

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

October 1, 2008

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Karen Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Pfeifer called the Public Session to order at 6:34 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Pfeifer led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Pfeifer offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, President Karen Pfeifer

Board Members Absent: Dave Brown

Staff Present: Alejandro Alonso, Interpreter; Andre Bell, Senior Director Bond Services (Interim); Adrienne Blalock, Director of Bond Facilities; Paul Ehara, Director of Communications; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; Harlan Kerr, Coordinator Education Services; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Interim Electronics Supervisor; Toni Oklan-Arko, Executive Director; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer.

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked that the Board ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Ms. Christina McCoy to the position of Assistant Principal for Adult Education.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint Ms. Christina McCoy to the position of Assistant Principal for Adult Education. Ms. Miles seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey requested to amend the agenda by moving the Consent Items to follow Item B.6. Ms. Miles moved to approve and adopt the agenda with Mr. Ramsey's request to move the Consent Items to follow Item B.6. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.6 Minutes: September 17, 2008

Public Comment:

Jill Wolkenfeld spoke asking to clarify her remarks recorded in the September 17, 2008 minutes regarding an interest in rather than a recommendation of a seismic committee.

Dr. Harter recommended that the minutes be amended to reflect that change and approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the minutes of September 17, 2008 as amended. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Consent Items

This item was moved to follow B. 6

- G.1 Contracted Services**
- G.2 Grants/Awards/Agreements**
- G.3 Acceptance of Donations**
- G.4 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
- G.5 Agreements for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services**
- G.6 Revised Board of Education Annual Resolutions Numbers 06-0809, 09-0809, 10-0809, 11-0809, 37-0809 for the 2008-09 School Year**
- G.7 Certificated Personnel Changes**
- G.8 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)**
- G.9 Approve Job Description: Associate Superintendent for Operations**
- G.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- G.11 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- G.12 Ratification of Previously Awarded Contracts**
- G.13 Riverside Elementary School I-80 Pedestrian Overcrossing District Letter of Concurrence**
Dr. Harter corrected a typographical error to replace Barrett Avenue with McBryde Avenue where mentioned in this item.

Public Comment:

Jill Wolkenfeld asked questions about the announcement of a community meeting scheduled for October 2, 2008 regarding this item.

G.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Appointment

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items G.1 to G.14 with the correction to Item G. 13. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

C. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

C.1 2008 Academic Performance Indices (API) Growth Targets – Recognition of Schools

Nia Rashidchi recognized the following schools which met the 2008 API and AYP growth targets. In the audience were many families and teachers representing these schools. The six district families were introduced by a representative principal for each group.

Richmond Family – Matt Wayne

- Dover - API
- Ford - API/AYP
- Grant – API
- Peres – API/AYP
- Verde – API

Pinole Family – Wendy Forrest

- Ellerhorst – API/AYP
- Montalvin – API

Kennedy Family – Linda Cohen

- Coronado – API
- Lincoln – API
- Riverside – API/AYP
- Kappa - AYP

Hercules Family – Anita Hayward

- Hanna Ranch – API/AYP
- Lupine Hills – API/AYP
- Ohlone – API/AYP
- Middle College – API/AYP

El Cerrito Family – Dorris Holland

- Castro – API/AYP
- Harding - API/AYP
- Kensington - API/AYP
- Madera - API/AYP
- Washington - API/AYP

DeAnza Family – Carlena Moss

- El Sobrante - API/AYP
- Highland – AYP
- Murphy - API/AYP
- Olinda – AYP
- Sheldon – AYP
- Valley View - AYP

C.2 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Recognition of Schools

This item was presented in combination with C.1.

Public Comment:

Robert Studdiford spoke about the stable administration put in place at Castro Elementary School which set the foundation for allowing collaboration and success in academic achievement. He said he sees the same collaboration and dedication throughout the district.

Board Comment: None

C.3 Report on the Efforts by District Counselors to Promote a College-Going Culture at their Sites

This item was tabled.

C.4 Budget Report Update

Ms. Gamba spoke about the recent state adopted budget as it concerns the school district. She provided a brief report on major funding sources and upcoming revisions to the budget based upon the 45 day review requirement within the Education Code. She reported that there is no real improvement to the unrestricted revenues based upon the Governor's budget and the questionable nature of State revenues means the district can expect mid-year reductions in 2008-09. She also reported that all the changes would be incorporated into the First Interim Report which will be presented to the Board in December.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked questions about finalization of P1 numbers and CBEDS data. Ms. Gamba responded. He continued with questions about Jack Schrader and Associates services to be used in redistricting data. Dr. Harter provided clarification.

President Pfeifer asked questions about estimated flat revenues. Ms. Gamba responded that the State will not release any new COLA revenues. She expects no State movement to raise taxes or correct its deficit and is projecting flat revenues. Should the district learn that specific programs are being cut in January, these will be brought to the Board.

Public Comment:

Robert Studdiford asked the public to be aware as budget concerns are the root of the district's future health.

D. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

D.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of events in district schools.

D.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Al Kirkman said he is proud to be a citizen in California as we go through economic hard times. He spoke in support of Measure D and the consequences of it not passing.

Jill Wolkenfeld said she takes her son to school outside of this district because she feels he is safe and is getting the education he deserves.

Jose Canchola, Student Body Vice President at Richmond High, said students are more actively participating in class and need more trained teachers, not substitutes, and that more site supervisors are also needed to ensure security on campus.

Cathy Garza, President of Bayside Councils of PTA, said that Measure D is critical as this funding source affects all children, urging the public to volunteer to spread the message.

Antonio Medrano spoke in support of Measure D.

E. ACTION ITEMS

E.1 Public Hearing – Resolution No. 39-0809: Grades K – 12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to open a public hearing and then adopt a resolution for textbook and materials sufficiency.

President Pfeifer opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: None

President Pfeifer closed the Public Hearing.

Board Comment:

President Pfeifer asked about any student who may need replacement texts. Superintendent Harter urged those families to talk with teachers and principals about needing textbook material as the district is doing everything possible to be in compliance.

E.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 39-0809: Grades K – 12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 39-0809: Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

E.3 NCLB Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Tutoring Contracts

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ms. Toni Oklan-Arko who presented information regarding Supplemental Educational Services.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles asked about the process of evaluation of services. Ms. Oklan-Arko responded that the district is prohibited by law and only the State Board of Education may evaluate and approve service providers.

Ms. Miles asked what measures are used to determine whether the child is successful once the tutoring services are used. Ms. Oklan-Arko responded that the provider evaluates and reports successes to the State. The district supplements that with a parent satisfaction survey and can pass information on to the California Department of Education.

Mr. Ramsey asked about resources for CAHSEE in supplemental services and said that he sensed parents are engaged and excited to get the information.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the parent satisfaction survey. Ms. Oklan-Arko responded that it is a district created survey mailed to parents of children with approximately a 60% return rate. The data are used for informal feedback to the CDE.

Mr. Ramsey commented on services for children of poverty.

Ms. Pfeifer asked about students taking advantage of these services. Ms. Oklan-Arko provided information regarding the funds available and the number of eligible students. She explained that when the funds are not expended they revert to Title I carryover for redistribution the following year to school sites councils. Ms. Pfeifer further asked whether the district monitors student performance before and after SES. Ms. Oklan-Arko said it is hard to isolate the impact of supplemental services from other efforts also made by Title I schools.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the NCLB Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Tutoring Contracts. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with Mr. Brown absent and no abstentions. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1 Status Reports – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Bill Savidge provided an updated report of the bond program construction in the district.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked questions regarding the El Cerrito High furniture and equipment order.

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Consent Items – This item was moved to follow B. 6

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

President Pfeifer asked a question of Ms. Romeo regarding the minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2008. Ms. Romeo discussed bringing back the minutes to the next meeting with corrections for approval.

Mr. Ramsey said it was nice to celebrate the schools' successes. He spoke about the City of Hercules and the Education Commission's unanimous support for Measure D. Mr. Ramsey thanked Mr. Greer for coordinating bus tours to Sacramento and Modesto. He concluded by saying that college admissions officers are coming more often to our district high schools to meet and recruit students.

Ms. Kronenberg said she took three Kennedy students to an event to learn about Bowdoin College. She commended Coronado school and staff for their extraordinary efforts in math improvements. She concluded by saying that Measure D needs public support for phone banking and precinct walking.

Ms. Miles thanked all the schools who participated in tonight's AYP / API growth recognition. She said it is important to recognize their progress. The district is in the process of increasing test scores, graduation rates, and passage of the CAHSEE. She offered thanks to teachers and parents for their efforts.

Ms. Pfeifer announced upcoming events; the Home Front Festival for the City of Richmond this weekend, WCCUSD candidates' night at Murphy Elementary, October 8, at 7:00 PM, and a fundraiser for the El Cerrito High School jazz band at Downtown Restaurant in Berkeley, October 12.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – October 15, 2008

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Pfeifer adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

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

BH:dh

<i>MK</i> Approved
