

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

December 9, 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 6:33 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 Annual Organization Meeting

Election of President

Motion: Mr. Medrano nominated Ms. Kronenberg to serve as President of the Board for the 2010 year. 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.

Ms. Kronenberg assumed the seat for President of the Board and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Clerk

Motion: Mr. Thurmond nominated Mr. Medrano to serve as Clerk of the Board for the 2010 year. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Board Comment:

President Kronenberg said she welcomed the confidence that the Board has placed in her and appreciated the opportunity to serve. She recognized the service of Ms. Miles, presenting her with a plaque to acknowledge and thank her for her service over the past year.

Ms. Miles thanked everyone for the support she received and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the children of this District.

Mr. Ramsey said it was an honor to serve with Ms. Miles especially with the many challenges faced by the District over the past year.

President Kronenberg spoke about the year ahead and read a quote; "Optimism is an ethical duty. If we are not optimistic, we cannot affect change." She said she is entering the upcoming year with the pledge of an optimistic attitude and spirit for the children and resources for the District.

Mr. Thurmond offered congratulations to President Kronenberg and accepted the challenge around optimism to continue to work with hope for the children of the District. He also acknowledged and thanked Ms. Miles for her leadership and service.

Mr. Medrano thanked Ms. Miles for her professionalism while serving as Board President over the past year.

Approval of Procedural Matters

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Superintendent to serve as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the President of the Board to sign documents, and the Clerk to sign in the absence of the President. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to affirm the previously adopted schedule of regular meetings for 2009-2010 and adopt additional meetings for 2010 with the exception of changing June 23 to June 22. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Mr. Ramsey recommended tabling the appointments for committees a future meeting in order to allow President Kronenberg opportunity to make the appropriate appointments. President Kronenberg agreed.

B.4 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Mike Aaronian, Coordinator Multiple Pathways; Doris Avalos, Executive Director; André Bell, Sr. Director Bond Finance; Pat Calvert, Director Certificated Employees; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Directory Accounting/Audits; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Employees; Haidee Foust, Principal North Campus; Julio Franco, Principal Richmond High School; 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 Secretary; David Johnston, Director General Services; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Raul Ramirez, Assistant Principal Adult Education; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bill Savidge, Engineering Officer; Hattie Smith, Principal Middle College.

B.5 Presentation of Student Board Representative Erica Yañez, Richmond High School

Ms. Yañez was absent for this portion of the meeting.

B.6 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel eight (8) students, suspending those expulsions for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel eight (8) students, suspending those expulsions for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Miles, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes with Mr. Thurmond abstaining as he was absent from that portion of Closed Session and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to terminate a management employee.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to terminate an employee. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg 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 appoint Barbara Kitagawa as Interim Special Education Administrator at Cameron.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Barbara Kitagawa as Interim Special Education Administrator at Cameron. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes with Mr. Thurmond abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.7 Agenda Review and Adoption

Public Comment:

Robert Brower asked that the Board amend the agenda to include announcing the December 14, 2009 joint meeting with the El Cerrito City Council to be held at the El Cerrito City Council Chambers.

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

B.8 Minutes: November 14, 2009, November 18, 2009

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2009 and November 18, 2009. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with Mr. Ramsey abstaining as he was absent from the November 18 meeting, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Ms. Yañez arrived at 6:49 PM.

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 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports
- C.6 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Administrator Interns
- C.7 Notification of Claims Rejected
- C.8 Contracts with Employee Health and Welfare Providers Revised Resolution No. 37-0910
- C.9 Contracts with Employee Health and Welfare Providers
 - Resolution No. 39-0910: School Supervisors Association, Unrepresented Classified Management and Confidential Employees Retiring after December 31, 2009
 - Resolution No. 40-0910: West Contra Costa Administrators Association and Unrepresented Certificated Management Retiring after December 31, 2009
 - Resolution No. 41-0910: School Supervisors Association, West Contra Costa Administrators Association and Confidential Employees Retiring Prior to January 1, 2010
 - Resolution No. 42-0910: Unrepresented Management Retiring Prior to January 1, 2009
 - Resolution No. 43-0910: Unrepresented Management Retiring After December 31, 2008 but before January 1, 2010
 - Resolution No. 44-0910: Public Employees Union, Local One Retiring Prior to January 1, 2010
 - Resolution No. 45-0910: Public Employees Union, Local One Retiring After December 31, 2009
 - Resolution No. 55-0910: United Teachers of Richmond Retiring Prior to January 1, 2007
 - Resolution No. 56-0910: United Teachers of Richmond Retiring Prior to January 1, 2010 BUT AFTER December 31, 2006
 - Resolution No. 57-0910: United Teachers of Richmond Retiring After December 31, 2009
- C.10 Certificated Personnel Changes
- C.11 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated
- C.12 Routine Personnel Changes - Classified
- C.13 Approve Job Descriptions: Area Supervisor Food Service and Administrative Services Manager
- C.14 Resolution No. 54-0910: Certificate of Signatures
- C.15 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.16 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- C.17 2010 Facilities Master Plan: Contract for Facilities Assessments
- C.18 Rejection of Claim for Refund of Developer Fees by Signature Properties for Anchor Cove Project in the City of Richmond
- C.19 Approval of Contracts for Network and Phone System Electronics at Helms Middle School
- C.20 District Data Warehouse System - Approval of Hardware Service Provider

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.20. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Erica Yañez (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Update on Improvement to Safety and Climate

Superintendent Harter provided background regarding a series of reports from various community meetings for the board as a result of the sexual assault on a student on October 24.

Contra Costa County Office of Education Superintendent Joe Ovick, spoke of their assistance to the District in forming a task force to provide an independent review of the incident and provide recommendations for best practices for future events on school campuses. Mike Bowers, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, spoke about the make-up of the task force, meeting with staff members and touring the Richmond High School campus. He spoke of the focus of the task force and its areas of focus to: 1). Analyze the current student safety conditions for co-curricular activities at Richmond High School, 2). Review the safety conditions and preparations for the Homecoming Dance at Richmond High School on October 24, 2009, 3). Prepare a report with recommendations that could improve and/or enhance current supervisory protocols or best practices for co-curricular activities at Richmond High School and secondary programs in the District.

Mr. Thurmond asked questions about guidelines for student eligibility to attend an event and a range for acceptable grade point averages. Mr. Bowers responded with information used by Deer Valley High School and recommended that staff determine appropriate guidelines. Mr. Thurmond asked further questions about supervision of hot spots on the campus. Mr. Bowers responded with information that school resource officers and campus supervisors develop a plan for events to include a full campus roving patrol.

President Kronenberg asked about models for extra or co-curricular activity worksheets and event safety check sheets. Mr. Bowers responded that the documents should be tailored to the needs of each campus. He reported that committee members from Antioch High School were willing to invite West Contra Costa staff to visit their school for campus observations.

Mr. Medrano asked questions about School Resource Officers (SRO's) and areas of responsibility. Superintendent Harter asked that questions unrelated to the county report be held until the end of the presentations for Board discussion.

Sergeant Eddie Russell, Richmond Police Department and School Resource Officer supervisor spoke about protocols developed for events and extra curricular activities for better overall security for the entire school campus with mandated sweeps. He reported that the Richmond Police Department has begun conducting crime prevention and surveys of campuses too assess risk and recommendations to improve security and arrangements to visit other campuses to review best security practices. He further reported on video camera capacity and viewing video feeds. He spoke about parent and neighborhood volunteers interested in assisting with school events, security and chaperoning school activities, including campus patrols which would include developing safety protocols, providing training and fingerprint scanning for school district volunteers.

Mr. Thurmond asked questions about the SRO event campus tours and whether it applied to Richmond schools or other schools as well. Sergeant Russell responded that this is the Richmond Police Department policy.

Ms. Miles asked questions about protocols across the district. Mr. Greer said this report will be discussed with principals and with SRO's at the monthly safety meeting in order to develop practices with all schools. He said he expected to be able to provide an update in January.

Mr. Medrano asked about collaboration with the San Pablo Police Department. Sergeant Russell responded that Richmond works closely with San Pablo, especially in regard to events at Richmond High due to the close proximity.

Ms. Rashidchi reported that at the last Academic Subcommittee meeting, character develop programs were discussed where many California Department of Education guidelines were reviewed. Principals, staff and parents presented information on current programs in place. Ms. Rashidchi further detailed the recurring themes discussed at the meeting. Next steps will be to develop school-based guidelines from the documentation reviewed.

Mr. Thurmond asked about the committee's timeline for moving forward and a finished product in place. Ms. Rashidchi responded that there is urgency for implementation in January at Richmond High School. Other schools will be involved in piloting at the elementary, middle and high schools levels from January to June and work for full implementation in 2010-2011 school year.

Superintendent Harter reported on the joint meeting held on November 14 with attendees including city council members, legislative representatives, city managers, police representatives and youth leaders. Overview presentations were heard from nearly all jurisdictions about safety issues and challenges. Those in attendance then broke into the following groups for discussion; violence prevention, gang intervention, neighborhood watch, facilities improvement, and character development. Dr. Harter said that in order to move forward information from that meeting will be

compiled into recommendations for city councils, mayors, city managers and police council. These recommendations will be brought to the Board in January for the review and forwarding to the groups mentioned.

Mr. Greer reported on community interventions currently in place. He introduced Ms. Bianca LaChaux, director for the health services at Kennedy and Pinole Valley High Schools who spoke about core services available at all high schools. Dr. Jessica Sturges, clinical case manager at Kennedy, spoke about outside partners for mental health counseling and intervention programs available at the high schools.

Mr. Medrano asked about gang intervention work. Ms. LaChaux pointed out that Bay Area Peacekeepers is involved in gang work.

Mr. Thurmond asked about connectivity for each school as well as other non-profits not listed. Ms. LaChaux referred to a document that listed the resources that the coordinators in the health centers currently use. She explained that the high school health coordinator position was developed to be a single point of contact for resources and his suggestion could be addressed with principals. She further reported that weekly disposition meetings are held to evaluate needs of students, work with principals and adapt to meet the needs of students.

Mr. Fay addressed the status of lighting, surveillance cameras, and security alarm systems in schools. Mr. Fay provided information presented to the Facilities Subcommittee and the discussion of development of standards for the equipment.

Mr. Ramsey spoke about integration with local law enforcement to allow monitoring.

Mr. Medrano said he would like to see more collaboration between Richmond and San Pablo Police Departments and access for both jurisdictions for Richmond High School.

Mr. Thurmond asked about building new schools and design of physical structures for safety. Mr. Ramsey responded that this has been done with design plans for the renovated campus sites. Mr. Fay responded that a comprehensive approach has been developed to review existing campuses for perceived deficiencies and strategies to address those deficiencies. He elaborated about the Richmond High design integration for the Richmond Police Department to have access to campus cameras to provide direction for officers on the site.

Mr. Ramsey reported that lighting and surveillance security system should be completed by April.

Mr. Greer asked the County Deputy Sheriff Rossberg to address gang intervention at North Campus, Harbour Way, TLC, Montalvin Manor Elementary, Juan Crespi Middle School and Mira Vista Elementary School. Deputy Sheriff Rossberg reported that the Sheriff's department works closely with the Probation Department to assist in identifying students who are on probation. He said he introduces himself and lets students know he is aware of their situation. The Sheriff's Department has a twelve step process to identify students as validated gang members, and works with probation, prevention, counseling, and determining neutral ground for safety at school sites.

Mr. Medrano asked Mr. Greer whether a similar kind of work is being done at Kennedy, Gompers, Richmond High and DeAnza. Mr. Greer said best practices are being shared among jurisdictions with different levels of intervention as each city feels appropriate.

Mike Wasilchin, Local One, reported on the District wide Safety Plan. He said he was pleased to announce that the District and Local One are united in getting this project going. He reported on uniforms for site and student supervisors in order to identify security staff. He said that principals at secondary sites are updating site safety plans and that the District has coordinated a team to attend crisis response training workshops in January.

Mr. Ramsey thanked Mr. Wasilchin for his persistence and commitment to seek training for safety personnel.

Mr. Thurmond asked about infrastructure needed to manage strategies discussed. Mr. Wasilchin responded that he felt starting with the development of safety plans for sites were stepping stones to develop a district-wide safety plan, which will lead to the incorporation of the resources mentioned at this meeting. He spoke about developing the mindset of safety first for safe environments to promote curriculum throughout the District.

Mr. Medrano asked about the inclusion of middle schools. Mr. Washilchin said that he included middle schools when speaking about secondary schools. He further said it is important to begin safety routines in elementary schools so that students become accustomed to expectation.

Ms. Kronenberg commended Mr. Wasilchin for his persistence in speaking about safety and partnering with the District. She said she would like to see a timeframe for each segment to be accomplished.

Ms. Erica Yañez spoke about student leadership at Richmond High School. She spoke about violence prevention and intervention agency programs on her campus. She also spoke about Richmond High's academic update and improvement in achievement scores with an upcoming academic achievement assembly.

Mr. Medrano asked Ms. Yañez for her personal reflections about events at her school. She said that her school is going through a great deal being in the media spotlight and that it has to stop. She said students are doing well, taking the CAHSEE, many students are on the honor roll, and involved in good sports programs for the year.

Public Comment:

Robert Brower, Richard Leung

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey thanked County Office of Education representatives for bringing the investigation and report.

Mr. Medrano spoke about collaboration and cooperation with all agencies of law enforcement and campus site supervisors.

Ms. Miles spoke about the time frames and follow-up to make sure these items are brought back to keep community informed.

Mr. Thurmond asked questions about the committee's work continuing and possible interviews with site supervisors. Superintendent Harter responded that the County Office of Education's report was on a short timeline to enable tonight's report to the Board, and that further follow-up at school sites, including site supervisors, can be added as the District develops the overall safety plan.

Mr. Ramsey spoke about staff on campus the night of the crime as well as further suggestions to incorporate in a comprehensive safety plan.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about recommendations from the District Safety Committee regarding intermittent campus patrols at school events. Superintendent Harter responded about the County report recommendation of a matrix for specific schools and events to dictate the type of supervision coverage. Mr. Thurmond requested that this recommendation from the Safety Committee about developing a policy of expectation for intermittent patrols. President Kronenberg responded that she will make sure the concern for patrols is addressed, as well as a detailed list of commitments to be transparent about implementation of the recommendations.

Mr. Ramsey said he concurred with suggestions of Mr. Thurmond that the Safety Committee recommendations be heard before the Board. He also spoke about improvement, change in attitudes and effort to implement change.

Ms. Erica Yañez spoke about Gina Saecho, Richmond High Home Coming dance organizer.

President Kronenberg thanked everyone for their input to this report.

D.2 Standing Reports

Pixie Hayward Schickele, United Teachers of Richmond, said she is at tonight's meeting because they are on the verge of a decision that will affect the District for years to come. She said the teachers need a fair contract, not a legacy of a dishonest district about what it takes to education children.

Christina Slamon, Vice President Bayside Council PTA, announced their next meeting on February 27, 7:00 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School. She continued by reporting on the recent November meeting and the Reflections Art program.

Robert Studdiford, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, reported that there was no quorum at its last meeting. He said there was discussion regarding meeting quarterly verses monthly, recommendations by the administrative regulations subcommittee, and approval of the annual report. These items will be brought back for discussion and approval by the full committee. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2010.

Mr. Medrano, Facilities Subcommittee, reported on the December 3rd meeting where the secondary security matrix was reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010.

Mr. Ramsey, Ivy League Connection, reported on upcoming interviews at DeAnza for Brown University courses. Selection committees will meet next week for the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. He expects approximately thirty students to be selected by end of the year. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about Kennedy High School's participation in this year's programs. Mr. Medrano announced Richmond High students selected for Brown University's Women Empowerment course.

Mr. Thurmond, Safety Committee, reported that the next meeting will be held December 14, 5:30 at El Cerrito City Hall, preceding the meeting with Board and the El Cerrito City Council. He said that discussion will include an update on efforts by county health representatives for H1N1 immunizations, and committee preparations for an end of

year check list for a template guiding work with schools. Mr. Ramsey said he is glad that the committee is getting back to issues of ongoing concern and would like to see a future meeting at Juan Crespi Middle School.

Mr. Thurmond, Youth Commission, reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 14 at the RYSE Center, 6:00 PM and will interview candidates who wish to serve on the Commission. Applications are available at all district schools.

Ms. Rashidchi, Academic Subcommittee, reported that the next meeting will be held on December 15, at Vista Hills.

Ms. Gamba, Community Budget Advisory Committee, recognized Mr. Thomas Brightbill, from SCI Consulting Group, for his presentation on parcel tax funds at their last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28 and will begin a series of community meetings regarding the state budget deficit.

D.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of members of the school community who have passed away.

Mr. Ramsey offered condolences to the family of Fred Fogg saying he knew Mr. Fogg from work at Kennedy.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Harter provided a report of events in District schools.

8:45 pm Erica Yañez left meeting.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Robert Brower, Christina Slamon, Sarah Creeley, Tom Panas, Toby Halpren, Linda Jane Kole, Susan Billings, Eduardo Martinez, Mark Moran, Al Kirkman, Mohid Jafri, Kensington Elementary fourth grader.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Tier III Categorical Programs Public Hearing

President. Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the public hearing to show compliance. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 First Interim Report, 2009-10

Ms. Gamba provided information regarding the financial statements for submission of the First Interim Report which will be submitted to the County Office of Education and State of California. She asked the Board to take action to accept the First Interim Report with a Qualified Certification.

Public Comment: Robert Studdiford

Board Comment: None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the First Interim Report, 2009-10. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.3 Call for Nominations for California Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey nominated Antonio Medrano for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Community Survey Report

Superintendent Harter provided background to the appointment of the subcommittee and support for tax measures that might be brought before the voters and the engagement of Godbe Research for their survey study of the community. Dr. Harter provided details of the Godbe survey.

Public Comment: Robert Brower

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano said he was encouraged with the figures for bonds for local economic activity. He suggested the need to be very specific when informing the community about the use of any future bond funding.

Mr. Ramsey spoke about Board supporting the passage of three bond measures in five years, fairness, potential school closures, and support for a new bond measure.

Ms. Miles commented about transparency and fulfillment of commitments, as well as the essential completion of timelines for safety measures in order for the community to know that this Board is committed.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about the generosity of the citizens of West County and the need to talk strategically about overcoming negatives and challenges in the District. He would like to receive information about the amount of change in perception likely to occur over time when the measure might appear on the election ballot, as well as seeking recommendations about when to place a measure on an election ballot and any conflicts with city initiatives.

Mr. Ramsey spoke about surrounding cities and jurisdictions with measures in addition to the City of Richmond. He further commented on the information from the pollster as valid.

Mr. Thurmond said he felt it necessary to look at the impact of things around the community that will impact the District and the need for support of surrounding cities, preparation, as well as preparing for the unexpected.

President Kronenberg spoke about sitting on this committee and how rebuilding schools is a dramatic influence for everyone. She further spoke about developing resources since the State of California will not increase funding for education and the need to maximize support.

G.2 Status Reports – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Savidge provided updates on the bond construction program.

Public Comment: None

Board comment:

Mr. Medrano asked about water puddling at Pinole Middle School. Mr. Savidge responded about measures on the campus to provide students additional outdoor opportunities.

Mr. Ramsey asked for reports on Coronado at a future meeting as well as upcoming funding applications to the state.

Mr. Savidge responded about two applications for basic modernization funds and an overcrowded relief grant and said a summary will provided at a future meeting.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ramsey offered congratulations to Past President Miles and wished President Kronenberg good luck. He suggested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Kronenberg's mother who recently passed away.

Mr. Medrano announced a tour of Helms Middle School for the Rotary and San Pablo City Council to see the new campus. He encouraged the public to attend an upcoming meeting regarding Helms fields and recreation areas. He said he visited the Coronado music program and attended a Chevron Community Partnership meeting where a

discussion was held regarding support to the community. He also attended the recent CSBA conference in San Diego. He announced upcoming career academic academy classes at Contra Costa College for adults.

Mr. Miles commented on the joint meeting with El Cerrito City Council on December 14 and wished everyone safe and prosperous holiday season.

Mr. Thurmond acknowledged President. Kronenberg at time of her loss and noted the passing of an educator, Jason Hodge, who served two terms in Oakland school district. He said Mr. Hodge worked in West County to develop the bus pass program for free bus passes for students. He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

President Kronenberg announced the December 14 meeting with the City of El Cerrito and said she hopes for a season of peace ahead. The meeting was adjourned in memory of her mother.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 6, 2010

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:24 PM.

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

BH:dh

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