

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

November 3, 2010

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:31 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 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: Joe Abrego, Executive Director; Rosa Cornejo, Staff Secretary; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bill Fay Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Galen Murphy, Fairmont Elementary Principal; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Bill Savidge, District Engineer Office; Julian Szot, Mira Vista Elementary Principal; Latoya Williams, Gompers Continuation High Principal

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from John F. Kennedy High School

Fabiola Gutierrez provided a report of activities at Kennedy High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel one (1) student, suspending the expulsion for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Ms. Miles moved approval of the expulsion and suspension for placement of one (1) student. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with Mr. Medrano and Mr. Thurmond abstaining, and no absences. Motion carried 3-0-2-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with item D.3 Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators tabled to a future meeting. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Fabiola Gutierrez (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: October 20, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Miles moved approval the Minutes of October 20, 2010. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Fabiola Gutierrez (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.4 Contracted Services

- C.5 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated**
- C.6 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)**
- C.7 Resolution No. 30-1011: American Education Week – November 14-20, 2010**
- C.8 Resolution No. 29-1011: Recognizing Contributions of Veterans to the Country**
- C.9 Harding Elementary School Window, Exterior Wall and Roof Repairs Award of Contract**
- C.10 Richmond High School Fence and Gates Project Final Change Order Approval**
- C.11 Approval of Bid Alternates #1, #2 and #3, Chavez Elementary School Window and Door Replacement Project**
- C.12 Approval of Pool of Pre-Qualified Architects for Measure D 2010 Projects**
- C.13 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.14 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment**

MOTION: Ms. Miles moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C15. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Fabiola Gutierrez (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 Ed Fund Mini-Grants & School-wide Grants

Ms. Radshidchi introduced Mr. Robert Bunce, Ed Fund Program Director. Mr. Bunce gave a brief background on the Ed. Fund Grants Program. This year the Ed Fund Grants program awarded over \$45,000.00 to 67 projects and 29 schools throughout the District. He thanked teachers, parents, librarians, principals and students for taking the time to write the grants. He also thanked the community sponsors for their support.

The Board joined the public in recognizing the recipients of the Ed. Fund Mini-Grants. Ms. Rashidchi acknowledged the grant winners.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Kronenberg congratulated and thanked everyone. She also thanked the Ed Fund for their hard work and support to the District.

D.2 National Education Associations KEYS 2.0 Survey

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ms. Marlene Fong from the California Teachers Association who gave a presentation on the KEYS Survey Program.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey thanked Ms. Fong for her presentation and also thanked the UTR team and Ms. Brown for keeping the Board informed on what is going on in the organization.

Mr. Medrano also thanked UTR and NEA for their collaboration.

Mr. Thurmond thanked Ms. Fong and asked how the program is being implemented in the District. Ms. Fong provided Mr. Thurmond with a brief explanation on how the KEYS program can be implemented in the District. Ms. Rashidchi expanded on the conversation with UTR regarding the implementation process.

President Kronenberg thanked everyone and also commented that she is looking forward to the program and further discussion with the Academic Subcommittee.

D.3 Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators

This item tabled to a future meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.4 Standing Reports

Public Employees Local One. Michael Wasilchin spoke on Measure M. He thanked the Board Members for their guidance, leadership and support. He also thanked Superintendent Harter for his support. He thanked the Local One members for the assistance with the phone banking, principals and PTA members for their collaborative efforts. Foremost he wanted to thank the campaign coaches. Mr. Wasilchin commented about how he thought it was interesting that campaigning school board candidates spoke of various grants and creative funding mechanism they could bring to the District. He encouraged them to show leadership in coming forward to find these creative funding sources. Mr. Wasilchin congratulated Board Members for being reelected and welcomed Ms. Merriweather. He also thanked Ms. Miles for her efforts and for having an open door policy.

Bayside Council of PTAs. Laura Ramos gave an update on the membership drive since the beginning of the school year. So far this year they have 2253 PTA members, last year they had 2748 members. Ms. Ramos thanked all PTA volunteers for their work on Measure M.

United Teachers of Richmond. Diane Brown spoke of her disappointment on Measure M's failure. Ms. Brown congratulated President Kronenberg and Mr. Ramsey and also mentioned her excitement on welcoming Ms. Merriweather. She commented on the KEYS presentation and how it will bring change to the District for the improvement of schools. She would like to have a discussion about the process to get the KEYS program started.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Robert Studdiford reported on the election of the chair, vice chair and secretary positions. Mr. Studdiford mentioned the need of clerical help to assist the secretary with the management of minutes in order to comply with regulation of Prop 39. A special meeting has been called for November 10 to discuss the proposed waiver from the assessed value limitation for bonded indebtedness. The next regular meeting will be on December 15.

Youth Commission. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting to be held on November 8th at the RYSE Center in Richmond at 6:30 p.m. He announced that the Commission is seeking for representatives from the District's high schools.

Linked Learning – Multiple Pathways. Mr. Medrano gave a brief report on their last meeting where they had a conference about Connect Ed. He commented on how well the District did with its Academies' presentation. He said the next meeting is scheduled for November 9.

Ivy League Connection. President Kronenberg announced that two students from El Cerrito High School will be presenting a project at the Winter Symposium for Women in Leadership at Brown University. Mr. Ramsey commented on Vanderbilt University visiting Pinole Valley High and their interest in working with the District's Latino Community.

D.5 In Memory of Members of the School Community

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

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

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

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter reported on activities in the District.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Public Comment:

Nicole Williams, Billy Alexander, Mike Peritz, Diane Davis, Robert Studdiford

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Alvarado Unity High Charter School Petition

Ms. Linda Jackson presented the findings regarding the Alvarado Unity High Charter School Petition. She said a District panel reviewed the petition and developed specific findings and recommendations. Ms. Jackson read the recommendations and asked that the Board deny the charter petition.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond wanted confirmation that the applicant was not present at the meeting. Ms. Jackson confirmed that the applicant was not present. Mr. Thurmond clarified that the applicant was informed of the meeting and that they have been informed of the recommendations. He also confirmed that they have been given specific feedback about the places where their educational program was determined to be unsound. Ms. Jackson gave examples of the findings.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the recommendation to deny the Alvarado Unity High Charter School Petition. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Fabiola Gutierrez (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 Adoption of Board Policy 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment

Superintendent Harter provided background to the Sexual Harassment Policy.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Board Policy 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Fabiola Gutierrez (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

Mr. Savidge gave updates on District construction projects.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked about the Wilson Elementary project. Mr. Savidge apologized for not having the report but will have that information for the next Board meeting.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ramsey thanked Diane Brown for the NEA presentations. He also thanked the community who voted for Measure M saying that he will continue to look for ways to deliver the message about school finance. He welcomed Ms. Elaine Merriweather and said that he hopes they make a collaborative team. He also congratulated President Kronenberg for her success and her reelection. He shared his thanks with Ms. Miles and acknowledged her

contribution for the renewal of the parcel tax of 2008 and the bond measure of 2010 as part of her legacy. He also mentioned the negotiations and challenges they have gone through the years, commending Ms. Miles for the wonderful job she has done.

Mr. Medrano thanked Ms. Miles and commented on the difficult times they have gone through and expressed how he appreciated her leadership. He said it was a pleasure serving on the Board with her.

Mr. Thurmond thanked Ms. Gutierrez for her participation. He acknowledged Ms. Miles and commended her. He asked President Kronenberg if it would be possible to have a gathering for the community to have an opportunity to thank Ms. Miles for the work that she has done and continues to do for the community. Mr. Thurmond congratulated President Kronenberg and Mr. Ramsey for their reelection and welcomed Ms. Merriweather.

Ms. Miles said she wished the Board the best and that the Board would be able work together as a team respecting each other. She said she hopes that they are able to find additional funding to support the children. She concluded by saying that she believes that the WCCUSD administrators are the most wonderful people to work with, offering her support and wishing the Board luck in the future.

Mr. Medrano commented that Richmond High students recently attended a SP540 conference in San Francisco. He also reported on a College Day at Cal State East Bay in Hayward to be held on November 13. He also mentioned his recent meeting with Congressman George Miller, and the City of San Pablo in the final running to receive a million dollar grant for the next three years.

Ms. Gutierrez thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the meeting. She also thanked Ms. Miles for everything she has done during her term.

President Kronenberg thanked everyone who voted to re-elect Mr. Ramsey and herself. She said she is very disappointed at the failure of Measure M. She wanted to thank supporters of Measure M and recognized three individuals for their support; Mr. Ramsey, Superintendent Harter and Michael Wasilchin. President Kronenberg commended Ms. Miles for her big heart, her ability to navigate the Board through the most difficult time, saying how she admires and will miss her.

Mr. Ramsey recognized SSA, UTR and Diane Brown, Principals and WCCAA in their part of the collaboration team in support of Measure M.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – November 17, 2010

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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

BH:rc

<u>AAM</u> Approved 11-17-10
