

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday  
April 6, 2009  
7:00 PM**

**Lovonya DeJean Middle School  
Multi-Purpose Room  
3400 Macdonald Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805**

**AGENDA**

The **Board of Education's Open Session meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.** The Board will convene at **6:30 PM** in the Multi-Purpose Room to receive comments from anyone wishing to address the Board regarding closed session items (Exhibit A). The Board will then adjourn to closed session and reconvene in open session to address the regular agenda (Exhibits B-E) at 7:00 PM.

**B. Call to order**

\* **C. K-3 Class Size Reduction Program (CSR)**

Comment:

The 2009-10 Budget which was adopted by the State Legislature includes a major change in the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program (CSR). The new implementation language provides a window for alternative implementation of Class Size Reduction that still provides smaller class sizes than required by the Education Code, yet can save substantial money for cash strapped districts.

The Second Interim Report, financial statements as of January 31, 2009, indicates the district will be facing an estimated \$25.7 million deficit. This would render the district unable to meet the required reserve. Technically, this fact would cause the district to certify the financial statements as "negative". With the uncertainty surrounding the budget at that time we forged forward with a "qualified" statement. This was done with the knowledge that progress would need to be made to close the budget gap as we approached the Third Interim report and budget adoption for 2009-10.

A part of the solution for the severe revenue cuts imposed by the State has come imbedded in the same State budget. The State has made significant allowances for school boards to utilize restricted funding to backfill cuts (Tier III flexibility), and to modify the funding model of the K-3 Class Size Reduction program.

Due to the severity of fiscal issues facing the District, staff recommends the option with greatest savings.

Recommendation: Recommend Option Four

Fiscal Impact: Savings of \$4,000,000

\* **D. Resolution No. 78-0809: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees**

Comment:

A lack of work and/or funds necessitates the elimination of the classified positions.

Recommendation: Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact: \$463,300 Related to school closure (included in savings already projected)

\$155,300 Food Service Fund

\$162,300 Tier III Flexibility (included in transfer)

\$214,300 Adult Education Fund/Tier III Flexibility (included in transfer)

\$206,576 General Fund & Maintenance

\$205,400 Special Education-reduces contribution needed from General Fund

**E. Adjournment**

\* The public may only address items which are marked with an asterisk (\*).

*The Governing Board welcomes and encourages public comment. Members of the public may comment on items included on this agenda; however, we ask that you limit your comments to 2 minutes so that as many as possible may be heard. The total time for public comment for each item is limited to no more than 30 minutes. (Education Code §35145.5, Government Code §54954.3)*

**Special Accommodations:** *Upon written request to the District, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, will be provided. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 510-231-1101 at least 48 hours in advance of meetings.*

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**A.1 CALL TO ORDER**

**A.2 DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**  
(Government Code 54957.7)

**A.3 RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AS SCHEDULED**

**See Exhibit A**

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

The **Open Session** will resume at the end of the **Closed Session** in the Multi-Purpose Room at approximately **7:00 PM.**

**EXHIBIT A**

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**April 6, 2009**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

- a. Superintendent/Dr. Bruce Harter
- b. Employee Organizations
  - UTR
  - Local One
  - School Supervisors Association
  - WCCAA
- c. Unrepresented Employees
  - Confidential and Management