

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 23, 2013**

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ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS:

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all WCCUSD Board of Education meetings.

Location: **LOVONYA DEJEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
3400 MACDONALD AVENUE
RICHMOND, CA 94805**

Time: **The Board of Education's meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.**

Order of Business: **ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE**

Special Accommodations: Upon written request to the District, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, will be provided. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 510-231-1101 at least 48 hours in advance of meetings.

"of children be more careful than anything."
e.e. cummings

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

B.3 Roll Call

* **B.4 Agenda Review and Adoption** (Public Comment)

* **B.5 WCCUSD Public Comment**

C. ACTION ITEMS

* **C.1 Authorization for Community Survey**

Comment:

In June 2013, the California Legislature approved and Governor signed bills that substantially change how school districts in California are funded and established the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). The LCFF was designed to improve funding for California's schools and provide additional resources in communities with high proportions of low income and English language learners. For 2013-14, the LCFF brought WCCUSD \$6.5 million more than projected. However, even with the additional resources, the District will receive \$29 million less than revenues in the 2007-08 school year when the District served about the same number of students as in 2013-14.

Since January 2013, the District has been engaged in a wide-reaching effort to update its strategic plan that involved more than 2,500 members of the community. Using a generous grant from Chevron Richmond, the District engaged the combined services of two consulting groups, Capital Impact and Th3rd Plateau, in developing a transformative plan that the Board will consider for adoption in November. What is clear from the plan is the need to restore key programs and services that were lost during the recession and to reinvest in strategies that will substantially improve student learning in a time of great educational change.

The great recession also had a negative impact on the District's bond program. During a two-year period the assessed value for property in the District declined by 21% which constrained the bond program. For the past two years, assessed values have been slowly recovering but the August 2012 fire at Chevron was instrumental in a 14.61% decline of assessed values in Richmond.

Given the uncertainty of the funding through LCFF and the uncertainty of recovery of assessed value, the Board is considering how to use local funding sources to restore programs and provide for the needs identified in the strategic plan as well as create a bridge to renewed growth in assessed value.

Recommendation:

That the Board authorized the Superintendent to contract with Godbe Research to conduct a random sample survey in the District to determine the level of support and timing for possible revenue enhancements measures.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$50,000 from the general fund

* **C.2 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Pinole Valley High School Detention Basin, Utilities and Paving**

Comment:

WLC Architects has prepared plans and specifications for the project. Scope of work includes installation of an underground storm water detention basin system. Work also includes underground work associated with future interim campus including, but not limited to the installation of underground domestic water, fire water, storm water, sewage piping, electrical power, telecommunication, gas utilities and asphalt paving.

The District conducted a public bid process for the project. Bids were received on October 3, 2013. Seven (7) contractors submitted bids., They are as follows: Bay Cities Paving and Grading, \$2,147,040; OC Jones & Sons, Inc., \$2,426,500; BHM Construction, \$2,658,408; Ghilloti Construction Company, \$2,758,700; Ghilloti Brothers, Inc., \$2,791,487; RGW Construction, Inc., \$3,310,750; and NTK Construction, Inc., \$5,128,974. The bid price includes the contract value and unit pricing, used for negotiating change orders only. The lowest bidder is Bay Cities Paving and Grading, with a Contract Price of Two Million One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$2,126,745.11).

Recommendation:

Ratify the award to Bay Cities Paving and Grading

Fiscal Impact:

\$2,126,745.11. Project will be funded from Measure D-2010.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

* **D.1 Project Update for Downer Elementary School Playfield**

Comment:

The District has contracted with Bunton-Clifford Architects for the design of the Downer Elementary School Playfield project. This represents the final phase of the work at this site. The Architect of Record will provide a brief presentation to the Board on the project's status.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

E. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

F. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School –November 6, 2013

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention will be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another or the following Board meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

The public may address items which are marked with an asterisk (*).