIII.C.1. Rejection of Claim - 08242016DO

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to receive and reject a Claim for Damages to Person or Property.

Rationale:

A claim was filed regarding an incident alleged to have occurred on August 24, 2016. Receiving and rejecting the claim will authorize the District's liability insurance carrier to handle the claim.

VIII.C.2. Contract Agreement Between Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Rowland Unified School District and Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the contract for Consultant Services Related to the California Schools Storm Water Compliance Group between Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), Rowland Unified School District, and Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (Contractor).

Rationale:

This agreement is for the purpose of preparing plans and documents, and conducting analysis required for compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and regulations of the California State Water Resources Control Board, for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

VIII.C.3. Contract Agreement Between San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group (SGV Co-Op) and Rowland

Unified School District

Quick Summary:

Seeking authorization of the Board for membership in the San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group (SGV Co-Op) on an annual basis.

Rationale:

The SGV Co-Op is a group of independent school food service directors from the Los Angeles County/San Gabriel Valley who have agreed to purchase perishable and staple foods, supplies and distribution of USDA commodities in cooperative bidding for our mutual benefit via formal bids and/or Requests for Proposal (RFP). All items purchased under the SGV Co-Op are funded by the Cafeteria Fund 13.0. The group is referred to as the "San Gabriel Valley Food Services Cooperative Purchasing Group" and/or the "SGV Co-Op," herein after referred to as the Co-Op. Membership to the Co-Op will allow Rowland Unified School District to purchase perishable and staple foods, supplies and distribution of USDA commodities in cooperative bidding for the mutual benefit of its members. The list of vendors and RFP documents that supply the District are available for review in the Nutrition Services Department and comply with Public Contract Code 20111.

VIII.C.4. Contract Agreement Between Keenan & Associates, Inc. and Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to ratify the contract agreement with Keenan & Associates, Inc., for the provision of training for workplace safety for the Nutrition Services employees.

Rationale:

Per Government Code Section 53060 District may contract with and employ any persons for the furnishing to the corporation or district special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal, or administrative matters if such persons are specially trained and experienced and competent to perform the special services required. This service provided by Keenan & Associates Inc., is considered a Professional Service and does not require bidding. Keenan & Associates, Inc., shall provide safety training and education to help broaden worker and employer knowledge on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces. Under the Occupational Safety Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace. Training is an essential part of Rowland Unified School District's safety and help program for protecting workers from injuries and illnesses. The following topics will be presented: General Safety Procedures in Food Service Facilities Repetitive Motion Injury Prevention Proper Lifting Slip/Trip/Fall Injury Prevention

VIII.C.5. Contract Agreement Between Image One Technology Solutions and Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the contract agreement with Image One Technology Solutions for the renewal of RocketSCAN software, equipment, and support for student meal application processing and validation.

Rationale:

The Nutrition Services department participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). State and Federal funding received through these programs is based upon the eligibility of free, reduced or full paid meal counts. Eligibility is determined through the processing of student meal applications submitted by parents/guardians throughout the year. Strict Federal and state guidelines are required when reviewing applications. State officials conduct on-site audits of the applications, and the District must remain in compliance in order to receive reimbursement for meals. RocketSCAN was developed for use by school districts to automate the processing of applications by scanning student data from related documents. Implementing RocketSCAN has greatly reduced paper handling and time spent matching student data with meal applications. Additionally, RocketSCAN benefits families by reducing processing time and notification of eligibility status.

VIII.C.6. Contract Agreement Between Nigro & Nigro and Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve contract between Rowland Unified School District and Nigro & Nigro to provide an ASB workshop for school principals, vice-principals, advisors, teachers, coaches, secretaries, and bookkeepers.

Rationale:

Under Education Code section 48930, the Board of Education has the authority to approve the formation of a student body organization within the district. This means that the Board is responsible for establishing parameters for district operations through policies and regulations. The district is responsible for making sure all district staff are familiar with and understand the importance of following all policies established by the governing board regarding ASB. The workshop will be held by the accounting firm, Nigro & Nigro, which will provide a presentation tailored to Rowland Unified School District. Nigro & Nigro will provide a workshop manual for each participant or for each school site. The workshop will be presented in lecture format with time for questions and answers from attendees. The following topics will be covered during the workshop: Rules and Regulations Budgetary Controls Cash Receipts Cash Disbursements Fraud The Audit

VIII.C.7. Contract Agreement Between EDLIO and Rowland Unified School District

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve an agreement between EDLIO and Rowland Unified School District for a subscription for the Web Hosting/Content Management system.

Rationale:

EDLIO has been the Website/Content Management for 10 years. They host the website and manage the content management solution for the district and all of the individual school websites. WWW.ROWLANDSCHOOLS.ORG is the parent site and each school site while directly accessible is typically accessed through the main district website. Content Management allows users at each site to update their site without having extensive web coding experience. EDLIO also provide technical support to the school sites and district office. By extending this contract the district will continue to have a district wide integrated web site covering the whole district.

VIII.C.8. Contract Agreement Between NIC Partners and Rowland Unified School District for the Purchase of Additional Wireless Access Points, RFP/RFQ Bid No. 2016/17:R8

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve an agreement between NIC Partners and Rowland Unified School District for the purchase of district-wide additional wireless access point.

Rationale:

The Board approved the request to go out to bid at the meeting of December 14, 2015 (board item number XI.C.1). The District's Administrative staff followed bid protocol by placing a solicitation of Request for Proposal/Qualifications in newspaper of mass circulation, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, on February 2, 2017 and February 9, 2017. District Administrative staff received six (6) proposals for the Additional Wireless Managed Access Points E-Rate Funding, RFP/RFQ Bid No. 2016/17:R8, on Friday, March 24, 2017. Proposals were reviewed and verified for appropriate documentation and references were checked. Review panel was comprised of Phil George, Director of Technology Services; Rosana McLeod, Director of Purchasing; and Kurt Schlatter, Technology Service Manager.

VIII.C.9. Piggyback Bid Master Agreement, Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA-NASPO), Hewlett Packard Computer Equipment and Related Support Services Bid No. MNNVP-133/MNWNC-115

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA-NASPO), Piggyback Bid No. MNNVP-133/MNWNC-115 for the procurement of Hewlett Packard Computer Equipment, Software, and Storage Including Related Peripherals and Services.

Rationale:

California Public Contract Code (PCC) 20118 authorizes school district to order against competitive bids prepared by other school districts (commonly referred to as "piggyback") and public agencies, provided such authority is granted by the Board and the originating agency at the time of the bid preparation and award of contract. Pursuant to the same code, these public agencies include any public corporation or agency, including any county, city, town or district. K-12 School Districts who desire to purchase computer equipment and related components using this bid may choose from one or more education dealers such as Meridian IT who is an "agent" which is an authorized dealer and is part of Hewlett Packard's re-seller program. Through this "piggyback" bid the Rowland Unified School District will receive significant savings on volume purchases and will comply with Public Contract Code Section 20118. This "piggyback" agreement will be in force from May 9, 2017, through March 31, 2020.

VIII.C.10. Surplus Industrial Arts/CTE and Technology Equipment

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve staff to surplus equipment which has been deemed obsolete by school sites due to age or disrepair and no longer of value to the overall educational program.

Rationale:

Items on the attached list are obsolete, not upgradeable, no longer working, or were removed or replaced due to modernization/new construction. District policy requires that the Board declare surplus this equipment used by school sites and departments and authorize staff to dispose of it in a manner compliant with California Education 60510 and hazardous material disposal laws.

VIII.C.11. Auction of CTE Equipment

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve that staff hold auction of the Career and Technology Education (CTE) equipment which have been deemed obsolete by the Rowland High School staff due to age and cost prohibitive to repair.

Rationale:

The governing board of any school district or designee may advertise for bid by posting a notice in at least three public places in the district for at least two weeks, or by publishing a notice at least once a week for at least two weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the district and, if possible, publishing within the district. The District shall sell the property to the highest responsible bidder or shall reject all bids. (Ed. Code 17545) This auction will be coordinated by GovDeals and will provide a means for Rowland Unified to post assets for sale and for potential buyers to bid on these assets via an online auction system. The money received from the sale shall be placed to the credit of the fund from which the original expenditure

for the purchase of the property was made or in the general or reserve fund of the district. (Ed. Code 17547)

VIII.C.12. Notice of Completion - Rowland Elementary School Paving Asphalt Project

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to accept the paving asphalt project at Rowland Elementary School by Universal Asphalt, as complete, and to authorize the recording of the Notice of Completion.

Rationale:

The Commercial Claim Section of the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools requires that any contract work done for a specific job which exceeds \$25,000 must have approval for the Notice of Completion from the Board. The removal and replacement of 12,000 square feet of crumbling and cracking asphalt at the east staff parking lot has been completed. This project has provided an additional 4,000 square feet of parking area to staff parking lot. The asphalt paving project at Rowland Elementary School was completed on April 4, 2017 by Universal Asphalt at a cost of \$37,000.00.

VIII.C.13. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Facility Maintenance Agreement between Clean Energy and Rowland Unified School District.

Quick Summary:

The Board is being asked to approve the service and maintenance agreement between Clean Energy and the Rowland Unified School District to address the immediate need for routine inspection and service of the Rowland Unified Transportation CNG equipment.

Rationale:

Clean Energy has proven to be the most reliable and affordable choice for certified Bauer compressor inspection, service, and repair. The monthly inspection and routine maintenance will help insure the safe operation and longevity of our CNG equipment. Most importantly, small mechanical issues can be diagnosed and repaired prior to becoming a costly mechanical failure that can interrupt timely student transportation services.

Motion Passed: Approve CNG Facility Maintenance Agreement between Clean Energy and Rowland Unified School District for the contract term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Passed with a motion by Ms. Angelena Pride and a second by Mr. David Malkin.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

Minutes:

Prior to voting on item VII.C.13., the Director of Transportation, Jim Burleson, provided background information and overview of the process in selecting a contractor for the CNG Facility Maintenance Agreement. Jim explained that after their research, Clean Energy was chosen because of their certified technicians, response times and customer service.

Board members asked if this item required a bid.

Jim Burleson advised that since the contract amount was for \$15,000 it did not meet the threshold of \$80,000 so it did not go out to bid.

VIII.C.14. Approval and Ratification of Warrants

Quick Summary:

Approve and/or ratify the Warrants as listed on the attached.

VIII.C.15. Approval and Ratification of Purchase Orders

Quick Summary:

Approve and/or ratify the Purchase Orders as listed on the attached.

VIII.D. Human Resources Consent Items

VIII.D.1. Approve Human Resources Action Report HR16-17:10

Quick Summary:

Approve Human Resources Action Report HR16-17:10.

Motion Passed: Approve Human Resources Action Report HR16-17:10. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. David Malkin.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Abstain Ms. Angelena Pride

VIII.D.2. Economic Uncertainties for Unrepresented Employee Groups

Quick Summary:

In compliance with Education Code Sections 45032, 45162, 87806 which provide that salaries can be set at any time during the year, it is recommended the Board approve the declaration for unrepresented groups that compensation adjustments for unrepresented management employees,

confidential, and supervisory employees be "indefinite" for the 2016-2017 school year. Courts have allowed retroactive pay within the Constitution, if salaries were legally "indefinite."

IX. CONFERENCE SECTION

IX.A. Notice of Upcoming Public Hearing - June 6, 2017, Proposed 2017-2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Quick Summary:

The Governing Board of the Rowland Unified School District will hold a public hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2017-2020 academic school year. PRIOR TO final adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103 and 52062. The public hearing will be held at 1830 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 on June 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The proposed LCAP will be on file and available for public inspection should members of the public wish to review the LCAP prior to the public hearing, at the following locations: Rowland Unified School District Office, 1830 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 from May 26, 2017 to June 6, 2017 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

IX.B. Notice of Upcoming Public Hearing - June 6, 2017, Proposed 2017-2018 RUSD Fiscal Year Budget

Quick Summary:

The Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to California Education Code, Section 42103, et seq., at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of June 6, 2017 to receive comments on the proposed 2017-2018 Rowland Unified School District Fiscal Year Budget. The public hearing will be held at 1830 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 on June 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The proposed Budget will be available for public viewing should members of the public wish to review the Budget prior to the public hearing, at Rowland Unified School District Office, 1830 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748.

IX.C. Board Members' Comments

Minutes:

1. David Malkin shared the following comments:

Again, I want to congratulate all of those honored tonight and shout out a BIG THANK YOU to our teachers as we celebrate the week of the teacher. I am now looking forward to the Personnel Commission Classified Employee Luncheon.

This has been a very busy month with attendance at Open Houses, Greeting of Survey Teams, and Award Ceremonies. There was WASC and Gold Ribbon celebrations, banners presented and new signage for schools. I made new friends at teacher training sessions and Congressional Art Awards. I attended IB presentations and learned about animal safe products and teen pregnancy, heard musical performances and participated in Drum Circles.

I saw dance performances to the music of legends and Jazz performances with Citrus College. I dined with the RCPTA and recognized Oswalt, Shelyn and Ybarra PTAA, and

celebrated with Transportation Department Staff, teachers with *NEAARE*, and students signing commitments to their college of choice. The highlight of my second year came last Friday night when I attended the Best Buddies Prom and had my picture taken with the King and Queen. No matter what the event was there was always good food and friendship to be had, and oh my waistline is showing it. As we move towards the end of the year I celebrate another year on the Board and realize I will need a bigger chair next year.

2. Donna Freedman shared the following comments:

I enjoyed watching our students receive so many certificates! It was wonderful!

*Walnut City Council Meeting:

Student Awards were given out.

Very welcoming, they were happy to know what was going on at RUSD. They suggested to give certificates to our employees of the year. They want to recognize students at Oswald and Nogales.

*Visited Schools: Killian, Hurley, Oswald, Giano, Rorimer, Shelyn, RHS, Northam, Jellick, Observed: All kinds of teaching, total class, split class, groups, partners, and one to one with the teacher, as well as lots of technology being used!

I observed many completed projects, Jiji (math program) with a partner, Emancipation Act for an ELD Lesson, Robotics, Dual Immersion classes, a parent volunteer helping in the music class, all 3 music classes, strings, beginning band, and general music, Mr. Pryor's class next project about turtle values, P. E., Art work, student lead small group in an art project, scientific jackets created by students, SBAC messages around the campus, evidence in writing, college students working with 7th graders, fire drill, Earth Day lesson, bulletin board for the class of 2031 with their future job written, Sunflower Seed plants being measured by students, students created their own poetry, TK students in groups, one riding bicycles, drawing, etc., grandparents program, (learned that the FRC has a location at Jellick)

*ROP walked with Maura, the superintendent at RHS.

ROP classes: Sports Medicine, Jar, Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Kahoot in the Video Productions, Digital Animation, Commercial Photography, Auto Shop (won first place at the Rio Hondo Competition - first year teacher)

*RUSD Career Certification Program Project/Presentation

First two presentations

These 4 Nogales Students did an incredible presentation. They had an outstanding power point which included facts, survey, graphs from the results of the survey, and more. They also showed a video to go along with their presentation. Then, answered questions from the judges. Very impressive!

*Blandford Elementary School Earth Day Celebration

Student Council led the pledge, then each grade level performed. The first graders sang and signed a song.

*AVID Signing College Night

Students said which college they will be going to in the Fall, as well as they received so much money in scholarships. Every student received an AVID T-shirt!

*Adult WASC Meet and Greet

Met the WASC team. There were a lot of people there, great food! Students came on a Sunday to talk to the team.

*Bus Driver Appreciation Day

I was taken on a great tour by Mary Casian. Lunch was provided for the celebration. I

saw the new kitchen. Jim Burleson has made some great changes.

*Open House

Rorimer: Very good turn out, bulletin boards: created the body systems with materials on the outline, different volcanoes, California Travel brochures, create robot fingers that move, The Road to College Starts Here (little road headed to colleges with students picture) and the QR code, Me on the Map-picture of student on the world map with a booklet that had a page for me, street, city, state, country, planet, and mapping, 3rd graders creating their own book writing Haiku and so much more

*Rowland High School

Surprise visit on Teacher's Day to celebrate RHS becoming a Gold Ribbon School!!

*Career Certification Program

6 students presented their portfolio. I was a judge. They did an outstanding job at Nogales HS

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

Happy Mother's Day

Looking forward to the Classified Luncheon

3. Cary Chen shared that walking in tonight, he could see all of the excitement on everyone's face which made him excited and he can feel the power and strength from the parents, principals and teachers to create this excitement. He stated he is proud of the District and congratulated all of the honorees tonight. He wished everyone a Happy Teachers Day, School Nurse Day and Classified Employees Day.

4. Angelena Pride shared the following comments:

I have recently attended the following events:

- The Rowland High School Foreign Language Departments Mock Wedding@ Rowland High School
- Bryan Clay Invitational Track Meet@ Azusa Pacific University to watch Rowland High School alumni Nick Rivera compete in the 1500 meter race
- Rowland High School Boys JV Baseball game vs Wilson @ Wilson High School
- City of La Puente Easter Egg Hunt@ La Puente Park
- AVID Signing Day@ Rowland High School
- ROP Board Meeting
- CTA Professional Day@ Telesis
- Nogales High School Spring Choir Concert
- Nogales High School Emeralds Spring Dance Concert

To those that I won't see again before the school year ends I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication this past year. As I visit other local high schools I always have teachers, once they find out I am a RUSD board member, ask if Rowland is hiring because they hear that it is a great place to work. That is thanks to everyone in the district. Enjoy your summer!

5. Lynne Ebenkamp shared that tonight was a nice meeting seeing all of the awardees. She wished everyone a Happy Classified Employee Week, Teachers Day, School Nurses Day and wished Gina Ward and Alex Flores a happy birthday. Lynne thanked Shay Lohman and Sharon Carrillo, ARE and CSEA union leaders, for bringing the District together along with Dr. Mitchell and District staff as there is a palpable change on campuses and you can see

the difference in moral. She stated it was dismal when she first came on the Board and people now seem to be enjoying their work and as Shay mentioned, more and more are enjoying coming to the District. Lynne stated it is good for the District when Board members are involved with the cities and communities around us. She advised she has been going to the West Covina Liaison meetings where they are collecting money from businesses to get sponsorships for after school programs to help keep at risk students off the streets with an emphasis on high school age and arts, however, a lot of the school districts feel that younger students should be targeted to get them interested in something like arts, computers, robotics, coding, as well. Lynne shared that she is looking forward getting some really good after school programs at Giano, Telesis and Nogales High School and updates will be provided. Lynne shared a list of events that she has attended over the last month.

X. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Quick Summary:

Adjournment of the Regular Board Meeting of the Rowland Unified School District Board of Education.

Motion Passed: To Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Rowland Unified School District Board of Education at 9:38 p.m. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. Cary Chen.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Mrs. Lynne Ebenkamp
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Ms. Angelena Pride

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education