

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

July 10, 2013

***Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board Of Education
And Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee***

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

A.1 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed the audience.

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

A.3 Roll Call

CBOC Members Present:

Julio Arroyo, Gerard Boulanger, Charles Cowens, Joe Fisher, Thomasina Horsley, Ken Jett, Norma Martinez-Rubin, Ivette Ricco, Tom Waller, Tim Warner, Orlandus Waters

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

Board Members Absent: Randy Enos

Staff Present: Madgy Abdalla, District Engineering Officer; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Keith Holtlander, Director of Facilities; Christina Gallea, Sr. Facilities Planning Specialist

Chairperson Ivette Rocco presided over the meeting.

A.4 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Chairperson Ricco asked the committee for approval of the agenda. The committee voted approval by voice vote.

A.5 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Chairperson Ricco asked for any changes, revisions, additions, corrections or amendments to the Minutes. Discussion included a correction to item D.5. By voice vote, the committee voted approval of the Minutes.

A.6 Chair's Report

Chairman Ricco said she would hold the Chair's Report to a future meeting. Mr. Cowens announced the next future joint meeting scheduled for October 16, 2013.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B.1 Project Status Update

Magdy Abdalla recapped construction progress at DeAnza, Gompers / Leadership Campus, Nystrom, Portola Middle School, Peres Elementary, Helms Sports Field, Portola Demolition Site, Downer, Verde, Kensington, Grant, Lake, Summer Projects, Dover Demolition, Kennedy Science Building and Swim Center, Mira Vista, Pinole Valley High School Temporary Housing, and the El Cerrito High School Track and Field.

Public Comment:

None

Discussion:

Mr. Cowens suggested providing a financial cost breakdown with future presentations.

B.2 Technical and Administrative Assistance by District to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Chairperson Ricco spoke about opportunity for the Committee to address a lack of responsiveness and communication between the Committee and District. She read a list of a few examples to express the frustration felt by Committee members standing in the way of doing their job properly.

Public Comment:

None

Discussion:

Discussion proceeded about the Board's goal to facilitate resources to assist the committee. Mr. Fay discussed setting up a formal protocol for communication and staff responses to inquiries with allocated staff.

B.3 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Membership

Mr. Cowens discussed the makeup of the committee, the level of success in filling vacancies, and responsibility for monitoring the roster.

Public Comment:

None

Discussion:

None

C. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

C.1 Public Comment – for items not on the agenda:

Giorgio Cosentino, Scott Brown

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Ricco adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM with the next regular committee meeting scheduled for August 28, 2013.

***Minutes of the WCCUSD Board Of Education
July 10, 2013***

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session and reconvened for the joint meeting with the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee at 6:00 PM. President Kronenberg called the Public Session for the regular meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

B.1 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: Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Board Members Absent: Randy Enos

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Linda Delgado, Coordinator; 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; Keith Holtslander, Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Leticia Oregon, Interpreter; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Adam Taylor, Executive Director K-12

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint elementary principals:

AnnMarie Marinakis, Valley View Elementary
Ruby Gonzalez, Ellerhorst Elementary

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the action taken in Closed Session to appoint two elementary principals. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Merriweather, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release Agreement between Hur Flooring Co, Romkon, Inc. and West Contra Costa Unified School District.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the action taken in Closed Session to approve a Settlement Agreement and a Mutual Release Agreement. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Merriweather, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey recommended amending the agenda to have item G. 1 follow Consent Items, D. 2 and E. 2 to follow G. 1, and moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.6 Minutes: June 19, 2013; June 26, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Minutes of June 19, 2013 and June 26, 2013. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.4 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated

C.5 Routine Personnel Changes - Classified

C.6 Certificated Board Authorization – Education Code 44258.3

C.7 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.9 California Children’s Services at Downer - Portable Purchase

C.10 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Bayview Exterior Repairs

C.11 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report

C.12 Closure List Update

C.13 Resolution No. 15-1314: Resolution In Support of Senate Bill 150 (SB 150) as proposed by California State Senator Ricardo Lara

Public Comment:

Cecilia Valdez, Myra Padilla, Daniela Ramirez

C.14 Add a Board Work Session to Calendar

Ms. Merriweather asked about the August 5 special meeting for the strategic plan. Superintendent Harter explained that the Strategic Planning Committee desired to hold a Board workshop prior to further community input. He explained that the Strategic Plan will come back to the Board at the first October meeting for approval.

Public Comment:

Al Kirkman

C.15 Meeting Dates for 2013-2014

Ms. Merriweather requested changing the September dates to September 11 and 25. By consensus the Board agreed to the modification.

C.16 Resolution Nos. 01-1314 through 14-1314: Board of Education Annual Resolutions for the 2013-2014 School Year

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.16. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

G.1 Charter Hearing for Summit Schools

Linda Delgado presented information regarding the petition from Summit Public Charter School. She said that staff is reviewing the petition and will come back to the August 12 Board meeting with a recommendation for action.

Mr. Diego Arambula, Chief Growth and Innovation Officer, spoke of mission of Summit Schools, the community need and their track record of success. Ms. Kelly Garcia, Executive Director, spoke of her background in education and the school’s model for the charter.

Public Comment:

Hillary Harmssen, Ben Steinberg, Maria Contreras, Valeria Torres, Mason Lok, Kimberly Martinez, Jerry Simmons, Al Kirkman, Jimmy Zuniga

Board Comment:

Board members had various questions regarding location to house the school, reaching high risk students, process for placing students should applications exceed space, and average tenure of teachers. Mr. Arambula and Ms. Garcia responded.

D.2 Standing Reports

College and Career Readiness Academies. Mr. Greer reported on the recent Residency Institute held at Stanford University, teacher trainings for Project Lead the Way, and the Holy Names summer program that began this week.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Ramsey reported on the recent meeting where discussion included increased budgets for Highland, Wilson and Hercules MHS projects. He said that presentations will be made to the Board in September. He provided updates regarding the Helms Middle School dental clinic, eligibility money received from the state, applications for funding for Ohlone and Portola projects and seismic safety funds for Gompers and Pinole Valley High School.

Ivy League Connection: President Kronenberg reported on her recent travel to Columbia University where she met with the Director of the Columbia summer program. She detailed receipt of a scholarship to the Business and Economics program for students. She will travel to Vanderbilt University and also visit Fisk University later in the week. Mr. Ramsey reported on his recent visit with the Vanderbilt group to Washington D.C. While in Philadelphia he met with Director of summer education services program at the University of Pennsylvania. He also reported that Brown University Session II students leave for the Women in Leadership in another week.

Technology Committee. Mary Phillips introduced herself as the District's new Chief Technology Officer and reported that the Technology Committee will be meeting in August.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Al Kirkman

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates

Superintendent Harter introduced Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance who led a presentation regarding assessed property values as related to the bond program for 2013-2014.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board discussion included the future revenue stream. Mr. Ramsey felt it important to not stop the school construction program. Ms. Gamba said she would like to get Board direction regarding a resolution to send to the County regarding a financial plan and to move toward a bond sale in late summer or early fall.

D.2 Standing Reports

This item was moved to follow item G. 1.

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.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

This item was moved to follow item D.2.

F. ACTION ITEMS

None

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Charter Hearing for Summit Schools

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

G.2 Project Status Report

Mr. Abdalla and Jose Vilar of Baker Vilar Architects presented information regarding the Richmond High School and Montalvin Elementary construction projects.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey had questions about the timetable for drawings. Mr. Vilar responded. Deputy Program Manager Juan Garrahan and Cost Estimator Javier Silva provided input regarding estimates on building costs.

Ms. Merriweather and President Kronenberg asked questions about the Department of State Architects approval process.

The Board recessed the meeting to return to Closed Session at 10:28 PM.

The Board returned and resumed the regular meeting at 10:53 PM.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Groves spoke about hearing comments from the community regarding a lack of satisfaction with the level of performance of District high schools and looking to charter schools. He said he thinks the Board needs to address the concerns.

Ms. Merriweather said she was looking forward to the Extended Learning graduation ceremony. She also invited the public to the Twentieth Iron Triangle Annual Picnic, July 27 at Nevin Park.

Mr. Ramsey wished President Kronenberg safe travels to Nashville. He reported that he will be attending an upcoming Kensington Community Protection Service meeting and will share information about class size reductions and plans for Portola Middle School. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of his daughter Adrienne Ramsey, who will be attending Sarah Lawrence College.

President Kronenberg acknowledged the Board's approval of removing schools from the school closure list. She repeated that there are no more school closures threatening communities.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – July 24, 2013

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:58 P.M. in honor of Adrienne Ramsey.

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

BH:dh

<p><u>CTR</u> Approved as amended 7/24/13</p>
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