

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

**June 13, 2012**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

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

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

**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. Mr. Thurmond arrived at 6:48 PM.

**Staff Present:** Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay; Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities and Construction; Linda Jackson, Executive Director Emeritus; June Kalfsbeek, Confidential Senior Administrative Assistant; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Erin Fleming, Director Enterprise Resource Program; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Education Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Daniela Parasidis, Director Business Services; Joe Mayes, Manager Maintenance and Operations; Marin Trujillo, Community Engagement Coordinator

**B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the June 13, 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 June 13, 2012 for expulsion cases #001 – #003. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the following administrative appointments:

Cheryl Cotton, Director Human Resources  
Jawan Eldridge, Principal Peres Elementary  
Phillip Johnson, Principal Kennedy High School  
Ronald Richardson, Principal Gompers Continuation High School  
Cheryl Broomall, Coordinator Education Services

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the administrative appointments. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.**

**B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption**

President Ramsey asked the Board to consider moving items F.1, F.2 and F.3 before D.4.

**MOTION:** Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with the requested modifications. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.

**B.6 Minutes:** May 23, 2012

**MOTION:** Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of May 23, 2012. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**C.1 Acceptance of Donations**

**C.2 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**

**C.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 118-1112 Replacement of Outdated Warrants**

**C.4 Notice of Completions: Bid J068304 Riverside Elementary Restroom Resurfacing Project, Bid J068314 Washington Elementary Restroom Resurfacing Project**

**C.5 Notification of Claims Rejected**

**C.6 Approval of Agreement with United Teachers of Richmond (UTR)/ AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with UTR**

**C.7 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers**

**C.8 Recommendation for Preliminary Teaching Credential**

**C.9 Agreement with California Teachers Association**

**C.10 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education**

**C.11 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**

**C.12 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**

**C.13 Collins Elementary School New Fire Alarm Project Award of Contract**

**C.14 Ellerhorst Elementary School, Harding Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Tara Hills Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project Award of Contract**

**C.15 Mira Vista Elementary School Concrete Stoops Project Award of Contract**

Mr. Fay read the revised Mira Vista Elementary School Concrete Stoops Project Award of Contract précis in the record. The District conducted a public bid process for the project. Bids were opened on June 13, 2012.

**C.16 Sheldon Elementary School, Murphy Elementary School, and Mira Vista Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project Award of Contract**

**C.17 RFP #112-03 Vehicle Fleet Management Services**

**C.18 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Ivette Ricco appointed by Board member Medrano**

**C.19 Resolution No. 117-1112: Specifications of the Election Order**

**MOTION:** Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.19. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

**D.1 In Recognition – Kennedy High School Boys Track Team**

Mr. Greer spoke about the outstanding young men from Kennedy High School who led the Eagles to victory in the North Coast Section Track Meet of Champions on May 26, 2012. Coach Carl Sumler was introduced. Mr. Sumler and Co-Athletic Director Meisha Gash reported on how sprinters Kenneth Walker III, Takkarist McKinely, Lovell Stewart and Tom Jacobs accomplished this achievement with no field events and no mid or long distance runners. They further announced that Kenneth Walker III had been awarded a football and track scholarship to UCLA.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Ramsey spoke about the new track and field built for long distance and field events and about Kennedy High School's reputation for top hurdlers in the State.

Mr. Thurmond arrived at the meeting.

**D.2 West Contra Costa Unified School District presents: “2011-2012 Employee Retirees”**

Ms. Reinhagen introduced 2011-2012 Employee Retirees who were in the audience; Terry Beverly, Custodian; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator of Ed. Services; Stephen Nelson, Teacher; Jimmy Rampolde, Building Maintenance; Margo Rosen, Instructional Assistant; Gene Zimmerman, Teacher; and Jean Hansen, Principal.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Medrano congratulated all of the retirees.

**D.3 Richmond Association of School Administrators (RASA) Award Winners**

Ms. Sue Khan introduced the awardees for Administrator of the Year Award. The recipients are: Denise Weis, Principal, Tara Hills Elementary School; Sylvia Greenwood, Principal, DeJean Middle School; Tracie Manipis, Co-Administrator, Elementary School; Terri Ishmael, Co-Administrator, Secondary; Gabriel Chilcott, Co-Administrator, Secondary; Susan Dunlap, Administrator, Curriculum & Instruction; Sheri Gamba, Administrator, Business Services; Barbara Kitagawa, Administrator, Special Education; Ann Reinhagen, Administrator, Human Resources; and Lori Walker, Confidential Secretary.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Thurmond congratulated all recognized employees.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 West County Community High School Charter Renewal Petition Staff Findings and Resolution No. 120-1112**

**Public Comment:**

Michelle Ruskofsky, Thomasina Horsley, Azucena Barocio, Stephen Horsley, Nicole Jimenez, Gary Einhorn, Kathy Casares, Case DaMovde, Linda Asher, Carlos Casares, Joey Huerta, Cheyenne Kreger, Alejandro Cruz Diaz, Diana Garcia, Karen Schuette, Christopher Schuette, Suzanne Camp, Roslyn Spruit, Danielle Valdivieso, Darnell Rharc, Dante Spruit, Rosemary Thomas, Angelique Camp, Monica Nowakowski

Ms. Linda Jackson, District educational administrator, reported on the API growth score of West County Community High School and staff findings.

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Thurmond commended the student’s involvement, and asked how the school tracked with the State’s standards. Ms. Merriweather expressed concern regarding the deficiencies at West County Community High School.

Ms. Kronenberg stated that within five years West County Community High School had failed to develop a strong academic structure while providing a safe and emotionally supportive environment.

Mr. Medrano said he was startled when the California Charter School Association identified that West County Community High School had not meet criteria for renewal.

President Ramsey spoke of mismanagement and lessons learned. He said he supported staff’s recommendation.

**MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of West County Community High School Charter’s request to modify the petition and give the school more time to prepare documentation. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Staff Findings for the West County Community High School Charter Renewal Petition and Resolution No. 120-1112 denying renewal of the charter petition. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

President Ramsey asked the Board to consider moving item E.3 up on the agenda before F.2.

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of item E.3 on the agenda before F.2. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

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

**E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Giorgio Cosentino, Toni Favila, Karen Shebek, Leslie Reckler, Laurel Gillespie, Sarah Creeley, Sarah Wolfsen, Mathalie van Linder, Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, Al Kirkman

President Ramsey asked the Board to consider moving item I up on the agenda before D.4.

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of item I on the agenda before D.4. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

President Ramsey reported that voters did not pass the recent Measure K. He spoke about the general fund impact and budget adoption for June 27, 2012.

President Ramsey asked Board Clerk Medrano to conduct the remainder of the meeting in his absence. Mr. Ramsey left for the evening.

Mr. Thurmond shared that it was a disappointment for Measure K to fail. The current parcel tax does not expire until 2014. Mr. Thurmond said he supported efforts for class size reduction and the middle school Math initiative for the summer program.

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

**D.4 Multilingual District Advisory Committee Report**

The MDAC co-chair persons Raul Morales and Stephanie Sequeira presented a report which included highlights from the 2012 language census. They also spoke about the annual report to the California Department of Education on English Learners and fluent English proficient students and other related information about the District's EL population. Mr. Raul Morales asked the Board to consider a study session on English learners and invited Board members to attend their meetings.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Thurmond suggested a appointing a Board liaison.

Ms. Merriweather stated that there are 1,150 students who have met the requirement for full English proficiency.

Ms. Kronenberg said she felt that complete fluency must be completed and recommended appointing a Board member representative.

Mr. Medrano recommended a workshop with the MDAC.

**D.5 Preliminary Budget for 2-12-2012**

Ms. Gamba presented a report on the general fund portion of the preliminary budget for 2012-13 along with information regarding the Governor's May Revision Proposal for 2012-13. The final 2012-13 budget is scheduled for a public hearing and adoption at the meeting of the Board of Education on June 27, 2012.

**Public Comment:**

Robert Studdiford

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg requested a detailed budget breakdown.

Mr. Thurmond requested explanations on class size reductions, and mental health and public safety services.  
Ms. Merriweather requested information regarding deficit monies.  
Mr. Medrano asked for details of the 2012-13 budget for the next meeting. Ms. Gamba responded to all inquiries.

**E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**  
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**E.2 Request to Address the Board on Growing West County School Gardens**  
None

**E.1 Superintendent's Report**  
Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.2 Textbook Adoption for Middle School Algebra I**

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Mr. Phil Gonzales, middle school Algebra I teacher. Mr. Gonzales said he represented the central office staff and middle school Algebra I teachers with the recommendation to adopt the McDougal Littell California Mathematics Algebra 1 textbook.

**MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of the Textbook Adoption for Middle School Algebra I. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voted yes with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.**

**Public Comment:**

Todd Groves

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg thanked Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Rashidchi for confirmation from the committee regarding the recommendation.

Ms. Merriweather stated that this textbook adoption for middle school Algebra I is moving forward in the best direction.

Mr. Thurmond said he felt the District's students will have an excellent tool for Algebra I, and thanked everyone involved.

**F.3 Special Education Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan**

Mr. Collins explained the Special Education Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan, and requested Board approval.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of the Special Education Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.**

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

**D.6 Standing Reports**

**Academic Subcommittee.** Ms. Rashidchi reported on the June 11, 2012 meeting where the focus was the textbook adoption and the after school program transition to community based organizations. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2012.

**Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.** Mr. Studdiford reported on the Brown Act training for CBOC members held on May 30, 2012. The next meeting will be held June 20, 2012 at the Facilities Operations Center.

**Community Budget Advisory Committee.** Ms. Gamba reported that a meeting will be scheduled for July 2012 and she will share the date at the next Board meeting.

**Ivy League Connection.** Ms. Kronenberg reported that the Brown University group is currently in Providence for Macro Economics classes. At the next meeting she will present an updated on the students' visit to Cornell and Columbia Universities.

**Safety Committee.** Mr. Thurmond reported that the next meeting will be held in September, 2012. The committee has suggested two topics for discussion; resolution for creating an environment for Full Service Community Schools and formalizing partnerships for substance abuse treatment programs to support students.

**Youth Commission.** Mr. Thurmond reported that the Commission is reorganizing due to many of students graduating.

**Facilities Subcommittee.** Mr. Medrano reported the Facilities Subcommittee meeting held on June 12, 2012. He said there was a presentation on the status of the Valley View Elementary School project, a Peres Dental Clinic project update, restroom projects update, and school eligibility funds updates.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**G.1 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction**

Mr. Abdalla provided a report of construction projects in the District.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Merriweather asked about the completion date of the DeAnza gym. Mr. Abdalla responded.

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

None

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Thurmond requested that Board Clerk Mr. Medrano close the meeting in honor of the former Mayor and Council member of City of Hercules, Joe Eddy McDonald, who recently passed away.

Ms. Merriweather congratulated the recent graduates and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Ms. Kronenberg thanked people for supporting Measure K and said goodbye to State Trustee Linda Grundhoffer. She remarked about a special moment at the DeAnza graduation ceremony where a student walked out of his wheelchair to accept his diploma.

Dr. Harter announced the Juneteenth parade on June 16 with five hundred students invited to join the parade.

Mr. Medrano reminded the Board members to attend city council meetings, and thanked the public for their votes. He reported on attending a recent meeting in Sacramento chaired by State Senator Lonnie Hancock regarding a new trust act measure. He also spoke of attending a recent College Board conference.

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – June 27, 2012

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Clerk Medrano adjourned the meeting in memory of Joe Eddy McDonald at 10:28 P.M.

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

BH: rjk

<b><u>AAM</u></b> Approved 6/27/12
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