

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

**February 13, 2013**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 7:03 P.M.

**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 and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Randy Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

**Staff Present:** Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Bill Fay; Associate Superintendent; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent, Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent; Josh Herrera, Electronics Technician; Reyna Ortiz de Touciel, Translator; Wendy Pangelina, Human Resources Technician; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent

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

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

Larry Pratt, Instructional Specialist of SIG Grant at DeAnza

Denise Penny Weis, Administrator of Special Education for the 2013-2014 school year

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding administrative appointments. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Antonio Medrano addressed the Board about an upcoming AB450 Conference to be held at Contra Costa College on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-12 pm.

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS – Consent Items**

**C.1 Contracted Services**

**C.2 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Ken Jett appointed by Trustee Ramsey**

**C.3 On-site Construction Administration Services during Construction of Portola Middle School at Castro Site**

**C.4 Architect Selection for Lake and Olinda Elementary Schools**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.2, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Ken Jett appointed by Trustee Ramsey, and pulled items C.1, C.3 and C.4 for separate discussion and vote. Mr. Enos seconded the motion. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C.1 Contracted Services**

Mr. Groves and President Kronenberg had questions about contracting with After School Program providers at this time of year. Ms. Rashidchi responded with clarification.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.1 Contracted Services. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C.3 On-site Construction Administration Services during Construction of Portola Middle School at Castro Site**

**Public Comment:**

Becky Raikens, Felicia Robertson, Nerissa Wu, Carolyn Day Flowers, Paul Gilbert-Snyder, Anne Shay, Marisa Hill, Bobbie Ohs Dowling, David Rossi, Jennifer Loughrey

**Board / Staff Comment:**

Superintendent Harter introduced an amendment to the recommendation to modify the fiscal impact to \$300,000 instead of the original \$75,000.

Mr. Ramsey asked Marcus Hibser of HY Architects about the scope of work for the on-site administrator and the capabilities. Mr. Hibser provided clarification.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.3 On-site Construction Administration Services during Construction of Portola Middle School at Castro Site. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voting yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C.4 Architect Selection for Lake and Olinda Elementary Schools**

**Public Comment:**

Antonio Medrano, Gordon Nadeau, Ann Marie Marinakis, Melynda Piezas, Eric Swabeck, San Pablo Vice Mayor Paul Morris,

**Board / Staff Comment:**

Superintendent Harter clarified that San Pablo families have choices about the schools their students attend.

Mr. Ramsey had questions for the HMC Architects and emphasized the need to have Spanish speakers at all community meetings.

Scott Brady of McKinley Architects spoke about the plans for Olinda.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.4 Architect Selection for Lake and Olinda Elementary Schools. Mr. Groves seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voting yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**D. REPORTS**

**D.1 District Bond Finance Program**

Superintendent Harter introduced Aquacena Lopez of Blaylock Robert Van, LLC. She spoke of the history of the bond program since 1998, providing information regarding the competitive and negotiated sales, the impact of the Qualified School Construction Bonds and the use of Capital Appreciation Bonds.

Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance delivered a presentation of the history of the District's current bond program.

Other members of the financial advisory team included Jeff Baratta of Piper Jaffrey Public Finance, Carlos Villafuerte of Straddling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth, Krishna Pettit of GCR LLP, and Katherine Perkins of E. J. De La Rosa Investment Bankers who provided information to the Board.

Martin Coyne provided information about the current funding for the program.

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Bill Fay about funding for upcoming projects. Bill Fay responded.

Matthew Pettler of School Facility Consultants gave background of the State School Facility Program Funding Summary. He discussed the process and the vibrancy of the District. He stated that the District is well positioned for future State facility programs.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey thanked Sheri Gamba and Dr. Harter for putting this program together so the public knows the Board's commitment and transparency. Mr. Ramsey also thanked the teams of presenters.

President Kronenberg stated that she was glad to see how the whole bond process began and its intent. She said she felt this information is important to the public.

Ms. Merriweather stated that she was glad to see the history of the bond program and thanked the community for coming out to attend the meeting.

Mr. Groves said that he was in awe with all of the information.

Mr. Enos thanked the teams for their expertise and all of the relevant information that was explained so well.

Mr. Ramsey thanked everyone and talked about this Board leaving a legacy to the community.

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

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – March 6, 2013

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:03 P.M.

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

BH:wp

Min 2-13-13 sp

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CTR</u></b> Approved 3/6/13</p>
--