

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
Lovonya DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805**

June 3, 2009

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Audrey Miles called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Miles called the Public Session to order at 6:46 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Miles led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Miles offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

Staff Present: Alejandra Alonso, Interpreter; Doris Avalos, Executive Director; Andre Bell, Senior Director Bond Finance; Pat Calvert, Director Certificated Employees; Jeri Cohen, Coordinator Homeless Program; Martin Coyne, Director Accounting/Audits; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Lisa Erwin, Sr. Director Fiscal; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Employees; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Sue Kahn, Principal, Pinole Valley High School; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Barbara Mallon, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Vince Rhea, Executive Director; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement.

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative Cindy Pineda, North Campus Continuation High School

Ms. Pineda was absent.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel three (3) students and suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel three (3) students and suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Miles voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve the administrative appointment of Jean Hansen as Interim Principal at Peres Elementary School.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Jean Hansen as Interim Principal at Peres Elementary School. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Miles voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve the administrative appointment of Pamala Blake as Director of Adult and Alternative Education.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Pamala Blake as Director of Adult and Alternative Education. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Miles voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve the administrative appointment of Roxanne Brown-Garcia as Principal at Kennedy High School.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Roxanne Brown-Garcia as Principal at Kennedy High School. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, and President Miles voted yes, Mr. Thurmond abstained and Mr. Ramsey voted no. Motion carried 3-1-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to rescind the non-renewal notice of Randy Enos to continue as Principal at Gompers High School.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to rescind the non-renewal notice of Randy Enos to continue as Principal at Gompers High School. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to complete the non-renewal of three teachers.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the vote taken in closed session to complete the non-renewal of three teachers. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Miles voted yes, Mr. Thurmond voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to amend the agenda by placing item F.1 to follow D.4. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: May 19, 2009; May 20, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve of the minutes of May 19 and May 20, 2009. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Contracted Services

C.2 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.3 Acceptance of Donations

C.4 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.5 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers

C.6 Notification of Claims Rejected

C.7 Routine Personnel Changes - Classified

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.10 School Consolidation Modularity Contract Award

C.11 DeAnza High School Fitness Center Modularity Sitework & Utilities Project Award of Contract

C.12 DeAnza High School Fitness Equipment Award of Contract

C.13 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education

C.14 Modification of Board Policy 1340 – Access to District Records

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Calendar, items C.1 through C.14. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Honor Student Cooper Frye and his Math League Coach Mr. Todd Groves

Ms. Rashidchi asked Ms. Mallon to introduce Mr. Todd Groves and Cooper Frye. Cooper, a student at Portola Middle School, was recognized for winning first place in his individual competitions at the Diablo Regional Math Counts Competition. He also represented the district at state level competition. Mr. Todd Groves, Math League teacher and volunteer at Portola and other schools, was presented with a certificate of recognition for coaching Cooper and other students for their math league competition.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

D.2 Recognition of Ford and Washington Elementary Schools – State Title I Academic Achievement Awards (AAA) Program

Ms. Rashidchi asked to delay this item on the agenda to allow Ford Elementary students to arrive from another engagement.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to allow this item to follow item D.7. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.3 Recognition of 2008 – 2009 Valedictorians of the Year

Mr. Greer introduced Executive Directors Ms. Avalos and Ms. Jackson who acknowledged three students from each of the six comprehensive high schools, Middle College High School, and Vista High School. These students attained the highest GPA's in their respective graduating class. The following students were presented with certificates of recognition:

Daniel Chung, Kenny Shiu, and Ernesto Perez of Pinole Valley High School
Daniel Baylor, Claire Dedrick, and Rachel Dunaway from El Cerrito High School
Andriana Ramirez, Samantha Suriano, and Shiv Shrestha of Richmond High School
Phuong Patricia Vo, Phuong Bich Vo, and Michael Payton of Vista Independent Study
Sien Rivera, Louis Tamillow, and Jorge Cortes of Middle College High School
Lauren Croda, Betty Kwan, Benny Hung of DeAnza High School
Christine Imazumi, Narin Kittikul, Janna Lee of Hercules High School
Muong Saeteurn, David Galvez, and Adrianna Ibarra of Kennedy High School

Public Comment: Tammy Campbell

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey congratulated the students, speaking of their success and opportunities for the future.

Mr. Medrano offered thanks to the parents for the foundation they provide their sons and daughters.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of the privilege for the Board to honor these students as well as their families.

Mr. Thurmond thanked the students for representing the possibilities of accomplishments in the district.

Ms. Miles thanked the students and asked them to stand for further recognition.

D.4 Recognition of 2008 – 2009 WCCUSD Scholar Athletes and Scholar Athlete of the Year

Mr. Greer introduced male and female scholar athletes from the comprehensive high schools. Mr. Rhea spoke about the well-rounded student who participates in extracurricular activities and athletics.

Rajpaul Pannu and Adriana Olivia of Hercules High School
Samantha Suriano and Jose Cruz Vasquez of Richmond High School
Malcolm Carson and Jennifer Dao of El Cerrito High School
Jonathan Saelee and Cindy Truong of DeAnza High School
DeNesha Stallworth, Tyler Shaner and Claire Scott of Pinole Valley High School
Ana Garibo and Gerard Markham of Kennedy High School

Principal Sue Kahn, also President of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League (ACCAL), spoke on behalf of the League, athletic directors and coaches at this opportunity to recognize the student athletes.

Public Comment: Al Kirkman, Tammy Campbell

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey congratulated the student athletes and said he is excited to see what their futures hold as athletes and scholars.

Mr. Thurmond offered congratulations to the young women and men who demonstrate commitment of the highest level in both teamwork and discipline.

Ms. Kronenberg said she thinks the accomplishment of these young people as student athletes and scholars will stay with them and urged them to recognize the importance of their achievements.

Mr. Medrano saluted and congratulated the students for their success as athletes and scholars.

Ms. Miles offered words for continued success in their next endeavors.

F.1 Master Plan for Renovation of Coronado Elementary School

Mr. Fay asked Mr. Savidge to introduce the item and the recommendations for moving forward with master planning for Coronado Elementary School. Mr. Savidge detailed the steps to initiate the process of planning for the project and architectural selection.

Public Comment:

Paul Wilson, Audra Williams, Norah Moore, Victor Zarza
Ludmyrna Lopez, Vice Mayor of Richmond, spoke of action taken by the City Council to unanimously support the Facilities Subcommittee recommendation to move forward with the master plan for renovation of Coronado.
Jeff Ritterman, City Councilmember, recognized Coronado as a model school and recited the pledge that Coronado students affirm each day.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey said he would like to offer clear direction and detail for Board members. He recalled the history of the bond construction program as well as recent projects coming to completion under budget thereby releasing funds to plan for future projects.

Ms. Miles asked Mr. Savidge questions about the Subcommittee recommendations. Mr. Savidge agreed with the recommendation to proceed cautiously given the district's financial situation. He said that the district would engage in a master planning and programming process to identify costs and options for a facility while exercising continued caution to determine clear funding once the bidding of large projects is determined.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about a timeline for knowing when full funding sources might be available. Mr. Savidge responded with information about bond sales and project schedules, completion of current projects, as well as preliminary work to take place during the summer months. Ms. Kronenberg followed up with further comment about expediting the Coronado project to take advantage of economic savings and recovery of resources while being equally cautious.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about expediting the project because Coronado is a successful community.

Mr. Medrano spoke of discussion held at the Facilities Subcommittee meeting and the spirit of the Coronado community.

Mr. Ramsey added follow up points about not being reckless with funds for projects and reasserted his support of this item.

Ms. Miles said that she agreed that the Coronado community is deserving of reconstruction for their school but does not want to begin the process and result in any disappointment, therefore reiterating caution.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved that staff be directed to move forward with reconstruction plans for Coronado Elementary School, to meet with the site selection team for architect selection, and to return June 24 with recommendations and initial steps for master programming. Mr. Thurmond seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.5 Recognition of WCCUSD National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Teachers

Mr. Greer spoke about National Board certification of teachers. Ms. Avalos introduced Tara Hills teacher Cinda Rapp who acknowledged other certified teachers in the audience and introduced the 2009 National Board Certified Teacher Stephanie Serrano.

D.6 Families in Transition – Homeless Education Program

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Jeri Cohen, Coordinator Homeless Program, who spoke about the program and how homelessness affects children and families. Ms. Cohen acknowledged staff members who put in outreach hours with the program. Ms. Barbara Johnson, representing Congressman George Miller, expressed thanks for the work done through the Families in Transition Program and by Ms. Cohen to secure grant funding as it is incredibly hard but important work. Ms. Rashidchi presented Ms. Cohen with a certificate to recognize her dedication to the community.

Public Comment: Luis Perez, Cheryl Maier, Roberto Reyes

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond spoke about the context of the number of identified homeless students in the district being equal to the enrollment of some schools. He asked the team to let the Board know what support is needed to continue their efforts in tough economic times and thanked them for continuing the work to keep resources flowing.

Ms. Kronenberg said that as an adult education teacher, she has students that have lost homes. She said that this program is a safety net for many families and acknowledged their work as well as support from the City of Richmond.

Mr. Medrano spoke about housing foreclosures in West County and concern for students of displaced families. The work of churches and community organizations supports the Nevin Community Center and the Families in Transition program. He commended Ms. Cohen for her work.

Ms. Miles thanked Ms. Cohen for all her work and spoke of lifelines provided to the community.

Mr. Ramsey said the presentation was informative and expressed willingness to assist young people placed in unfair situations. He said that without assistance, many talented young people won't reach their full potential. He thanked Ms. Cohen for bringing awareness to the public.

D.7 Richmond Tales: The Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle

Ms. Mallon and Marin Trujillo presented copies of the book *Richmond Tales: The Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle* to Board members. The book was created through a partnership with Community Works, West County Reads, and adults who care about children's literacy. This began as a project to support summer learning with a book about Richmond and characters similar to the children of Richmond. With limited funding, the book has been delivered to all 4 and 5th graders in the district. Ms. Mallon presented an overview of the book and Debbie Grisso from the Curriculum Department presented the activity guide to accompany the book. Author Summer Brenner spoke about the community inspiration for her book and advocating for literacy.

Public Comment: Sarah Creely

D.2 Recognition of Ford and Washington Elementary Schools – State Title I Academic Achievement Awards (AAA) Program

Ms. Rashidchi acknowledged Ford and Washington staff for the academic achievements accomplished by students. Ford Principal Barbara Penny-James and Washington Principal Lisa Levi spoke about the children of their schools as champions and acknowledged the continued academic work still ahead.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey said it is exciting to see the achievements of Ford and Washington and acknowledged current and former administrators at these schools.

Mr. Medrano said he is pleased to have visited Ford and Washington, urging others to visit the schools' programs.

Ms. Kronenberg acknowledged the achievements in overcoming odds for academic excellence.

Ms. Miles offered congratulations to both schools.

D.8 Budget Report Updates

Ms. Gamba provided an update of information for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 budgets with developments since the failure of the May ballot initiatives.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked a procedural question regarding the Third Interim Report, 2008-09. Ms. Gamba and Ms. Romeo provided clarification.

Public Comment: Al Kirkman, Tammy Campbell, Roberto Reyes, Kristen Pursley, Enrique Estrada, Isenia De Lira, Ken Ryan, Luis Ornelas, Suzanne Skrivanrch

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles clarified that Bond funds can only be spent on facilities.

Mr. Thurmond commented on a recent discussion with federal Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and federal stimulus funds. Superintendent Harter responded. Mr. Thurmond had follow-up comments about what the district should do to determine ways to save programs and minimize costs, developing a proactive conversation with stakeholders.

Mr. Medrano commented about meeting with the Secretary of Education and the broken educational system of California. Mr. Medrano urged support of legislative efforts to address the state budget in Sacramento.

Ms. Kronenberg asked questions about proposed adult education funding reductions and federal funding. Ms. Gamba responded. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the procedure and proposals considered in Hayward Unified School District and asked for funding information for a similar approach in this district.

Mr. Ramsey asked for proactive solutions to give people something constructive to do in order to deal with fears.

Mr. Medrano commented about ESL programs at Contra Costa College and schools in the flatland areas of Richmond.

Mr. Thurmond asked Superintendent Harter for his thoughts on putting together a workgroup to determine strategies for cost reductions. Dr. Harter responded that the majority of the district budget is tied up in benefit and employee related costs, salary roll backs, furloughs, and cuts to medical benefits. Mr. Thurmond continued to discuss key stakeholder participation to get through difficult times.

D.9 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of community members who have passed away and followed with a moment of silence.

D.10 Standing Reports

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee: Sue Pricco, chairperson, asked members in attendance to join her at the podium to announce the next meeting, June 17 at Ohlone Elementary School in Hercules. A tour of the campus will take place prior to the meeting. She said the members of the committee feel strongly about resuming publication of the WCCUSD Reporter.

Public Employees Local One: Richard Leung, Supervising Business Agent, spoke about distress at the district's position to cease the coalition of union's interest based approach to bargaining regarding benefits. He said that classified employees are not unsympathetic regarding the current budget situation faced by the district.

Community Budget Advisory: Charles Cowens reported that the next meeting will be held June 18, 6:30 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School. He also spoke about the upcoming Board Governance retreat on June 6.

Academic Subcommittee Report: Ms. Nia Rashidchi provided a review of a recent meeting where discussion took place regarding an update on equity initiatives, an LEA plan update and current mentoring programs. The next meeting will be held on June 23rd. Mr. Thurmond asked a question about the mentoring program that was referred to the Academic Subcommittee from a recent Board meeting and outcome of committee's review. Ms. Miles responded that the committee asked Mr. Greer to determine funding and also asked that a clear proposal be drafted and brought back to the committee for further discussion. Mr. Greer said that further information regarding current mentoring programs will be brought to the June 23rd meeting. Mr. Thurmond asked that as author of the resolution, he be provided information and asked that the committee review to bring to the Board for action in a timely manner to take advantage of potential federal funding. Mr. Ramsey asked whether the Youth Commission was discussed at the subcommittee meeting. Ms. Rashidchi responded that this will be agendaized at the next subcommittee meeting. Mr. Thurmond commented that he will address the Youth Commission under the Safety Committee report.

Ivy League Connection: Mr. Ramsey reported on an upcoming student orientation for chaperones to meet families and students, a series of meetings with mentors and expansion of a collaborative at Pinole Valley High School. He further reported on scholarships to provide summer instruction time for students to prepare for program admissions tests.

Safety Committee: Mr. Thurmond announced that the next meeting is planned for June 17, 6:00 p.m. at Pinole Valley High School where discussion will be held around safety protocols in schools and issues regarding police response efficiency. He reported that the Youth Commission planning meeting will be held June 15, 4:00 p.m. at RYSE Youth Center in Richmond. Mr. Ramsey asked about attendance and preliminary interest. Mr. Greer responded that approximately 20 youths and 4-5 adults attended the initial meeting with representation from most high schools. Ms. Miles asked whether the Youth Commission is under the umbrella of the Safety Committee and suggested adding it as an additional committee report in the future.

Public Comment: Mike Mahoney, Don Gosney

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked whether there is any thought of reinstating the WCCUSD Reporter publication. Superintendent Harter responded that funding of the publication was paid through general district funds as well as bond funding and that implementation of the district spending freeze eliminated that portion of general funds. He said that if the publication were reinstated, the publication would be limited to discuss bond projects.

Mr. Ramsey echoed support of resuming publication with bond funds.

Ms. Kronenberg said that the publication helps to communicate the success of bond program.

Mr. Thurmond thanked CBOC members for bringing up the concern and suggesting use of bond funds to continue the publication.

Mr. Medrano explained that he has not attended recent CBOC meetings due to conflicts with Board meetings.

Ms. Miles encouraged expressing the difference between bond funds and general fund monies to the public.

Mr. Thurmond suggested that the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee is a venue to address finding savings and looking for other revenue in a timely meeting.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

MOTION: Ms. Miles requested to defer the Superintendent's Report to follow Public Comment. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E.2 Request to Address the Board – Kenneth Nelson Representing Richmond NAACP

Mr. Nelson, President of Richmond Branch of NAACP, thanked Superintendent Harter for hosting the recent town hall meeting regarding a Portola incident. He said his organization has questions of the protocols for agencies called to protect children. He expressed concerns regarding police security on campuses, agreements between the district and city agencies, and procedures for law enforcement in the educational environment.

Public Comment: Tammy Campbell, Corky Boozé

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked whether the NAACP had been in touch with parent organizations at Portola and reported that he has heard parents talk about wanting to make Portola a safe campus. Mr. Nelson responded affirmatively.

Ms. Kronenberg said she is a believer in Challenge Day projects for middle schools as well as Anti-Defamation League training.

Mr. Medrano said he is in support of any program that encourages communication.

Ms. Miles spoke about a healing process in communities when acts of violence occur.

E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

Nery Esperanza Giulbert Cano, Diane Brown, Margaret Browne, Kristen Pursley, Charles Rachlis, Roberto Reyes, Park Guthrie, Christi Thomas, Tammy Campbell, Marcus Mitchell, Christina Slamon, Charles Cowens

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Master Plan for Renovation of Coronado Elementary School

This item was moved to follow item D.4.

F.2 Third Interim Report, 2008-09

Ms. Gamba presented a report for board information.

Public Comment: None

MOTION: No action required, for information only.

F.3 Presentation of the Measure M, Measure D and Measure J 2007-08 Fiscal Audit by Perry Smith, LLP

Ms. Gamba presented the 2007-08 Fiscal Audit for formal acceptance by the Board.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to approve acceptance of the 2007-08 Fiscal Audit. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Resolution No. 94-0809 Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2009-10, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report and providing for Notice of a Public Hearing

Ms. Gamba presented information regarding the process for preliminarily accepting the Engineer's Report and providing notice of a public hearing to be held July 8, 2009.

Public Comment: Charles Cowens

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Resolution No. 94-0809 Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2009-10, Preliminarily Approving Engineer's Report and providing for Notice of a Public Hearing. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0 motion carried.

- F.5 Resolution No. 95-0809: Adoption of Notice and Hearing Schedule Pursuant to Education Code §44955.5**
Ms. Romeo presented information regarding adoption of the budget and the need for an August layoff as a result of the determination of reduced revenue for 2009-10. She indicated that Education Code §44955.5 provides for the adoption of a schedule for the notice and hearing process for affected employees, and adoption of this proposed schedule will allow staff to bring forward a resolution to reduce particular kinds of services at the June 24, 2009 Board meeting.

Public Comment: Pixie Hayward Schickele

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles asked for further clarification for this resolution. Ms. Romeo explained that this resolution would only establish timelines in the event that additional certificated layoffs were required. She said that without adopting this resolution, the Board would be prevented from moving forward with an August layoff.

Ms. Kronenberg asked for clarification regarding the timeline. Ms. Romeo detailed recommendations from the Office of Administrative Hearings to insure that decisions can be made in a timely manner.

Mr. Ramsey said this resolution will give flexibility to address potential budget short falls and cautioned against handicapping the district.

Mr. Medrano asked about the number of positions considered for layoffs. Ms. Romeo said that number is dependent on other actions taken by the State of California and the Board.

Ms. Miles asked questions about July funding expectations. Ms. Gamba responded regarding cash flow deferrals for 2008-09 and State withholding of July funds, retroactive deficit cuts from future apportionments, and further potential deferrals. The district will be required to restructure cash flow projections for the entire next year to determine what that will look like. Ms. Gamba said that preliminary information from the State predicts larger deficits for 2009-10.

Mr. Thurmond asked about the amount of anticipated savings with potential layoffs. Ms. Gamba discussed class size reduction possibilities and other negotiable items. Ms. Romeo was asked for clarification to statements regarding the establishment of dates for layoff hearings and the timeline of June 25th for layoff notices. Ms. Romeo discussed the layoff process and the Education Code recommendation as well as a timeline for staff to determine and process layoffs. Ms. Gamba provided further input regarding Education Code guidelines for the layoff period. Mr. Thurmond asked for understanding of how the district can be effective from an educational standpoint. Superintendent Harter agreed and responded that additional cuts are not in the best interest of children but in trying to keep the district fiscally sound without further State intervention.

Mr. Medrano asked about salaries and benefits of outside police officers hired by the district. Mr. Medrano spoke about cuts to the contracted police, returning campus police and wondered if that might save teachers. Ms. Gamba said she would have to provide that information at a later time. Ms. Medrano continued to discuss sharing cuts across all sections of employees.

Mr. Ramsey said he thinks that Board Member Medrano makes good points; however, the community has said they wanted SRO's on campus. He continued by saying that the State is telling communities that funding must come from local sources. He said he supports the approval of this resolution to allow the Board some flexibility.

Ms. Miles, while supporting this resolution for budgetary purposes, said she agreed with Mr. Medrano to look at all areas for additional cuts to avoid cuts to the classroom.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 95-0809: Adoption of Notice and Hearing Schedule Pursuant to Education Code §44955.5. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey and President Miles voting yes, Mr. Thurmond voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

F.6 Preliminary Planning for Demolition of Gompers High School and Adams Middle School

Mr. Savidge presented information to begin a preliminary process for planning the demolition of deteriorated facilities.

Public Comment: Gretchen Borg, Park Guthrie

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the demolitions and identification of funds. Mr. Savidge responded with information regarding cost reviews for various phases of each project.

Mr. Medrano asked questions about the interest of the Richmond High School gardening group possibly saving the greenhouse at Adams. Mr. Savidge said it may be possible to determine whether it can be dismantled and relocated.

Ms. Miles temporarily relinquished the chair to Mr. Medrano.

Mr. Thurmond asked about separating the two sites for action. Mr. Savidge responded with information regarding the condition of the Gompers building. Mr. Thurmond asked further questions regarding Adams and marketing the property for future use.

Ms. Miles returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. Fay provided information regarding demolition versus mothballing a school and taking advantage of the bidding environment. Mr. Thurmond asked about options for speculators or potential buyers absorbing some of the cost of demolition. Mr. Fay responded with information.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Preliminary Planning for Demolition of Gompers High School and Adams Middle School. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Motion: Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Medrano made a motion to table Discussion Items G. 1 and G.2 until the next regular board meeting and to also resume Closed Session on Saturday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ramsey second. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G.1 Preliminary Budget for 2009-10

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

G.2 Status Reports – Facilities Planning and Construction

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

None

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – June 6, 2009 Governance Workshop
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – June 24, 2009 Regular Meeting

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Miles adjourned the meeting at 12:24 AM.

Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

BH:dh

<p><u>AAM</u> Approved 6-24-09</p>
