

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 13, 2011**

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**ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS:**

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all WCCUSD Board of Education meetings.

**Location:**      **LOVONYA DEJEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3400 MACDONALD AVENUE  
RICHMOND, CA 94805**

**Time:**            The **Board of Education's Open Session meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.** The Board will convene at **5:00 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-G) at 6:30 PM.

**Order of Business:** **ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE.**

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"of children be more careful than anything."  
e.e. cummings

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**
- B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**
- B.3 Roll Call**
- B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from DeAnza High School**

Comment:

A Student Board Representative from DeAnza High School will attend the Board of Education on April 13, 2011. We would like to recognize and commend their participation.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

- B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**
- \* **B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption (Public Comment)**
- \* **B.7 Minutes: March 16, 2011**

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**CONSENT ITEMS (Routine Matters)**

Consent Calendar Items designated by “CI” are considered routine and will be enacted, approved and adopted by one motion, unless a request for removal, discussion or explanation is received from any Board member or member of the public in attendance. Items the Board pulls for discussion or explanation will be addressed following Section E.

\*CI **C.1 Acceptance of Grants/Awards/Agreements**

Comment:

Formal acceptance is requested from the Board of Education to accept the grants/awards/agreements as detailed, dated April 13, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

As noted per grants summary

\*CI **C.2 Acceptance of Donations**

Comment:

The District has received donations as summarized, dated April 13, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

As noted per donations summary

**\*CI C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**

Comment:

The planned fund-raising events for the 2010-11 school years are summarized, dated April 13, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

Additional revenue for schools

**\*CI C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**

Comment:

The summaries of Payroll and Vendor Warrants issued during the month of March 2011 are provided:

Total of payroll warrants (March 2011):	\$ 9,901,238
Total of vendor warrants (March 2011):	\$25,291,661

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the payroll and vendor warrant reports

Fiscal Impact:

As noted above

**\*CI C.5 Contracted Services**

Comment:

Permission is requested of the Board of Education to approve the following contracts for services as detailed, dated April 13, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

As noted per contracts summary

**\*CI C.6 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44285.3**

Comment:

Ed Code 44285.3 allows the Governing Board of a school district to authorize the holder of a multiple subject, standard elementary, single subject or standard secondary, credential with his or her consent, to teach departmental classes in grades K-12 provided the teacher has adequate knowledge of subject matter.

Recommendation:  
Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:  
None

**\*CI C.7 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated**

Comment:  
Routine personnel changes include actions to hire, promote, or terminate certificated employees in accord with appropriate laws, established policies and procedures.

Recommendation:  
For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:  
None

**\*CI C.8 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified**

Comment:  
Routine personnel changes include actions to hire, promote, or terminate classified employees in accord with appropriate laws, established policies and procedures.

Recommendation:  
For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:  
None

**\*CI C.9 Approval of Sabbatical Leave Requests for 2011-2012**

Comment:  
The District and United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) have a negotiated agreement for the District to provide ten Sabbatical Leaves each year. The leaves can be taken for purposes of formal study, travel, or independent study. Teachers on leave will receive 50% of their annual salary and health and welfare coverage pursuant to contract. Each request for leave is set forth on the attachment.

Recommendation:  
Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:  
\$325,676.95, including salary and health benefits

**\*CI C.10 Resolution No. 62-1011: California “Day of the Teacher”**

Comment:

We wish to recognize all of the teachers who give their energy, their intellect, their commitment, and their love to the students of West Contra Costa Unified School District with a resolution proclaiming May 11, 2011 as the “Day of the Teacher.”

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.11 Resolution No. 63-1011: Classified School Employee Week, May 15-21, 2011**

Comment:

The State of California has designated May 15-21, 2011 as Classified School Employee Week. We honor their time, their energy, and their commitment to the children of West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.12 Resolution No. 64-1011: National “Day of the School Nurse”**

Comment:

We wish to recognize all the school nurses who give their energy, their intellect, their commitment, and their love to the students of West Contra Costa Unified School District with a resolution proclaiming May 11, 2011 as the “Day of the School Nurse.”

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.13 Students from Richmond High going to Robotics Regional Tournament, April 5-11, 2011**

Comment:

Nine students from Richmond High have qualified for a regional robotics tournament with US First in Salt Lake City, Utah. These students are learning scientific and mechanical skills that will benefit them in their ongoing education.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

Paid by sponsor donations: Chevron, Google, JCPenney, Intuitive Surgical Link

**\*CI C.14 Students from Kennedy and Richmond High are visiting the nation’s capital April 23-29**

Comment:

Fifteen students from Kennedy and Richmond High are visiting the nation’s capital with the Close Up Foundation for the purpose of observing firsthand how our government functions. They will visit Congress and meet with elected representatives. They will visit the Supreme Court, the Capitol Rotunda, and the Library of Congress. Throughout the trip there are workshops to attend as well as homework. They will join students from other parts of the country to form a mock congress and prepare bills.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

Sponsored by Close Up Foundation

**\*CI C.15 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Parent/Guardian & PTA**

Comment:

Mr. Robert Studdiford has served one term as a member of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. He was originally appointed in 2009 by Board Member Ramsey. His status was changed by the Board to complete his term as a representative of the Parent/Guardian & PTA. It is appropriate at this time that Mr. Studdiford is re-appointed for an additional 2 year term.

Recommendation:

Approve appointment as noted

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.16 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Paul Gilbert-Snyder appointed by City of El Cerrito**

Comment:

Mr. Paul Gilbert-Snyder has served one term as the appointee of the City of El Cerrito. The El Cerrito City Council has forwarded a recommendation that Mr. Gilbert-Snyder be reappointed for another 2 year term.

Recommendation:

Approve appointment as noted

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.17 Lupine Hills & Verde Restroom Surface Repairs Projects Contract Termination Ratification and Authorization to Rebid**

Comment:

The Lupine Hills and Verde Restroom Surface Repairs projects are the first of several projects which will replace the originally installed epoxy restroom wall surfaces with tile. The epoxy wall systems were the original District standard and were installed in numerous restrooms at the beginning of the Bond Construction program. The original scope of work in these projects was to place the tile directly over the prepared existing surfaces. Unfortunately, the existing surfaces, even with the specified preparation procedures, did not achieve the required bonding with the tile. The District then initiated a change in the work to remove and replace all existing substrate and place the tile on new substrate. This represents a significant change in the work, and came during the first phase at both campuses with multiple restrooms closed and partially demolished. Staff directed the contractor to complete the work on the Force Account basis with direct labor and materials costs tracked by the District. Staff has directed this work only on the first phase of restrooms already under construction and closed to students. Four restrooms have been completed in the first phase of work at Lupine Hills. Three restrooms have been completed in the first phase of work at Verde.

Because of the cardinal change in the work for the remaining phases the District would be forced to execute Change Orders in excess of Public Contract Code limits just to complete the work. There is no compelling rationale to continue with this approach. Staff has therefore terminated the contract for construction with Southland Construction for the remaining phases of work. Ratification of staff's action is required. In addition, staff and our Architect team are preparing to publically rebid the remaining phases of the work with the updated scope. Nine restrooms are remaining to be completed in the project at Lupine Hills. Eight restrooms are remaining to be completed in the project at Verde.

Finally, staff is working with teams of Architects to prepare construction documents for other sites which require replacement of the originally installed epoxy restroom wall surfaces with tile. Sites which are currently under design include Madera Elementary, Stewart Elementary. Sites which will begin design in May include Riverside, Peres and Vista Hills. These projects will be reviewed with the Board's Facilities Subcommittee at their upcoming meeting in May.

Recommendation:

Ratify staff's action terminating the contract of Southland Construction and authorizing staff to rebid the remaining updated scope of work on the projects.

Fiscal Impact:

Not known at this time. Funded by the Measure J Bond, additional Bond Funded Projects.

**\*CI C.18 Richmond High School Master Plan Approval**

Comment:

Richmond High School has been undergoing renovations and facilities construction over the last 6 years as a part of the District's Measure J Bond Program and using funds from the Emergency Repair Program. The Measure D 2010 Bond anticipates continuing renovations at the site. In order to complete this work the District has engaged in a Master Planning process to determine project priorities at the site. This

process included meetings with Richmond High staff and teachers, District Maintenance and Facilities staff.

Baker Vilar Architects is the Architect of Record for the Richmond High School projects. They will present the proposed master plan.

The Master Plan includes projects with an estimated cost of over \$57 million. The District does not have sufficient funds to complete all of these projects and will need to engage in a prioritization process to confirm the final project list.

The Facilities Subcommittee of the Board has reviewed the Master Plan and recommended approval by the full Board at its meeting of March 14, 2011.

Recommendation:

Approve proposed Richmond High School Master Plan and authorize staff to develop priority projects for the campus.

Fiscal Impact:

Final project configuration not known at this time. Current work is funded by the Measure J Bond, under the Richmond High School Project budget. Future projects will be funded by the Measure D 2010 Bond when those funds are available.

**\*CI C.19 School Consolidation Projects Architectural Services Approval**

Comment:

School consolidation is proceeding with changes to District facilities. The Board has approved the closure of Shannon Elementary at the end of the 2010/2011 school year. This will require relocation of students to Collins, Montalvin and Tara Hills Elementary Schools. It is necessary to place portable classroom buildings at these sites in order to accommodate the increased enrollment. In addition, at the Mira Vista site the District is completing the final round of facilities changes to accommodate the reconfiguration to K-8. Architectural & Engineering Services contracts are required in order to complete this work.

District staff has reviewed the Statement of Qualifications for a new Architectural firm, AE3 Partners Architects. This firm submitted qualifications after the completion of the District's open process. This is a small, East Bay, minority-owned firm with basic school project experience. Staff recommends that the Board add AE3 Partners Architects as a Qualified Architectural firm for small projects in the District's Bond Program and for other related District projects.

The proposed firms and contracts are as follows:

1. Collins	AE3 Partners Architects.	\$57,340
2. Montalvin	Baker Vilar Architects.	\$78,950
3. Tara Hills	Powell and Partners Architects.	\$59,100
4. Mira Vista	DLM Architects.	\$24,000

Recommendation:

Confirm Ae3 Partners Architects as a Qualified Architectural firm for District projects. Approve Architectural Services contracts as noted.



Fiscal Impact:

\$162,050. Funded from the Measure J Bond. Montalvin, Tara Hills, and Mira Vista Elementary Schools project budgets. \$57,340. Funded also under the Special Reserve for Capital Facilities for the Collins project.

**\*CI C.20 Nystrom Temporary Campus Approval**

Comment:

The first phase of the Nystrom Elementary School project is currently under construction. This project is the new Multi-Purpose Building. It is anticipated that this building will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2011. The second phase of the work at Nystrom is the modernization/renovation of the existing 2-story classroom building. This project is approved by DSA and is ready to bid.

The original planning for this project anticipated that the temporary campus now being used by Leadership Public Schools (“LPS”) on the site would be available for Nystrom Phase II when the students will need to be out of the existing main building. The timing of LPS project completion of their new campus at the Gompers site is not going to allow this for another 2+ years. It is important not to delay the start of the Phase II work on Nystrom, so staff has developed an alternative Temporary Campus utilizing the MLK Rec Center site adjacent to Nystrom. Staff has reviewed this with the City of Richmond and has signed a Right of Entry Agreement with the City to complete survey and geotechnical work. As the project goes forward the District will prepare and execute a Use and Restoration Agreement with the City, similar to other agreements at District construction sites.

The Board’s Facilities Subcommittee reviewed this project at the meeting of March 14, 2011. They recommended approval by the full Board. A preliminary plan of the proposed campus is included with this item and the architect, Mr. Andrew Butt from Interactive Resources will be available to present the project to the Board.

The project is anticipated to be complete during early fall of this year, but not in time to open school in August. It may be necessary to complete a move over a long weekend during fall, or wait until the winter holiday break to occupy. The project budget will be included in updated Bond Program Budgets. A portion of this amount is already budgeted and bid savings on this project may allow us to add this work without a full increase in the Nystrom project budget.

Recommendation:

Approve proposed Nystrom Temporary Campus on the adjacent MLK Rec Center site. Ratify Right of Entry Agreement and authorize staff to execute Use and Restoration Agreement with the City of Richmond.

Fiscal Impact:

\$3,500,000, estimated total cost. Funded by the Measure J Bond, Nystrom Elementary School project budget.

**\*CI C.21 Program Management General Conditions Reimbursable Expenses Contract Amendment Approval**

Comment:

The District retains Seville Group (“SGI”) as our Bond Program Manager. One portion of their services is to provide estimating and scheduling support services for all District projects. The scope of work related to these services has increased significantly over the last year as the District has instituted more stringent cost estimating and scheduling protocols. These services are provided as a “General Conditions” cost item and are considered Reimbursable Expenses. The approved amounts for this fiscal year have been exhausted and it is appropriate to approve an amendment to SGI’s contract for the completion of the anticipated work during the remainder of this fiscal year.

Recommendation:

Approve amended contract

Fiscal Impact:

\$769,798. Measure J Bond fund, pro-rata share of costs assigned to individual project budgets for all current projects.

**\*CI C.22 Highland Elementary School Reconstruction Architect Selection**

Comment:

The District needs to select an architect for the reconstruction of Highland Elementary School, which is one of the designated projects under Measure D 2010 bond. The District engaged in a selection process with four firms as approved by the Board’s Facilities Subcommittee. The four firms were interviewed by the Highland Site Committee. The committee ranked the firms and forwarded their recommendation to the District. District staff then reviewed the results and based upon previous work with the District of one of the two top ranked firms, recommends Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (“QKA”) for the project.

The next step in the process is to begin master planning at the site. Staff will bring a proposal for services to Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Recommendation:

Approve recommended firm

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time

**\*CI C.23 Approval of Project for Surveillance Cameras at PVHS**

Comment:

At the request of the City of Pinole, the Facilities Subcommittee has reviewed a project for adding temporary surveillance cameras at Pinole Valley High School. The Subcommittee requested that the school site council, parent group and staff review the need for these cameras while the new school is under design and construction. The staff, site council and parent group has affirmed the need for surveillance cameras.

Recommendation:

That the Board approve a project for temporary surveillance cameras at Pinole Valley High School and directs staff to design, develop and install the cameras by the start of the 2011-12 school year.

Fiscal Impact:

Measure J Funds not to exceed \$250,000.

**\*CI C.24 Labor Compliance Program, Local Capacity Building, Informal Bidding, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (“DVBE”) Programs Management and Consulting Services Contract Approval**

Comment:

It is appropriate at this time to renew the District’s contract for management and consulting services related to labor, local hiring/business utilization, and special hiring requirements in our construction projects. The District has a very strong commitment to Labor Compliance—monitoring the payment of prevailing wages on our projects. In addition, the District has a very strong commitment to Local Capacity Building programs which include ensuring local hiring and utilizing local businesses on our projects. The District also has an Informal Bidding process which the Board approved under the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (“UPCCA”). Finally, the District complies with State of California requirements related to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise hiring on projects that receive state funding.

All of these programs require management and consulting services to ensure compliance. The District has previously retained Davillier Sloan, Inc. of Oakland after completing a request for proposal process. They have provided these services since 2004/5 and have an intimate knowledge and understanding of the District’s requirements and the construction project environment. It is recommended that the Board, based upon the firm’s work to date, find them uniquely qualified to perform these services and approve a continuation of their contract for the upcoming fiscal year.

Recommendation:

Find Davillier Sloan, Inc. uniquely qualified to provide the services as noted and approve 2011/2012 Contract with Davillier Sloan, Inc. to provide management and consulting services related to District’s Bond Program Labor Compliance, Local Capacity Building, Informal Bidding, and DVBE.

Fiscal Impact:

\$360,000. Hourly services, not to exceed amount. Funded by the Measure J Bond, under project budgets for each individual construction project site.

**\*CI C.25 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**

Comment:

Contracts have been initiated by staff using previously qualified consulting, engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural firms to assist in completion of the referenced projects. Many of the firms are already under contract and the staff-initiated work may be an extension of the firm’s existing contract with the District. Public contracting laws have been followed in initially qualifying and selecting these professionals.

Recommendation:

Ratify and approve contracts as noted

Fiscal Impact:

Total for this action: **\$931,644**. Funding sources as noted

**\*CI C.26 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**

Comment:

Staff is seeking ratification of change orders on the following current District construction projects: Ford Elementary New School; Kennedy High School Restroom Improvements; Chavez Elementary Waterproofing Project; Helms Middle School New Construction; DeAnza High School New Campus; and Pinole Middle School Modernization Phase 2. Change orders are fully executed by the District upon signature by the Superintendent's designee. Board ratification is the final step required under state law in order to complete payment and contract adjustment.

Recommendation:

Ratify negotiated Change Orders as noted

Fiscal Impact:

Total ratification and approval by this action: \$201,458.65

**\*CI C.27 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report**

Comment:

The Williams Lawsuit requires that a quarterly report be brought before the Board of Education reflecting the number of complaints filed with any school in the district during a particular quarter. This report reflects the time period from January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.28 Resolution 60-1011: In Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (SCA) to Reduce the Two-Thirds Vote Requirement on Parcel Taxes**

Comment:

In this legislative session, State Senator Joseph Simitian has authored Senate Constitutional Amendment 5, which would allow school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education to pass a parcel tax with a 55 percent majority vote rather than the currently required two-thirds. Getting a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature to put SCA 5 on the ballot is a daunting challenge. The Senator is asking the Board to support SCA 5. It is the Senator's intent that this legislation will alleviate the financial stress that schools are experiencing.

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 60-1011: In Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (SCA) to Reduce the Two-Thirds Vote Requirement on Parcel Taxes

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\*CI C.29 Resolution No. 66-1011: SB 810 – California Universal Health Care Act**

Comment:

West Contra Costa Unified School District strongly supports SB 810, the California Universal Healthcare Act, which will cover every Californian with comprehensive, affordable health insurance and allow every Californian to choose his or her own physician.

At some time each year, at least one in five Californians does not have health insurance. As health insurance costs continue to skyrocket, employers are reducing coverage and dropping benefits altogether. Half of all bankruptcies in the United States are now related to medical costs and ¾ of those bankrupted families *had health insurance at the time they became ill or injured*. The simple truth is that average Californians can no longer rely on their health insurance when they become ill or injured.

The United States spends twice as much per person as every other industrialized country on health care, yet we are the only industrialized nation where people go bankrupt because of medical costs. We have fewer physicians per capita than many other industrialized countries, and fewer hospital visits. Most importantly, our health care system ranks at the bottom of industrialized nations, according to the World Health Organization.

SB 810 will affordably cover every Californian with comprehensive benefits. Every Californian will be covered by a single plan that provides medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage, as well as hospitalization, emergency room care and transportation, laboratory work, skilled nursing care, mental health care, drug addiction rehabilitation, and chiropractic care.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 66-1011 in Support of SB 810

Fiscal Impact:

Board resolution will have no fiscal impact. Passage of SB 810, however, will significantly reduce health care costs for the District. Exact impact on the cost of health benefits will need to be determined.

**\*CI C.30 Resolution No. 67-1011: In Appreciation of Be A Mentor and Contra Costa Interfaith Council**

Comment:

The District would like to recognize and commend Be A Mentor, Inc. and the Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition for their dedication to the mentoring program at Kennedy High School.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:  
None

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

**\* D.1 Presentation of certificates to the first, second and third place WCCUSD Spelling Bee Winners**

Comment:

Tonight we are honoring the winners of the WCCUSD Middle School Spelling Bee. These honorees as well as other top spellers in our District represented WCCUSD at the Contra Costa County Spelling Bee.

The students being honored tonight are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brian Nguyen – DeJean Middle School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ursula Lockner Bravo – Portola Middle School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sina Al Krizy – DeJean Middle School

The District congratulates these students for their outstanding achievement.

Recommendation:

Congratulate students

Fiscal Impact:

None

**\* D.2 Teacher of the Year Recipients**

Comment:

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Teacher of the Year recognition. There were many fine candidates nominated. All do an outstanding job meeting the needs of our students, and providing them with an exceptional education on a daily basis. After review of the nominations, four teachers were selected. They are:

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| Primary Teacher of the Year       | Darcy Long, Third Grade Coronado School                    |
| Intermediate Teacher of the Year  | Nanci Buckingham, Fifth/Sixth Combination, Fairmont School |
| Middle School Teacher of the Year | Morgan LaRue Social Science, DeJean Middle School.         |
| High School Teacher of the Year   | Athena Kraus, Biology, De Anza High School                 |

Of these four, Nanci Buckingham was selected to represent WCCUSD in the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Program.

In addition to the four teachers chosen as Teacher of the Year, we want to acknowledge all of the nominees for this recognition and honor them for their outstanding contributions to students and the teaching profession. We wish to congratulate all of the nominees, and to thank you for the incredible work you do each day. The list of great teachers nominated this year includes:

- Andrew deHoll, Special Education, Pinole Middle School
- Jocel Fortuno, Special Education, Highland Elementary School

Antonieta Franco, Third Grade, Downer Elementary School  
JP de Oliveira, Counselor, Richmond High School  
Eric Verprauskus, sixth Grade, Lincoln Elementary School  
Kain Saecha-Bit, Third Grade, Ford Elementary School  
Wendy Gonzalez, Third Grade Ford Elementary School  
Pat Simon and Beth Levine, Fourth Grade, Montalvin Elementary School  
Brent Knapp, Special Education, Ellerhorst Elementary School  
Patricia Cassady, Special Education, Pinole Middle School  
Cindy Lee, First Grade, Murphy Elementary School  
Paula Raj, Spanish, De Anza High School  
Elisabeth Whitson, Algebra, DeJean Middle School  
Tory Cox, Special Education, Ohlone Elementary School  
Eric Danysh, Sixth Grade, Shannon Elementary School  
Valerie Kimmel-Oliva, Special Education, Lupine Hills Elementary School  
Jessica Steinberg, English, Hercules Middle High School

Recommendation:

Congratulate Teachers of the Year

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **D.3 The Ed. Fund Excellence in Education Award Winner Recognition**

Comment:

Tonight we congratulate the Ed. Fund Excellence in Education Award Winners. There are six WCCUSD teachers, one classified staff member, and one volunteer.

The names of this year's teachers are: Jean G. Larocette (Coronado), Andrew deHoll (Pinole Middle), Jason Lau (DeJean Middle), Laura Buffi (Valley View), Morgan LaRue (DeJean), and Sofia Close (Middle College).

This year's winners share an unrivalled commitment to student engagement in the classroom. They are change makers in their students' lives and their schools. They share a profound passion for instilling a love of learning so that each student can attain their goals and realize their dreams. By carefully and thoughtfully weaving creativity, adherence to high standards, profound knowledge of the subjects being taught, and appreciation of individual differences, needs, and strengths, these award winning teachers raise the quality of education to new heights.

Sharing the honors with the Teaching Excellence Awards winners are the 2011 Distinguished Staff Award Winner Michael Driscoll and 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award Winner Robert Studdiford.

Michael Driscoll has been an amazing asset to Richmond High School. As site supervisor, Michael is admired by colleagues, respected by students, and popular with teaching staff. There is no doubt Richmond High School is a safer and better school for our students because of him.

Robert Studdiford is an education dynamo. As PTSA President at El Cerrito High School, Chairman of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, as well as advocate

for the ECHS Mountain Biking team and El Cerrito High School Theater, Robert’s efforts have been tireless and distinguished.

We want to recognize and congratulate these honorees for all the wonderful work they carry out with our students on a daily basis.

Recommendation:

Congratulate honorees

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **D.4 Budget Update**

Comment:

Associate Superintendent Business Services will provide an update on the budget.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **D.5 Standing Reports**

Representatives of the following committees and employee unions are invited to provide a brief update to the Board. Representatives from these groups need to sign up to speak prior to the beginning of this item on the agenda by submitting a “Request to Address the Board” form. Five minutes may be allowed for each subcommittee or group listed below:

Academic Subcommittee	Public Employees Local 1
Bayside Parent Teacher Association	School Supervisors Association
Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee	United Teachers of Richmond
Community Budget Advisory Committee	West Contra Costa Administrators Association
Facilities Subcommittee	
Ivy League Connection	
Linked Learning – Multiple Pathways	
Safety Committee	
Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee	
Youth Commission	

\* **D.6 In Memory of Members of the School Community**

Comment:

The District would like to take time to recognize the contributions of members of our school community who have passed away. The District requests the community to submit names to be reported as a regular part of each agenda.



Valerie Camilli passed away on March 7, 2011. Ms. Camilli attended District schools and graduated from Richmond High. She worked for the District from 1986 to 2009, starting at Ford Elementary and retiring as Senior Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

Anne Golson passed away March 1, 2011. She worked 25 years in the District at Lincoln and Belding schools. Belding was later renamed as César Chávez Elementary. Anne was very dedicated and had a passion for teaching and helping children.

Richmond High student Lakeya Wiley was tragically killed on March 31, 2011. She is remembered as a good student by staff and friends.

Our thoughts go out to the family and friends in the loss of their loved one.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

**E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

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

\* **E.1 Superintendent's Report**

\* **E.2 Request to Address the Board – Diane Brown**

Comment:

Diane Brown, President of the United Teachers of Richmond, has requested opportunity to speak to the Board regarding Seniority Criteria.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Members of the public are invited to speak to the Board about any matter that is not otherwise on the agenda and is related to issues affecting public education in the WCCUSD. **Approximately 30 minutes will be allocated for this item.** If there are more requests to speak than can be heard within this time limit, "WCCUSD Public Comment" will continue after Item G. Individuals wishing to speak must submit a "WCCUSD Public Comment" form prior to the beginning of this item on the agenda.

Depending on the number of persons who wish to speak, from one to three minutes will be allocated to each speaker at the discretion of the President of the Board in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. The Board cannot dialogue on any issues brought before it by the public that have not been previously agendaized, but may refer these to staff for response and/or placement on future agendas.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

\* **F.1 Resolution No. 61-1011: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees**

Comment:

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

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

\$279,976 Related to school closure (reflected in savings already projected)

\$146,139 General Fund

\$43,521 Food Service Fund

\$54,306 Special Education – reduces contribution needed from the general fund

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

\* **G.1 Community Roots Academy**

Comment:

Community Roots Academy submitted a petition to West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) on March 14, to establish an independent charter school. Pursuant to the Charter School Act of 1992 (the “Act”), Education Code Section 47600 et seq., the Legislature has charged local school boards with the responsibility of reviewing and acting on petitions for charter schools.

Education Code section 47605(b) requires the Board, within 30 days of submission of the petition, to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Petition. That is the purpose of this agenda item.

The Act also requires the Board to either grant or deny the Petition within 60 days of submission. Staff and legal counsel are receiving and analyzing information related to the Petition, as well as the operation and potential effects of the proposed charter school, and will make a recommendation as to the petition at a subsequent board meeting.

Recommendation:

Public hearing only at this time

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined

\* **G.2 Bond Finance**

Comment:

Dave Olson, Financial Advisor from KNN, and Jeff Barrata, Managing Director from Piper Jaffray, will present information on the bond finance program. This will include information regarding the recent

waiver granted by the State Board of Education, the Qualified School Construction Bond allocation and information regarding a bond issuance in November.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **G.3 El Cerrito High School Theater**

Comment:

The El Cerrito High School Theater, which opened in the Fall of 2009, has great potential to enhance and improve the student experiences in the visual and performing arts. It is also an excellent asset for the community at large, offering a state of the art venue for performing arts groups. In order to more fully realize the benefits of the theater it is important to update the plan for student and other stakeholder use. It is also important to recognize that in order to keep the theater in top operating condition an investment is needed for all stakeholders. This investment should include a plan for curriculum and student involvement, as well as a plan for funding. Staff will provide a report for the Board summarizing how the theater is currently used and Jason Reimann, Principal of El Cerrito High School, will share concepts to move a plan for the theater to fruition for the 2011-12 school year.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

\* **G.4 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction**

Comment:

The following are provided for review of Facilities Planning and construction in the District's Bond Program and for information regarding individual projects:

- Engineering Officer's Report – Verbal Presentation
- Construction Status Reports – Current Construction Projects

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

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

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – May 4, 2011

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention will be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another or the following Board meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

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

**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 **6:30 PM**.

**EXHIBIT A**

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**April 13, 2011**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

WCCUSD v. Orrick

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED/POTENTIAL LITIGATION**  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]

Four cases

**4. LIABILITY CLAIMS** (Government Code Section 54956.95)

**5. 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

**6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

**7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Government Code Section 54957)

**8. STUDENT DISCIPLINE** (Education Code Section 35146)

Expulsions

**9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/COMPLAINT**  
(Government Code Section 54957)

Certificated Employee Dismissal

**10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**