

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

April 24, 2013

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:33 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Kronenberg led 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: Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Darlene Almeida, Special Ed Administrator; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance/Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Barbara Jellison, Food Service Director; Darlene Jones, Special Education Administrator Retired; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities; Reyna Ortiz de Touriel, Interpreter; Denise Pinney, Tara Hills Elementary Principal; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Cecilia Mendoza, K-12 Executive Director; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical/Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services; Vince Rhea, Gompers High School Principal; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Guy Zakrevsky, Education Services Coordinator

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Gompers High School

Yolanda Jimenez provided a report of activities at Gompers High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint Linda Wilkinson and Katherine Acosta as elementary principals for 2013-2014.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Merriweather, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey requested moving items F.1, G.1 and D.2 up on the agenda and moved approval of the agenda with those changes. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: March 18, 2013; April 10, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2013 and April 10, 2013. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.1 Resolution No. 81-1213 Tier III Categorical Flexibility – Public Hearing

Ms. Gamba explained that the Tier III Flexibility Program is a component of the 2013-14 budget requiring separate action from the budget adoption. She explained the list of Tier III Flexibility programs with no effect to the Adult Ed programing and simply a compliance action. She also explained that this action would become mute should the Governor's proposed budget be approved to include the Local Control Funding Formula.

President Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Kristen Pursley, Janet Johnson, Bob Mandel, Ken Ryan, Genesis Torres, Gregonia Cardenas, Julie Lemoine, Awaiff Saeidah, Estela Banuelos, Tom Chin

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the Board maintaining Adult Education programing.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 81-1213 Tier III Categorical Flexibility. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G.1 BP 6153.1 School Sponsored Study Trips

Ms. Gamba asked for approval to create policy to establish a framework for programs like the Ivy League Connection and others. This will establish statutes and framework for transparency for duties as a school district.

Public Comment:

Don Gosney

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey said he felt it was long overdue to formalize and establish such a process.

Mr. Enos thanked Mr. Gosney for his time spent to provide incite into this issue.

Mr. Groves asked staff to look into federal per diem funding patterns in order to provide a well-funded per diem for staff members.

Ms. Merriweather said she agreed about being transparent to the public.

President Kronenberg spoke about transparency for the ILC and other programs that may come to the District.

D.2 Report on Gateway to College

Dr. Guy Zakrevsky introduced Dr. Karl Debro who oversees the program at Contra Costa College. Mr. Debro explained that the Gateway to College program was a vision of retired college president McKinley Williams. Dr. Debro thanked the Board for the opportunity for young people to turn their education around, who for whatever reason were not able to be successful in traditional high school programs. He boasted that their program outperformed other national programs in attendance. He gave information about student's Fall collective GPA's as 1.41 and rising by the end of their first semester to 2.41. Jaime Olivares, Maria Lara, Taea "Austin" Tauanuu spoke about their experiences. Dr. Zakrevsky also recognized the counselor and teacher in the program.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the feeling accompanying good self-esteem empowering the student to turn around to be a good role model.

Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez said she thought the students were doing a job. She encouraged them to look for others who need help, and reach out to them.

Ms. Merriweather said she was proud of their accomplishments and putting education first she hoped they were glad for a second chance.

President Kronenberg offered congratulations to the students and Dr. Debro. She remarked about the success of both this program and the Middle College program. Contra Costa College is the next step for great majority of students.

Mr. Ramsey recommended a modification to the agenda to take items F.2, F.3, F.4 and F.5 next.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to modify the order of the agenda. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 Resolution No. 84-1213: Authorization to Eliminate and/or Reduce Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees

Mr. Whittemore explained that due to reduction in categorical funding it is necessary to reduce work hours for some classified employees. He said that the District has notified Public Employees Union, Local One.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 84-1213: Authorization to Eliminate and/or Reduce Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with Ms. Merriweather abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.3 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from WCCUSD to School Supervisors Association

Mr. Whittemore explained that this was an opportunity to sunshine the proposal and it will be brought back to the Board for action at a later date.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from WCCUSD to School Supervisors Association. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Initial Bargaining Proposal – School Supervisors Association (SSA) to the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Mr. Whittemore explained that this was an opportunity to sunshine the proposal and begin the negotiation process.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Initial Bargaining Proposal – School Supervisors Association (SSA) to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.5 Resolution No. 83-1213 Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14, Preliminarily Approving Engineer’s Report and providing for Notice of a Public Hearing

Ms. Gamba provided information regarding notice of public hearing at the same time as budget adoption.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 83-1213 Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2013-14, Preliminarily Approving Engineer’s Report. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

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 Approval BP 7214.4 Investor Relations and BP7214.3 Bond Refunding

This item was pulled for discussion and separate action.

C.6 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.7 Resolution No. 85-1213: California “Day of the Teacher”

C.8 Resolution No. 86-1213: National “Day of the School Nurse”

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.10 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.11 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Thomasina Horsley appointed by Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

C.12 Resolution No. 88-1213: School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week – May 6-10, 2013

C.13 Coronado and Stege Storm Drain Extension Award of Contract

C.14 Downer Elementary School Restroom Renovations Award of Contract

C.15 Kensington Elementary School Restroom Renovations Award of Contract

C.16 Joint Use Agreements for All Recreational Facilities and Grounds for the Cities of Hercules, Pinole and San Pablo

C.17 Three (3) year Cooperative Contract between State of California, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and West Contra Costa Unified School District

C.18 DeAnza High School Students attended Fisk Scholars Weekend, April 11-13, 2013

C.19 Resolution No. 87-1213: Local Control Funding Formula

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.4, C.6 – C.19. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Yolanda Jimenez (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Update on WCCUSD’s Integrated Food and Health Program

Director Barbara Jellison provided a report on the expansive food service program for children in the District.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey thanked staff and commented on the critical need.

Mr. Enos thanked Ms. Jellison and her department for their help to assist students understand the importance of what they are eating.

Mr. Groves commended the enormous new programs and Ms. Jellison’s thinking and flexibility. He said the presentation is a great reflection on what they’ve accomplished.

Ms. Merriweather thanked Ms. Jellison and said she was excited to learn about the new supper program. Ms. Jellison participated in a webinar to urge other districts to introduce this program for children who are in schools for long days. Many children are hungry and the Board continues to support the program.

President Kronenberg commented that it is an interesting time in our culture where a school district's role is to feed children.

D.2 Report on Gateway to College

This item was moved to follow item G.1.

D.3 Standing Reports

United Teachers of Richmond. Diane Brown said she was pleased at the Board's renewed commitment to the Adult School education. She commented about the Tier III funding becoming general fund money. If that is the case, she said she hoped the Board will give consideration of the funds for several areas such as class size reduction for K-12, PE department improvements, health care and EL classes.

Ivy League Connection. Don Gosney spoke about this year's selected students and the tasks they are asked to do in preparation. He spoke of the upcoming May 15 board meeting where ILC members, parents and chaperones will be presented to the Board for recognition. Mr. Ramsey announced dates for upcoming dinners. Mr. Ramsey also spoke of students who have been accepted into colleges as freshmen.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported on recent town hall meeting regarding Common Core Standards and assessments. She said that over 500 parents and teachers attended. The overall feedback was extremely positive. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 14 at Helms Middle School, where the subject will include response to instruction and intervention, and review of the project for Common Core.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. President Kronenberg spoke about the recent meeting where discussion included update of the website and meeting needs of current committee members.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Ramsey reported on a recent special meeting to address issues regarding El Cerrito High School's ventilation. He said they also heard updates on the Helms Middle School partnership with San Pablo around the community center and soccer field. He also commented about the upcoming May 9 State Board of Education meeting. The next subcommittee meeting will be held May 14.

College and Career Readiness. Cecilia Mendoza provided an update of Linked Learning projects. She reported on the AB790 grant status, mentor status, participation in strategic planning, and reaching out to other local districts interested in becoming linked learning districts. She said that WCCUSD is one of four districts in the state to receive mentor status. She also reported in the upcoming Residency event scheduled for May 21 and 22 at El Cerrito High School which will show cases all 22 academy pathways. She said that critical friends will attend, observe, and provide feedback. The Academy Awards will be the culminating event and will honor students. Mr. Greer spoke about Congressman George Miller who spoke so highly about the linked learning academy awards.

Safety Committee. Ms. Merriweather announced the next meeting for May 2nd at DeAnza High School. This will be opportunity to meet with the Strategic Planning Committee. She said that everyone is invited to discuss concerns about safety.

D.4 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of members of the community who have passed away.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

Student Representative Yolinda Jimenez left the meeting for the evening.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Guillermo Aguinaga, Kate Bloomer, Chris Silva, Mallory Byrne, Helen Burks, JJ Thorpe, Lisa Weaver, Bryan Brandon, Virginia Arvizu, Colleen George

C.5 Approval BP 7214.4 Investor Relations and BP7214.3 Bond Refunding

Ms. Gamba provided background about the District's bond finance program regarding investor relations and bond refunding. She said that these policies came before the Board and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee in April for review and consideration. She introduced the bond finance advisory team of Krishna Pettit of GCR LLP, Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance, Jeff Barratta of Piper Jaffrey, and Katherine Perkins of De La Rosa and Company.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked for clarification regarding terminology used. Ms. Pettit responded with information regarding outreach to investors at any time. Ms. Gamba clarified further. Mr. Ramsey continued with questions about correspondence regarding investor outreach. Ms. Pettit clarified. Discussion continued regarding competitive sales. Mr. Olson, Mr. Barratta and Ms. Perkins provided background and details. Suggested edits were discussed.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of BP 7214.4 Investor Relations and BP7214.3 Bond Refunding with the recommended changes. 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 and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

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G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Board Policy 6153.1 – School Sponsored Study Trips: College Going Culture – First Reading

This item was moved to follow item F.1.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Merriweather thanked principals and teachers for recruiting parents to attend the recent Academic Town Hall. She said that over 500 parents attended. She thanked staff for the hard work.

Mr. Enos spoke about the Day of the Teacher resolution and commended teachers for their success in dealing with students. He acknowledged optimism about upcoming contract negotiations.

Mr. Ramsey congratulated his daughter for her acceptance at Sarah Lawrence College.

President Kronenberg reported on the recent Ed Fund Teachers of the Year awards recognition. She said that Ms. Beth Levine has been chosen to move to the county level of Teacher of the Year.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – May 1, 2013

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

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

BH:dh

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