

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

**February 25, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Todd Groves called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

**Staff Present:** Denise Cifelli, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Otilia Espinoza, Translator; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Josh Herrera, Electronics Technician; Nicole Joyner, Director Data and Accountability Officer; Daniela Parasidis, Director Business Services; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

**II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM**

Tom Panas

**III. BUDGET DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING THE 2015-16 WCCUSD BUDGET**

Superintendent Harter provided context and set the stage for the evening's discussion and explained the budget development cycle. He stated the purpose would allow the Board to set broad parameters around the development of the first draft of the 2015-16 LCAP Plan. He introduced Ms. Joyner to take the group through the infographics and LCAP plan.

Ms. Joyner provided feedback from the recent townhall meetings and took the group through the infographics and proposed distribution strategy. Discussion included adding a baseline indicator so that increases and decreases would be more meaningful.

Ms. Joyner went through the Priority Support Services chart which indicated the programs parents, community members and students ranked as top three priorities. Ms. Gamba recapped the concept behind the prioritization activity. President Groves expressed concern that there hasn't been enough time for some of the programs to take hold prior to prioritizing.

Discussion continued among the Board relative to the prioritization list. Ms. Gamba reminded the Board that the list entailed items the District was already doing and hoped to add to. She then provided a recap of the LCAP Plan, the current status, and how it related to the ongoing budget process. This sparked discussion among Board members regarding the layout of the LCAP Program information being reviewed.

Staff took turns going through the LCAP document describing the programs, program measurements, and staff recommendations for 2015-16. Discussion was held around recommendations and rational, student achievement and funding sources.

President Groves thanked staff on the thoughtful balance between the need to expand services and the District's fiscal realities. He said he felt that staff had made sound recommendations for moving ahead with the LCAP.

Ms. Gamba explained next steps and the timeline for preparing the draft LCAP, noting that any changes to the plan would probably not take place until after the Governor's May Revised Budget had been rolled out.

President Groves applauded the efforts of staff and explained that the Board would take action on the Plan and Budget in June.

Ms. Cuevas thanked staff for their work and the information provided, but said she did not think she was given adequate time to make a sound judgment on where money should be spent.

Ms. Kronenberg agreed that the Board should have the full context of what the District was trying to accomplish.

Superintendent Harter agreed the plan was difficult to understand and said that staff was working to reduce the 14 goals to a more manageable size which will be reflected in the 2015-16 draft plan.

Ms. Block agreed that the plan had too many components. She also agreed that the Board should move forward but wanted to see a more streamlined, focused plan.

Mr. Enos added that if the plan was not what the Board intended, they should be able to change it as long as things are changed for the right reasons. He said he felt the work that was done tonight was time well spent.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

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<p><b>R. Enos</b> Approved 3/18/15</p>
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