

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

Item B.7

May 12, 2010

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:34 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Kronenberg 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: André Bell, Senior Director Bond Finance; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator EL Services; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Linda Jackson, Executive Director K-12; Harlan Kerr, Principal Vista Hills; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Lyn Potter, Coordinator State and Federal; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Vince Rhea, Executive Director K-12; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Phyllis Rosen, Legal Secretary; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer, Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement.

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative

Ms. Ramiah Davis-Shephard provided a brief report of activities at Hercules High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel thirteen (13) students and suspend those expulsions for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the vote to expel of thirteen (13) students, suspending those expulsions for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Ramsey 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 approve a student settlement agreement.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the vote to approve a student settlement agreement. 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.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to rescind four notices to administrators, two transfers for administrators and five administrative appointments.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the rescission of four notices to administrators, two transfers for administrators and five administrative appointments. Mr. Ramsey 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.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve the notice of dismissal for a teacher.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the notice of dismissal for a teacher. 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.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked that Item C.24, Resolution No. 91-0910: Limiting Travel to and Purchases from Arizona until the Arizona Legislature Repeals SB 1070, be moved to the first item in Section “G” for discussion only, and then voted upon at the next Board meeting, in order to make a fully informed decision.

Ms. Miles asked Ms. Romeo for clarification. Ms. Romeo said there can be a motion to amend the agenda to move a consent item to a discussion item so long as there is a second and a vote.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to place Item C.24 in Section “G” for discussion before Item G.1. Ms. Miles seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, Mr. Thurmond voted no, with Mr. Medrano abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 3-0-1-1.

B.7 Minutes: April 28, 2010

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2010. Mr. Ramsey 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.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donation

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers

C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.6 Notification of Claims Rejected

C.7 Notification of Claim Approval and Settlement Payment

C.8 Notification of Claim Approval and Settlement Payment

C.9 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated

C.10 Certificated Personnel Changes

C.11 Resolution No. 87-0910: Credential Assignment Options

C.12 California Department of Education Grant Award: Carl Perkins Annual Allocation

C.13 Hercules High School Music Students to Mexico for Festivals at Sea Aboard Carnival Cruises

C.14 Students from Stewart Middle School will go to Washington D.C. May 16-May 22, 2010

C.15 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.16 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.17 Master Plan Contracts for Measure “D”

C.18 Approval of Contract for Furniture, Setup and Installation at Crespi Administration Building

Mr. Fay read the changes to the revised précis as follows (changes in italics):

Background Information: The reconstruction of the Crespi Administration Building from fire damage is proceeding for anticipated occupancy beginning in August 2010. An important next step for the District is to purchase new furniture for the school for use in the office areas, classrooms, library, and support spaces. We have completed work with the site staff on their needs in all of these areas. New furnishings will be comparable to those installed in our other completed secondary sites Helms, Pinole Middle and El Cerrito High.

The proposed contract is through Young Office Solutions. The pricing for the furniture is by a competitively bid bulk purchasing contract through TCPN Contracts MO7032 and MO739 and through the NJPA Umbrella Contract #102908-K11/KI Contract #OT53795. These are “piggyback” type contracts which meet the state’s procurement requirements for these furnishings. In addition, the contract includes installation labor provided through Young Office Solutions.

Recommendation: Approve contract with Young Office Solutions for Crespi Admin furniture, setup and installation.

Fiscal Impact: \$173,860.25. *Funded from fire insurance proceeds.*

C.19 Coronado Elementary school Multi-Purpose Building Demolition Contract Award
C.20 Portola Middle School Temporary Campus Utilities and Sitework Award of Contract

Mr. Fay read the changes to the revised précis as follows (changes in italics):

Background Information: The Board approved a Temporary Campus at the Portola Lower Pad at its meeting of February 10, 2010. Staff has been working to complete preliminary planning on the project with HY Architects. The next step in executing the project is to award a contract for utilities connections and sitework. This project includes sewer, storm sewer, electrical, low-voltage, fire water service connections. The work also includes interior connections and preparation of all buildings for occupancy.

The District has conducted a public bid for this project. Bids were opened on May 5, 2010. 10 Contractors submitted bids. They are as follows: Lamon Construction \$745,000; Dan Electric \$540,000; River View Construction \$525,000; Bruce Carone \$477,650; D R Lemmings \$457,630; Michael Paul Co. \$408,000; ERA Construction \$398,473; D&D Pipelines \$392,000; Evans Brothers \$389,000; and, Carone & Co. \$325,000. *Within the timeframe allowed under the Public Contract Code, the apparent low bidder Carone and Co. withdrew, citing mathematical error in the compilation of their bid. It is recommended to accept this withdrawal, and therefore the lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Evans Brothers at \$389,000.*

Recommendation: *Award contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.*

Fiscal Impact: \$389,000. Funded by the Measure J Bond, Portola Middle School project budget.

C.21 Portola Middle School Temporary Campus Modularity Award of Contract

Mr. Fay read the changes to the revised précis as follows (changes in italics):

Background Information: The Board approved a Temporary Campus at the Portola Lower Pad at its meeting of February 10, 2010. Staff has been working to complete preliminary planning on the project with HY Architects. The next step in executing the project is to award a contract for modular buildings to house the students. HY Architects has completed construction documents for the project incorporating educational program elements which are a part of the Portola Middle School program. These include standard classrooms, library/bookroom, science labs, drama room, administrative spaces, Special Education classrooms (SH & NSH), teacher workroom areas, shop/drafting, PE Locker rooms, art, band, multi-purpose/cafeteria spaces, food service buildings, and restrooms. These plans have been reviewed with the Portola staff and teachers. The project is for the vendor to supply and install all of the referenced buildings, either new or reconditioned, as a direct purchase by the District. It is anticipated that these buildings can be used after the construction of the new school to replace any remaining leased buildings at other sites in the District—reducing future costs to the General Fund.

The District has conducted a public bid for this project. *Bids were opened on May 10, 2010. Five modular vendors submitted bids. They are as follows: Modular Structures Intl. \$2,755,932; Williams Scotsman \$2,747,127; Silvercreek Industries \$2,343,180; Gary Douppnik Mfg. \$2,148,382; and, Mobile Modular \$1,967,327. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Mobile Modular at \$1,967,327.*

This item is being presented prior to the expiration of the 5 working day Bid Protest period. In consideration of this timing, and in order to expedite the project, the Board's action will be to authorize staff to issue the Notice of Award effective at the end of the Bid Protest period to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. This award by staff will then be brought back for ratification at a future meeting.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to issue Notice of Award upon successful completion of the Bid Protest period, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,967,327. Funded by the Measure J Bond, Portola Middle School project budget.

C.22 Hercules Middle High School Field Lights Project Award of Contract
C.23 Richmond High School Emergency Repair Program HVAC Systems Repair Contract Award

C.24 Resolution No. 91-0910: Limiting Travel to and Purchases from Arizona until the Arizona Legislature Repeals SB 1070

This item was moved to the first discussion item in Section G.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.23, with Mr. Fay reading revisions into the record to items C.18, C.20 and C.21. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Davis-Shephard (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 Ivy League Summer Programs: Students from El Cerrito High School, Pinole Valley High School, Hercules High School, DeAnza High School, Richmond High School and Middle College High School will participate in college readiness programs offered at respective Ivy League Colleges and Universities

Vince Rhea spoke of the success of the Ivy League Connection program, now in its fifth year. Marilyn O'Brien spoke of the tenacious efforts of Charles Ramsey and Madeline Kronenberg and thanked everyone for their support. She introduced Matt Arcinienga, a 2009 Yale Ivy League Scholar, who spoke about his experience and the benefits of the program. All of the 2010 chaperones and students were individually recognized. Mr. Rhea expressed thanks to everyone who participated in the program with a special thanks to Don Gosney, and honored the sponsors for their contributions with certificates of appreciation. Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance spoke on behalf of the sponsors offering good luck and congratulations to the students. Former Ivy League participants Cristina Pelayo and Yohanna Pepa spoke of their experience and announced they will attend University of Pennsylvania and Yale University next year.

Public Comment: Tammy Campbell

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles congratulated all of the students and said she looks forward to the leadership they will provide in the schools. She recognized the community partnership that has allowed the program to become successful.

Mr. Medrano thanked the sponsors, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg, and added a special thanks to Don Gosney and all the parents.

Ms. Davis-Shephard congratulated all the students and offered words of encouragement. She said that as a former Ivy League student, she understands the process and said it is an amazing lifetime opportunity.

Mr. Thurmond offered congratulations to all the students and their families and everyone who had a hand in making this possible. He thanked Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg for their energy and contribution.

Mr. Ramsey recognized and acknowledged the parents and teachers who have been so supportive of their students.

President Kronenberg asked that all the students who attend this summer to return as leaders and connectors for all the students they are representing.

A recess was taken from 7:53 to 8:11 PM.

D.2 Recognizing WCCUSD Teachers of the Year (TOY)

Harlan Kerr introduced the four teachers receiving this year's Teachers of the Year award, saying that they were selected because of their commonality of being outstanding teachers who combine their talent, their knowledge, their dedication to learning and their skill to making sure that all students in their care achieve at high levels. Nicole Guisti, Diane Sullivan, and Michele Lamons were present to receive plaques in appreciation.

Public Comment: Tammy Campbell

Board Comment: None

D.3 The Ed. Fund Excellence in Education Award Winner Recognition

Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of The Ed. Fund, introduced the 2010 award winners. Ms. Henry said that the teachers honored this evening are dedicated to their students, thoughtful, reflective and constantly honing their practice, and in their classrooms all students are engaged on task and learning every day. Four recipients were present to receive their awards, Kathy Clemons, Armando Torres, Cynthia Taylor, and Claudia Velez.

Public Comment: Al Kirkman

Board Comment: None

D.4 Multilingual District Advisory Committee Report (MDAC)

Susan Dunlap introduced the Chairperson of the MDAC, Raul Morales. Mr. Morales presented an overview of the committee speaking about the growth of the English Learners program in the District and providing information on trends in the English Learner population.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

D.5 Third Interim Report 2009-10

Sheri Gamba provided a brief report on the Third Interim as required by Ed Code 42131. Ms. Gamba said that there has been a reduction in the deficit spending, and that the District is going to meet its cash obligations and fund obligations as of the end of this school year.

Public Comment: Tammy Campbell

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey thanked staff and the Board for having the patience and willingness to get through multiple budget presentations. He expressed gratitude to Audrey Miles for leading the Board through the difficulties of last year. President Kronenberg commended the District for not having to make additional cuts. She said that the message of the Third Interim Report is that the District needs to add a parcel tax.

Mr. Ramsey acknowledged the substantial contributions of our community, adding that there is a need to keep the commitment going.

D.6 Presentation of Adult Education Course Offerings for 2010 – 2011

Wendell Greer introduced Raul Ramirez, Principal of Adult Education, to provide a brief overview of the program, and recognized Assistant Principals Jim Trombley and Christine McCoy and Director Pamela Blake. Mr. Ramirez presented an overview of the Adult Education Plan for 2010-11, and recognized Kristen Pursley, Ken Ryan and Inocencia Dacumos for their participation in obtaining the Citizenship Grant.

Public Comment: Glenn Corley, Kristin Pursley, Monica Cervantes, Karen Lang, Diane Brown, Maria Alegria

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano thanked all the members of the community who supported Adult Education. He commended the parents who go to adult education classes in support of their students.

Ms. Miles thanked staff and the principal of the Adult Ed program and spoke about the importance of supporting the core adult programs. She spoke of the need for future funding and support from another parcel tax.

Mr. Thurmond thanked Mr. Ramirez for the presentation and said that investing in the literacy of the parents is making an investment in the children of those parents. Mr. Thurmond inquired whether there was anything missing from the program.

Mr. Greer responded that the same type and level of program that we have for this school year will be repeated for next year, and thanked Mr. Ramirez for his efforts.

Mr. Thurmond said he appreciated the Ms. Gamba's efforts, and urged caution about what the future holds for the budget.

Mr. Ramsey thanked the Board for recognizing the importance of Adult Education and taking steps to maintain the Adult Ed program.

President Kronenberg commented on the many adult education programs across the state that were eliminated completely and said it is almost miraculous the District can have a program without registration fees for the core program classes.

D.7 Standing Reports

Richard Leung, Public Employees Local One, spoke about sacrifices made by classified employees. He asked the Board to table Item F.5, for an opportunity to meet and confer and give input to the layoff process.

Don Gosney, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, spoke of the need for more members to participate regularly. He announced the upcoming grand opening of Helms Middle School.

Mr. Medrano, Facilities Subcommittee, said that the meeting of May 11th was rescheduled to May 17th, due to an allegation of a violation of the Brown Act.

Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee is May 27th.

Mr. Thurmond said that the Youth Commission is working on a program that would enable high school students to tutor elementary students. The next meeting is May 24th. He said that the commission is looking for more students, particularly from DeAnza and Hercules High Schools.

Mr. Thurmond said the Safety Committee has taken up the issue of truancy prevention. He said the next meeting on May 26th will be a youth-led meeting focusing on the causes and reduction of truancy.

Ms. Rashidchi announced the next meeting of the Academic Subcommittee will be on May 25th.

Mr. Ramsey provided an update of upcoming events of the Ivy League Connection. He announced that student orientation will begin June 1st at El Cerrito High School, and provided information on upcoming information nights at Berkeley High School and the Oakland Marriott. Mr. Greer announced that on June 3, the President of Texas Southern University will be in the District to speak to prospective students.

President Kronenberg presented a plaque to Jessica Romeo in honor of her tenure with the District.

Mr. Ramsey said he always valued the fact that Ms. Romeo was a real team player who worked incredibly hard, wearing two hats as a lawyer and managing Human Resources with a skeletal crew.

Mr. Medrano offered congratulations to Ms. Romeo and wished her well on her new adventure.

Ms. Miles said it was a pleasure to work with Ms. Romeo and thanked her for her integrity and willingness to provide time and support to the Board.

Mr. Thurmond thanked Ms. Romeo for being the parliamentarian to the Board and for working with the Board with grace and diplomacy. He thanked her for her service to the District and wished her the best of luck.

President Kronenberg acknowledged Ms. Romeo's ability to listen with her heart and said she navigated a very difficult channel. She thanked Ms. Romeo for her service and said she will be really missed.

Superintendent Harter said it was a pleasure to serve with Ms. Romeo and that she will be leaving huge shoes to fill. He thanked her for helping to make the cabinet work well and giving space to the Board members to let their hearts come out.

Ms. Romeo thanked the Board members and said it has been a pleasure to work with them.

D.8 In Memory of Members of the School Community

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

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.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Jacqueline Huerta, Elizabeth Para, Christina Slamon, Tammy Campbell, Don Gosney, Diane Brown, Robert Studdiford, Linda Ruiz-Lozito

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Petition for Charter Renewal of Manzanita Charter School

Mr. Greer presented the proposal to renew the Manzanita Charter School. He asked that the Board approve the petition for charter renewal, as long as Manzanita adheres to all staff recommendations, and thanked Linda Jackson for her efforts.

Public Comment: Linda Ruiz Lozito, Board Chair of Manzanita Charter School, said the school would adhere to all the conditions set forth by District staff, except the requirement to follow Government Code §1090 regarding conflict of interest, which would exclude staff members from sitting on Manzanita's Board of Directors. She said that of the eleven Board members of the Charter School, one is a staff representative and one is a teacher representative. She claimed that Government Code Section 1090 does not apply to charter schools.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the charter petition with all staff recommendations and conditions. He said that the Charter Board should be consistent with how the District Board is governed, not allowing a staff member to sit on the Board.

Ms. Miles asked Ms. Romeo how the conflict could be later addressed should the Board approve this item tonight.

Ms. Romeo said she would recommend that the Board move forward as Mr. Ramsey said, with all of the conditions, and if after talking with staff and counsel if it is determined the requirement is not a condition, it can always come back before the Board.

Mr. Ramsey said he opposes any conditional language or further negotiations. He said that Board approval should include all the recommendations and move forward according to the established timelines.

Mr. Medrano commented on the course content in the Manzanita petition on ancient civilizations asking that the Americas be mentioned.

Ms. Romeo reiterated she is recommending the Board approve the recommendation as is with the conditions as presented.

Mr. Thurmond said he seconded the motion because he wants to see the petition approved, but added he would encourage the Board to seek additional legal review as to the request that was made by the applicant.

Mr. Ramsey said he did not agree with spending additional legal fees.

President Kronenberg said it appears there is a compliance issue with how the Charter has operated in the past.

Ms. Jackson spoke of the need for the Charter Schools to follow the Brown Act.

Ms. Gamba added that in spite of the fact that the current practice might have been in place originally, there has been more recent legal opinion developed around the charter school's adherence to Government Code §1090 which has been in place for a few years now. She suggested that the charter use designated staff members at the meetings to direct the Board members or have committees similar to what our Board does, but staff members cannot be voting members.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Petition for Charter Renewal of Manzanita Charter School. Mr. Thurmond seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 Revision of Board Policy 5141 Students – Health Care and Emergencies

Wendell Greer introduced a modification to Board Policy 5141, to further clarify and provide guidelines for the existence and use of automated external defibrillators. At the request of Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Greer clarified that this policy would establish a timeline for staff training and maintenance and provide information to the community. He recognized Mr. Luis Freese for his assistance in this project.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Motion: Ms. Miles moved approval of the Revision of Board Policy 5141 Students – Health Care and Emergencies. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.3 Resolution No. 88-0910: Declaration to Hire 30-Day Substitutes on CBEST Waivers

Jessica Romeo explained that every year in order to consider a CBEST Waiver for our substitutes the item must be brought before the Board. Ms. Romeo explained that although there is a good supply of substitutes that do not need the waiver, this is a backup measure for next school year.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 88-0910: Declaration to Hire 30-Day Substitutes on CBEST Waivers. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Resolution No. 90-0910: Resolution to Terminate Certificated Employees

Jessica Romeo said that in March the Board approved a resolution for a reduction in particular kinds of service for certificated teachers, and notice was given to 147 teachers. Subsequently, through the Board's action in maintaining class size reduction along with checking resignations and retirements, the District has been able to reach a resolution for most of the teachers, and as of May 12, there are 35 teachers that will receive final layoff notices, with a plan to continue to check for resignations and retirements to reduce the number further.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 90-0910: Resolution to Terminate Certificated Employees. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, Mr. Thurmond voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

- F.5 Resolution No. 81-0910: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees**
Jessica Romeo said she is bringing forward a recommendation for a reduction of 14 FTE classified employees, primarily through closures of classes and vacant positions. She added that all except for one employee have been placed at other sites. However, the after school program is categorical funding that is not available, and one SSA position has no other placement at this time. Ms. Romeo informed the Board that she met with Local One on this issue at a monthly meeting, with Mr. Leung, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Wasilchin present, and shared the information with them at that meeting.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles asked for clarification on meetings and notice of these layoffs with Local One. Ms. Romeo provided information regarding past meetings with Local and said that steps will be taken to find vacant positions for every employee that will be affected.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 81-0910: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, Mr. Thurmond voted no, with no abstentions and Mr. Ramsey absent from the dais. Motion carried 3-1-0-1.

- F.6 Honor Roll Recognition**

Mr. Thurmond said that 500 to 700 students have made the honor roll for three consecutive quarters this year, and he is asking that the Board approve honoring these students at a barbeque event at Nicholl Park on June 5, inviting the students and their families to be recognized for their accomplishment. He said that local businesses have stepped up to underwrite the cost of the food and the City of Richmond is working on absorbing the cost of using the park, and so the only cost to the District would be the time to spread the word to schools.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Honor Roll Recognition. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Davis-Shephard (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano spoke about having an honor roll parade and asked the Board to consider the possibility. Superintendent Harter informed the Board members of recent comments brought to him by the secondary principals, suggesting an alternative of having barbeques at the individual secondary schools and raising logistical concerns of having a centralized function, and asked the Board if they would like to reconsider. Ms. Miles expressed support of the alternate plan, commenting on security and safety concerns. Mr. Thurmond spoke of the importance of bringing the community together and at the same time looking for ways to make things safe. He would defer to the principals, but expressed concern over an increase in budget. Superintendent Harter said that the principals' proposal would require more than the original \$5,000 budget and offered to join forces to find additional resources.

Mr. Thurmond suggested proceeding with what the Board has approved, but that if new information came forward indicating that the principals' plan could be achieved, he would be happy to defer to what the principals have recommended, although he hoped that families would be included.

Mr. Ramsey commented on having discussion on an item previously voted on.

Ms. Miles said she did not see a procedural problem as Superintendent Harter provided additional information for the Board to consider. She expressed overall support for Mr. Thurmond.

Ms. Romeo said that in order to have a different outcome, there would have to be a motion for reconsideration, a second, and a vote on that motion for reconsideration. She said that Mr. Thurmond could bring a motion for reconsideration, although she did not believe he was doing that.

Mr. Thurmond suggested that the Board continue with the recommendation it has made.

President Kronenberg concluded the discussion saying there will be an event June 5, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.24 Resolution No. 91-0910: Limiting Travel to and Purchases from Arizona until the Arizona Legislature Repeals SB 1070

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano asked that this item be postponed until the meeting of June 2, 2010 to allow for community comment and due to the lateness of the hour.

Ms. Miles asked that the backup information that Mr. Ramsey requested on this item be provided to the Board prior to June 2 in order to make a fully informed decision.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to bring this item back for discussion to the June 2, 2010 Board meeting.

G.1 Status Reports – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Savidge provided a brief update of the bond facilities program and other facilities project in the District.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey inquired about the new gym floor at Helms and the waterproofing at Harding Elementary. Mr. Savidge commented on the plans for repairs.

Mr. Ramsey asked whether the portables at ECHS were salvageable. Mr. Savidge responded no.

Mr. Ramsey asked for additional information on the Nystrom Multipurpose Room. Mr. Savidge said that the bid will come in during June.

Mr. Ramsey asked about getting the final cost estimates to the Board in order to discuss maximizing cost savings. Mr. Savidge responded.

Mr. Medrano asked about the extent of water problems at Downer Elementary. Mr. Fay responded.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Miles commented on a truancy event she and Mr. Medrano attended. She asked that in the future staff provide backup, including supporting financial information, whenever a resolution is provided to the Board.

Student Representative Ramiah Davis-Shephard thanked the Board for inviting her and said she was honored to be present. She said she was impressed with the Board's efforts to reach out to the schools and keep them involved.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – June 2, 2010

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:14 PM.

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

BH:pr

<u>AAM</u> Approved 6-2-10
