

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

March 21, 2012

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL

President Ramsey called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey offered welcome and provided instructions to the public. President Ramsey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

City Council Members Present: Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Leonard R. McNeil, Paul V. Morris,

City Council Members Absent: Mayor Cecilia Valdez

City Manager Present: Matt Rodriguez

B. Public Comment

Eric Swabeck, Brenda Surgers

C. Study Session

C-1. Presentations in Recognition of César Chávez Day
Students of Downer Elementary School performed.

C-2. Report on programs and services provided to schools and youth by the City of San Pablo

Mr. Rodriguez provided presentations and led discussion regarding:

- After-school programs
- Crossing Guard program
- Youth Commission
- Police Y.E.S. Unite/School Resource Officers
- Direct City funding support for schools
- Girls Circle Program
- San Pablo Team for Youth

C-3. Bond Program in San Pablo and the City's use of school facilities

Mr. Abdalla provided a presentation of bond construction updates at schools in San Pablo. The discussion included joint use agreement and access to school facilities.

C-4. Partnership Opportunities

Mr. Rodriguez led dialogue regarding:

- Expansion and support for Full Service Schools and the Helms Community Partnership
- Childhood Obesity Prevention
- Summer Learning
- Helms Recreation Complex / Community Center
- Communications and future meetings

C-5 June 2012 Ballot Measures

Mr. Rodriguez shared information about the City Council's approval of a June 5 ballot for a city wide sales tax, Measure Q.

Superintendent Harter spoke about the District's Measure K parcel tax initiative which will also be on the June 5 ballot for voter approval.

Closing Comments:

President Ramsey spoke in recognition of Mayor Cecilia Valdez and former City Council Member Arturo Cruz. Ms. Calloway thanked all who attended, saying this was a productive meeting and urged continuing the discussion. Mr. Morris said he was excited that this meeting was held and would like to see regular and continued collaboration. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board for opportunity to share in a joint meeting, hopeful that both will continue collaboration and communication. He was supportive of joint meetings in the future. Vice Mayor McNeil spoke of going forward with regularly scheduled meetings and follow up with individual Council Members and Board Members. Mr. Thurmond invited Council Members to attend the next safety committee meeting to be held at Helms Middle School. He spoke with appreciation of the partnership with San Pablo and their support for students over the years.

D. Adjournment

President Ramsey adjourned this portion of the meeting at 8:17 PM.

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 8:27 P.M.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

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

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Pat Calvert, Director Certificated Personnel; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Business Services; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator State and Federal Programs; Lisa Erwin, Executive Director Business Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Personnel; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Marco Gonzales, Downer Principal; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities and Construction; Ken McDaniel, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Ann Reinlagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Janice Thompson, Coordinator Preschool; Marin Trujillo, Community Engagement Coordinator

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Pinole Valley High School

Mr. Yoordy Aguilar Lepe provided a report of activities involving the academies at Pinole Valley High.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the March 21, 2012 recommendation to approve expulsion cases #001 - 003 and suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendation of March 21, 2012 for expulsion cases #001 – #003. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, Ms. Merriweather abstained and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of the agenda, including moving item F.1 to follow Consent Items. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student

Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: February 15, 2012

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of February 15, 2012. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Mr. Thurmond left the dais.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements**
- C.2 Acceptance of Donations**
- C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
- C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**
- C.5 Notification of Claims Approval and Settlement Payments**
- C.6 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)**
- C.7 Approval of School Calendar for 2012-2013**
- C.8 De Anza Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**
- C.9 Updated Physical Education Board Policy 6142.7**
- C.10 Resolution No. 95-1112: Day of Recognition for César Chávez March 31, 2012**
- C.11 Students from Kennedy are attending the Oregon Shakespeare Festival-April 20-22, 2012**
- C.12 Students from Stewart Middle School will go to Washington D.C. May 28-June 3, 2012**
- C.13 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.14 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Tim Bañuelos appointed by City of Pinole**
- C.16 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Kris Hunt representing Taxpayers' Organization**
- C.17 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Kristin Rosecrans appointed by Trustee Thurmond**
- C.18 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Tim Warner appointed by Trustee Kronenberg**
- C.19 Annual Performance Audit of District Bond Program**
- C.20 Approval of Measure J Program Management Additional Fees**
- C.21 Custodial Equipment and Facility Maintenance Purchase Award of Contract for Dover Elementary School, Ford Elementary School, King Elementary School, and Pinole Middle School**
- C.22 Microsoft Services Premier Support License**
- C.23 Microsoft District Volume License – Microsoft Approved Vendor: SHI International Corp**
- C.24 Nystrom Elementary School Temporary Campus Award of Contract**
This item was tabled by staff.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.23. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Mr. Thurmond returned to the dais.

F.1 Resolution No. 96-1112: Conditionally Approve the Charter Petition for Richmond Charter Academy Middle School

Ms. Linda Jackson, Executive Director Emeritus, provided information regarding the staff recommendation for a conditional approval of the Richmond Charter Academy Middle School charter petition.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather addressed areas of concern. Mr. Thurmond asked for the recommendation to be restated. Ms. Jackson clarified that the recommendation is for conditional approval of the charter based upon the petitioner correcting the conditions of the finding within sixty days. Ms. Merriweather continued with questions based upon the petitioner meeting conditions. Ms. Jackson responded.

Mr. Thurmond asked questions regarding the charter's financial standing to start the school year. Ms. Jackson responded. Mr. Medrano had questions about the English Language Learners. Ms. Jackson responded that the applicant has reviewed and indicated that he is able to correct the areas of concerns.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Resolution No. 96-1112: Conditionally Approve the Charter Petition for Richmond Charter Academy Middle School. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voting yes, Ms. Merriweather voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

Upon leaving the meeting, President Ramsey passed the gavel to Clerk Medrano who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Christian Anderson, Ben Steinberg, Janet Johnson, Patricia Miles, Todd Groves, Karen Martensen, Debora Morrison, Sam Tsitrin, Kristen Pursley, Evelia Villa.

E.3 Request to Address the Board – Sharon Lambie

Ms. Sara Danielson, acting co-administrator of West Contra Costa Administrators Association, spoke about the Board bylaw on public criticism of employees.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.2 Standing Reports

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Don Gosney spoke about the 2011 performance audit. Robert Studdiford provided an update of the last meeting where discussion items included revision of bylaws, review of the performance audit and presentation of bond sales report. He announced the next meeting for March 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Facilities Operations Center where new members will be seated.

Community Budget Advisory. Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting for March 22 at the Alvarado Adult Education Center.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano reported on the March 13 meeting which included approval of the Pinole Valley High traffic study and approval of the new construction budget for the El Cerrito stadium. Next meeting is calendared for April 17.

Ivy League Connection. Don Gosney reported on the number of students from district-wide schools accepted for this summer's cohorts. He reported that these students will be presented to the Board for recognition in May. Ms. Kronenberg listed the university programs and the individual students attending.

Linked Learning. Ms. Kronenberg reported on attending a recent conference in Porterville with Mr. Medrano where they had opportunity to visit classrooms to see the linked learning program implementation. Mr. Medrano spoke of the public education high school reform movement in California as supported by the Irvine Foundation.

Safety Committee. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting for April 18, 6:00 PM at Helms Middle School. Discussion will include review of suspension and expulsion data as well as a discussion of the Full Service Community Schools program. Ms. Merriweather added that discussion at the last meeting included a report on restorative justice for students with consequences rather than punishment as used at Richmond High School.

Select Committee on High Schools. Mr. Medrano announced the next meeting for March 22, 6:30 at Pinole Valley High School.

Youth Commission. Mr. Thurmond said the next meeting will be held March 26 at the Pinole Round Table Pizza.

United Teachers of Richmond. President Diane Brown spoke of continuing concerns at Lupine Elementary.

Student Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe left the meeting for the evening.

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

E.1 Superintendent's Report
This item was not presented due to the lateness of the hour.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment
This item was moved to follow item F.

E.3 Request to Address the Board – Sharon Lambie
This item was moved to follow E.2.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Resolution No. 96-1112: Conditionally Approve the Charter Petition for Richmond Charter Academy Middle School
This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

F.2 Second Interim Report, 2011-12 / Financial Update
Ms. Gamba provided a report of financial projections and as well as the second interim report covering the financial and budgetary status of the District for the period ending January 31, 2012.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Thurmond had questions about class sizes. Both Ms. Gamba and Mr. Greer responded.
Ms. Merriweather had additional questions about the current parcel tax funding for class size reduction. Ms. Gamba responded.
Ms. Kronenberg spoke of maintaining class sizes across grade levels.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of the Second Interim Report, 2011-12. Ms. Merriweather seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, voting yes, no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Board Policy 6170.1(a) Transitional Kindergarten (TK) – First Read
Superintendent Harter explained the proposed overview policy for the Board's initial review regarding Transitional Kindergarten. The policy sets the standards for the program including eligibility requirements, overview of curriculum and staffing, and how traditional kindergarten will continue. The policy will return to a future meeting with a recommendation for approval.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Thurmond asked the about costs to families to enroll and clustering of classes geographically across the District. Superintendent Harter responded.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)
None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg thanked City of San Pablo for joining the meeting. She spoke highly of their support for children.

Ms. Merriweather also thanked San Pablo's City Council and said she admires their commitment to the youth of their city.

Mr. Thurmond echoed the thoughts about partnering with San Pablo. He also thanked the student performers here this evening. He congratulated his third grade daughter, Maya, for her 1st place ribbon received for her science fair entry.

Clerk Medrano also thanked the City of San Pablo for their work and collaboration. He reminded the audience about the SB 540 conference to be held at Los Medanos College.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – April 4, 2012

K. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Medrano adjourned the meeting at 10:18 P.M.

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

BH:dh

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