

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

July 8, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:53 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

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

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Liz Block, Valerie Cuevas, Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Mark Bonnett, Executive Director Bond Finance; Denise Cifelli, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Patty Cuevas, Translator; Rachele Forrest, Electronic Communications Coordinator; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Vince Meyer, Executive Director Maintenance / Operations; Perry Oda, Desktop Support Technician; Leticia Oregon, Translator; Ennis Pool, Desktop Support Technician; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint the following administrators: Teresa Barrera, Principal Ford Elementary; Farnaz Heydari, Principal Grant Elementary; Amandeep Randhawa, Principal Olinda Elementary; Melissa Sigars, Principal Sheldon Elementary; Jay Eirvin, Assistant Principal El Cerrito High; Dana Sudduth, Assistant Principal El Cerrito High; Andrew Brooks, Assistant Principal Kennedy High.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators for 2015-2016. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Groves requested Item D.1 be moved to follow item B.5.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Parent University

Mr. Marin Trujillo provided a review of the Parent University Initiative and plans for growth in the coming fiscal year. He stated he hoped are to have recent Parent University graduates continue with training in order to become

trained facilitators as the initiative continues to grow. Several parent graduates spoke and shared their experiences. Mr. Trujillo then recognized all the Parent University graduates by site.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Each Board member congratulated the graduates for their work and dedication and expressed their appreciation to staff for the success of the program.

President Groves called for a 5 minute recess.

B.6 Minutes: June 15, 2015; June 17, 2016; June 24, 2015

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of June 15, 2015, June 17, 2016 and June 24, 2015. Ms. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Request to Address the Board – Dr. Fatima Alleyne

Dr. Alleyne addressed the Board regarding her concerns around the inaccurate reporting of her public records act request from November 18, 2014; lack of fund expenditure detail provided to the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC); discrimination case she submitted to the District; and the need for the District to provide Caliber with a site location.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

None

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Adoption of Resolution Nos. 15-1516, 16-1516, and 17-1516: Replacement of Outdated Warrants

C.5 Revised Board Policy (BP) 3100 - Budget

C.6 Resolution Nos. 01-1516 through 14-1516: Board of Education Annual Resolutions for the 2015-2016 School Year
Revisions for Resolutions 06-1516 and 09-1516 were read into the record.

C.7 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.9 Ratification of Negotiated Change Orders

C.10 Alvarado Adult Restroom Remodel Award of Contract

A revision was read into the record.

C.11 Approval of Amendment 1 to Memorandum of Understanding with City of El Cerrito (“MOU”)

C.12 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.12. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Parent University

This item was moved to follow Item B.5.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

Superintendent Harter proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2015-16. Ms. Cuevas expressed concern that a couple of dates might overlap with CBOC meetings. Superintendent Harter answered her concern.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Meeting Dates for 2015-2016. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 WCCSUD Role in Richmond Promise

Superintendent Harter provided background on the Richmond Promise and the role of the District to ensure students are ready for college with access to scholarship funds. Ms. Kronenberg and Ms. Cuevas provided their views and insights as members on the Richmond Promise Committee. The group discussed views on how they would like to see the program work, the current draft form, and decisions still need to be made. Questions on program administration and costs were raised. Mr. Greer provided additional information from the meeting he attended last week. Superintendent Harter stated he will provide Richmond resident graduate numbers and colleges attending in the Friday Memo.

Public Comment:

Tom Panas, Luis Ledesma

Board Comment:

None

G.2 Temporary/Substitute Personnel – New Board Policy 4121

Mr. Whittemore introduced a new board policy to comply with AB 1552 requiring districts to grant paid sick leave to all employees working 30 days or more per year, including temporary and substitute employees.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block noted her agreement to the policy.

Mr. Enos expressed his agreement as well and noted it has been a long time in coming.

Ms. Cuevas was also glad to see this come forth and stated she hoped it will attract and retain good teachers.

Ms. Kronenberg stated this benefit brings substitutes into the school site family and wanted to continue to find ways of supporting all substitutes.

President Groves questioned the cost. Mr. Whittemore stated he will monitor sick leave and provide both a mid and end of year report. President Groves said he would like to solicit thoughts from the substitutes to obtain their ideas on what the District can do to bring more value to their jobs and to keep them on staff.

Ms. Block reiterated that she would like to see substitutes have all the tools, including email, available to regular staff.

Mr. Enos suggested substitute packets with general and contact information pertaining to the site given to substitutes.

G.3 Project Status Report

Mr. Luis Freese provided a review and status of the District's Bond Program Facilities Planning and Construction projects.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos questioned completion of the El Cerrito football field to which Mr. Freese indicated next spring.

Ms. Kronenberg asked what sport would be played on the field first; Mr. Freese responded soccer.

Ms. Cuevas questioned the media attention pertaining to the playground in Hercules to which Mr. Freese responded.

President Groves wanted to know how many schools might be in close out while students are on site. Mr. Freese provided information and move in dates on the various sites.

Ms. Cuevas suggested community meetings continue as work progresses with Korematsu.

Ms. Block questioned the prudence of waiting versus moving students in earlier at Korematsu. Mr. Freese provided information including parent views from correspondence received.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Enos commented on the work done at the meeting and the work ahead.

Ms. Block thanked Mr. Freese and the Facilities Department for their attention to the many projects. She thanked staff for meeting with the El Cerrito community regarding the stadium.

Ms. Cuevas thanked staff who work with the Parent University people and the excitement of families and parents. She would like to see similar engagement for additional families in the District, supporting proactive engagement and partnering with parents.

Mr. Kronenberg thanked Mr. Freese for his presentation and the long hours he put in. She also remarked on the Parent University celebration and life-long learning. She concluded by speaking about the upcoming summer school graduation and celebration. She said that teachers were looking forward to a summer break.

President Groves thanked staff for the hard work and major undertakings as the District moves ahead. He commended the Parent University work as an example of responsiveness. He said that in the future he would like to look into learner variation at grade level and allow opportunity for the Board to see what is being done in this area. He concluded with remarks about the summer work in preparation for August opening of school.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – Tuesday, July 21, 2015

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>R. Enos</u> Approved 7/21/15</p>

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