



ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board of Education Study Session

March 25, 2021

4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Attendance Taken at 4:31 PM:

Present:

Mr. Dennis Bixler

Mr. Cary Chen

Mr. Alex Flores

Ms. Donna Freedman

Agnes Gonzalez

Mr. David Malkin

Dr. Julie Mitchell

Mr. Erik Venegas

Dr. Matilde Zamora

I. OPENING

I.A. Call to Order

Minutes:

The Study Session of the Board of Education of Thursday, March 25, 2021, was called to order by Board President, Cary C. Chen, at 4:31 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 Board of Education Study Session of Thursday, March 25, 2021

Quick Summary:

Adopt the Agenda of the Board of Education Study Session of Thursday, March 25, 2021. or Adopt the Agenda of the Board of Education Study Session of Thursday, March 25, 2021, with the following corrections/modifications:

Motion Passed: Adopt the Agenda of the Board of Education Study Session of Thursday, March 25, 2021. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. Erik Venegas.

Yes Mr. Cary Chen
Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
Yes Agnes Gonzalez
Yes Mr. David Malkin
Yes Mr. Erik Venegas

I.D. Flag Salute

Quick Summary:

All in attendance will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Board President, Cary C. Chen.

Minutes:

All in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Board President, Cary C. Chen.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

II.A. Written Requests to Address the Board must be received 30 minutes prior to the meeting by going to <https://forms.gle/ET5PYcqDkQV5ik8b7> and completing the form

Quick Summary:

PLEASE NOTE: The public is welcome to provide comment to the Board. Remarks are limited to three (3) minutes, unless extended or limited by vote of the Board. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by the Board, is allocated for each subject discussed. The Brown Act open meeting regulations under which the Board must operate do not allow Board Members to comment on non-agenda items or information you may bring up that are not on the agenda. Additionally, no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to Staff following a comment.

Minutes:

No requests to address the Board were received.

III. REPORTS

III.A. Student Support, Summer Learning, and 2021-2022 School Year

Quick Summary:

Educational Services will provide the Board with information on current school year student support to mitigate learning loss, summer 2021 learning programs, and 2021-2022 school year planning for in-person learning and virtual options to allow for parent choice.

Minutes:

Dr. Zamora, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, along with members of the Education Services team, Dr. Huff, Dr. Rivas, Dr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Ramirez, provided an overview of the actions taken to mitigate the loss of learning, plans to provide in-person support starting April 26, summer learning programs, and plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board members engaged in discussion and received clarification on the Paper Inc. tutoring services utilized by students, support provided by BEST staff, collaboration of parent groups, breaks for students during the instruction period, how disengaged students are being addressed, reasons students are disengaged, how the data is tracked for disengaged students, Raz-Kids, social and emotional support by counselors, parent notification of in-person support, teacher training opportunities, student perspectives on returning to in-person instruction, summer school locations, parent surveys, how students are identified for summer school, accommodating students who want summer school, on-boarding classes, addressing staffing to accommodate students who would like to attend summer school, special attention provided to students who may be held back a grade level, Virtual Academy, lab classes, IB program graduation requirements and the difference in student population from last year to this year.

Dr. Zamora thanked the Board for their leadership and support and thanked staff for all of their hard work.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Quick Summary:

Adjournment of the Board Study Session of the Rowland Unified School District Board of Education.

Motion Passed: To Adjourn the Study Session of the Rowland Unified School District Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. Passed with a motion by Ms. Donna Freedman and a second by Mr. David Malkin.

- Yes Mr. Cary Chen
- Yes Ms. Donna Freedman
- Yes Agnes Gonzalez
- Yes Mr. David Malkin
- Yes Mr. Erik Venegas

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education