

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

June 10, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:42 P.M.

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve administrative appointments for Sonja Bell, Coordinator of State and Federal Programs; Allison Huie, Coordinator of English Learner Program; Janet Scott, Director of Educational Services; Pat Evans, Administrator Special Education; Wendy Gonzalez, Interim Principal Lake Elementary; Mimi Melodia, Principal Grant Elementary; Vince Rhea, Principal Greenwood Academy and Sylvia Greenwood, Interim Principal Vista High School.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve the administrative appointments of Sonja Bell, Coordinator of State and Federal Programs; Allison Huie, Coordinator of English Learner Program; Janet Scott, Director of Educational Services; Pat Evans, Administrator Special Education; Wendy Gonzalez, Interim Principal Lake Elementary; Mimi Melodia, Principal Grant Elementary; Vince Rhea, Principal Greenwood Academy and Sylvia Greenwood, Interim Principal Vista High School. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Ms. Cuevas asked for any roll call votes taken this evening to be taken in reverse order as a change from normal procedure and to vary the order of calling names for roll call and roll call votes going forward. President Groves approved.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Groves requested Items F.1 and G.1 be moved after Item D.2. Ms. Cuevas requested Items F.2-F.3 also be moved ahead of Item G.1.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda as amended to move Items F.1-F.3 and G.1 after Item D.2. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Minutes: May 20, 2015

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of May 20, 2015. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Request to Address the Board – Robert Studdiford

Mr. Studdiford spoke of his concerns regarding charter schools and their negative impact on the budget.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

President Groves stated that the Board would hear thirty minutes of public comments at this time and any remaining speakers would be called at the end of the meeting.

Ben Steinberg, Kimberly Chamberlain, Sandra Falk, Jack Weir, Pat Miles, Dean Williamson, Bill Sato, Susan Pricco, Rosa Martinez, Susan Wehrle, Paul Freese, Margaret Browne, Tom Panas, Betty Brown

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.3 Contracts

C.4 Notice of Completions: Bid 1151201-05 Dover Elementary School Parking Improvements & Site Work, and Bid 6691396-00 Information Technology Center

C.5 Routine Personnel Changes – Certificated

C.6 Routine Personnel Changes- Classified

C.7 Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action – Revised Board Policy 4118 - Personnel

C.8 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education

C.9 Special Education Local Plan Board Policies

C.10 Junior Achievement Company of the Year National Competition in Washington D.C.

C.11 Award of Contract: Sylvester Greenwood Academy / LPS Technology Equipment (“Project”)

C.12 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.13 Ratification of Negotiated Change Orders

C.14 Crespi Middle School Hot Water Boiler Replacement Rejection of Bid and Authorization for Staff to Rebid the Project

C.15 Dover Elementary School Synthetic Field Project Award of Contract

C.16 Lupine Hills Elementary School Exterior Painting Award of Contract

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

C.17 Ohlone Elementary School Parking and Landscape Completion Phase 4B Rejection of Bid and Authorization for Staff to Rebid the Project

C.18 Facilities Use Agreement (FUA) for Amethod Public Schools

C.19 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Kennedy High School Fab Lab Parking Project

C.20 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Sylvester Greenwood Academy Moving Services

C.21 WCCUSD HR Department Improvements Phase 2 Award of Contract

C.22 Approval of Board Member Travel

C.23 Modification of Board Calendar

MOTION: Ms. Block moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.15 and C.17 - C.23. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 West Contra Costa Unified School District presents: “Classified Employee of the Year”

Mr. Whittemore presented awards for Classified Employee of the Year. Recipients were Sonia Derosant, Classified Supervisor; Carolyn Wendell, General Services M & O; Christina Thomas, Office & Technical; Maria Rivas and Sherry Lea, Paraprofessional and Sherri Rivenbark, Confidential.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.2 Summer of Innovation 2014-15 Grantee Report

Ms. Rashidchi presented the Summer of Innovative project winners who provided explanations of their projects, processes, outcomes and key learnings. Project winner and spokesperson Ms. Elizabeth Sanders, DeAnza teacher, explained their project for a student and teacher run writing center. Korematsu Principal Mr. Matthew Burnham explained their STEM investigations project. Students Aaron Moore and Abigail Ilan shared their experiences; and

Verde teacher Ms. Antoinette Evans shared information about the Young Poets Society. Students Arianna Hill and Elohiym Mudaavanha each performed rap poems they wrote.

Public Comment:

Leslie Reckler

Board Comment:

Mr. Groves thanked Ms. Rashidchi for her efforts and looked forward to seeing more next year.

F.1 Staff Report and Recommendation for Summit 2 School

Dr. Linda Delgado presented information regarding Summit Charter and staff's recommendation to accept the petition. Kristen McCaw, Director Growth and Policy at Summit Schools, thanked staff for the recommendation of acceptance. Board members commented on the learning plans submitted and willingness to collaborate. There was also discussion on how Summit would handle special needs students.

Public Comment:

Eli Saravia, Tomasa Espinoza, Yolanda Lopez, Pam Martin, Daniela Felix, Juan Martinez, Yannell Selman, Durell Willis, Sandy Faulk, Heidi Mora, Karla Magana, Giselle Marogun, Alejandro Rios

Board Comment:

Mr. Groves provided insight on his experiences and concerns about Summit's funding for special needs students.

Ms. Cuevas questioned the demographic comparisons between Summit and the District.

Ms. Block asked for clarification on the credentialing of special education teachers and requested more detail around Summit's programs for special needs children.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Staff Report and Recommendation for Summit 2 School. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, and Ms. Kronenberg voted yes. President Groves voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

F.2 2015-16 LCAP – Public Hearing

Superintendent Harter presented information on the District's Local Control Accountability Plan for 2015-16 including changes to the plan, implementation updates, and progress on the 2014-15 LCAP goals.

President Groves opened the public hearing.

Ms. Block remarked on the start of a fantastic plan but expressed concern about all the acronyms and requested more data regarding elementary students.

Ms. Kronenberg commented on the incredible amount of work that went into the plan and felt that information was available and easy to find.

Public Comment:

Sandra Faulk, Rigel Massaro, Angela Perry, Pedro Hernandez, Lilly Chen, Linda Huerta, Maria Masedo, Dawn Flemings, Rosio Cervantes

President Groves closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

President Groves said that he had heard numerous comments related to school climate and would like to see a broader, more comprehensive strategy.

Ms. Block stated that she hoped to see more vigilance in training teachers' use of restorative justice and a more even distribution of restorative justice practices among school sites.

Ms. Cuevas requested information on the funding not allocated and questioned JROTC funding. Ms. Gamba provided responses.

President Groves asked for clarification on graduate tutor funding.

F.3 Budget for 2015-16 – Public Hearing

Ms. Gamba presented information regarding the proposed preliminary 2015-16 budget. She said the new budget will include the state mandated Local Control Funding Formula and other details based on legislative action. The Board asked clarifying questions relating to LCFF funding and balance, compliance items, breakdown of expenses, staffing, and overall budget layout. Ms. Gamba responded.

President Groves opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Groves closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

President Groves thanked Ms. Gamba for her preparation. He questioned the expiration of common core funds and how the District will sustain efforts. Ms. Rashidchi responded noting the use of federal funds and efficiency with professional dollars. She also spoke about grant money for which the District could apply. President Groves then asked about the technology plan and moving away from textbooks toward tablets. Superintendent responded by agreeing that utilization of technology was the way the District is moving.

Ms. Cuevas questioned the deployment schedule for tablets. Ms. Phillips provided information.

D.3 Report on Student Demographics

Greg Davis from Davis Demographics presented information on student demographic projections for the next ten years.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas asked for clarification around enrollment data versus residence data and ways the Board might strategize to drive enrollment.

Ms. Block suggested future factors that could positively impact enrollment.

Ms. Kronenberg mentioned that Richmond Promise as an area that could impact the District numbers to draw students from outside the area.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

President Groves acknowledged audience members still present for standing reports and announced that the Board will hear their reports and table all others for the evening.

United Teachers of Richmond. Carlos Tabaoda provided updates on two resolutions approved by the United Teachers of Richmond Council. The first resolution protested the initiation of the JROTC program and the other was in support of the District's decision to exclude charter schools from parcel tax proceedings.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Yvette Ricco presented information on the work of subcommittees and the improved relationship and collaboration between staff and CBOC members. Ms. Ricco reported that a Data Review Subcommittee had been formed and that Resolution 15-1 was sent to the Board asking that CBOC questions be included in scope of the forensic report as well as a member of the committee be included in discussions.

West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Sara Danielson commended Human Resources and the District for hosting the retirement reception and recognized retiring WCCAA members. She also provided information on a mentoring program that Richmond Association of School Administrators (RASA) and WCCA have jointly worked on for new principals.

Public Comment:
Ben Steinberg

E.2 Superintendent's Report

President Groves tabled the report due to time constraints.

C.16 Lupine Hills Elementary School Exterior Painting Award of Contract

Ms. LeBlanc read a revision to this item into the record recommending Diamond Painting Company be approved as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved Approval of Consent Item C. 16 as revised. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Resolution No. 80-1415 to Assign District Reserve Levels

Ms. Gamba provided information on the state's requirement to assign District reserve levels and requested approval for a 3% Special Reserve Fund in excess of the statutory reserve with commitments for amounts going toward a technology replacement fund, technology e-Rate grant match, and supplemental concentration funding.

Public Comment:
Lilly Chen, Rigel Massaro

Board Comment:
Ms. Cuevas asked for clarification on the supplemental concentration fund adjustment. Ms. Gamba explained.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Resolution No. 80-1415 to Assign District Reserve Levels. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.5 Public Hearing of Resolution No. 79-1415: Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Ms. Gamba presented information requesting final approval of the engineer's report and direction that the assessment diagram and assessments be filed with the county.

President Groves opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:
None

President Groves closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Resolution No. 79-1415: Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.6 Pinole Valley High School Off-Site Parking & Traffic Signal Project Change Order Approval

Ms. LeBlanc provided information discussed at the last facility subcommittee meeting. She stated this would be the last change order for the project and that the facility subcommittee recommended approval.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Pinole Valley High School Off-Site Parking & Traffic Signal Project Change Order. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 WCCUSD Role in Richmond Promise

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

**G.2 Special Education Annual Service Plan
Special Education Annual Budget Plan**

Mr. Collins provided an overview of the Annual Service Plan and Budget Plan required by the State of California. He noted that this item will return to the Board at the next meeting for public comment where he will present further information.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block wanted to note for clarity that the percent of special education students including those placed in residential facilities outside the District's boundaries are factored into the numbers.

G.3 Project Status Report

This item was tabled for the evening.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Cuevas brought up a concern regarding action the Board took related to the forensic audit. She said she felt the Board should report on the status at a regular meeting or special meeting. She reiterated the decision and steps the Board agreed to take and requested that the item be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Ms. Block noted agreement with Ms. Cuevas' comments.

Mr. Groves stated that a meeting on the subject of the forensic audit had been scheduled for June 15, 4:00 P.M. at Alvarado Adult School.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – June 24, 2015

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 11:36 PM.

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

BH:dc

<p><i>R. Enos</i> Approved 6/24/15</p>
