

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

October 15, 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 6:32 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: Dave Brown, Madeline Kronenberg, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, President Karen Pfeifer

Staff Present: Joe Abrego, Executive Director of Technology; Alejandre Alonso, Interpreter; Doris Avalos, Executive Director; Andre Bell, Executive Director Business Services; Adrienne Blalock, Director of Bond Facilities; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Paul Ehara, Director of Communications; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Interim Electronics Supervisor; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Vince Rhea, Executive Director; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Consuelo Rojas, Communications; Phyllis Rosen, Legal Assistant; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement.

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative Cari Tam, Middle College High School

Ms. Tam spoke about current programs and fundraising at Middle College High School and the next Leadership Conference in Denver.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel three (3) students and suspend those expulsions from the West Contra Costa Unified School District via the expulsion hearing process.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel three (3) students via the expulsion hearing process, and suspend those expulsions. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Superintendent Harter asked that the Board ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint André Bell to the position of Executive Director of Business Services.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to appoint André Bell to the position of Executive Director of Business Services. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Superintendent Harter asked that the Board ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to extend the Superintendent's contract through June 2012.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to extend the Superintendent's contract through June 2012. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Tam (advisory vote only) and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: October 1, 2008

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the minutes of October 1, 2008. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Tam (advisory vote only) and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

C.1 Employee Service Anniversary Recognition

Board Members, Superintendent Harter and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Jessica Romeo honored veteran school district employees for reaching milestone years for their service and presented service pin awards to those present in honor of 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

C.2 Report on the Efforts by District Counselors to Promote a College-Going Culture at their Sites

Wendell Greer introduced staff to provide an overview of the role and practice of counselors in district schools. Doris Avalos recognized the counselors for promoting a college-going culture at each of their school sites. Tralee Johnson, Middle School Counselor at Hercules Middle High School, spoke about working with teenagers, adults, teachers, parents and administration, and provided a sampling of her daily activities. Terry Sinclair, Counselor at Pinole Valley high School, discussed the ways in which counselors assist students to prepare for college. He spoke about how the parcel tax helps counselors and urged voters to vote yes on Measure D.

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the large responsibility placed on counselors at school sites, including assisting with college applications.

Ms. Kronenberg discussed the importance of preparing parents to deal with students going away to college and about giving the PSAT to more students.

Ms. Miles spoke about the importance of strengthening the district's counseling process and the need to provide services for parents. She expressed appreciation for the counselors and the support they provide.

Mr. Ramsey requested that students who are involved in the process come to a future academic subcommittee meeting to share their experience.

President Pfeifer thanked the counselors and in particular one counselor at El Cerrito High School who assisted her daughter.

C.3 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report

None

C.4 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter acknowledged the contributions of members of our school community who have passed away and shared in a moment of silence.

D. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

D.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of events in district schools.

D.2 Request to Address the Board on East Bay Regional Park District's Park'n It Summer Day Camp

Anne Kassebaum, Recreation Services Manager at the East Bay Regional Park District, provided an overview of the program.

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg inquired about the number of students in the program and offered congratulations to Ms. Kassebaum. Ms. Miles thanked Ms. Kassebaum for program and asked about broadening the scope of the program. Ms. Kassebaum responded.

D.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

Antonio Medrano urged the community to support Measure D. He encouraged everyone to attend the Ed Fund annual fundraiser Sunday, October 19, the Parents as Partners Conference on November 1st and the Fifth Annual Youth Conference at DeJean on November 25th.

Robert Studdiford expressed thanks to all the teachers who received service pins this evening for their dedication. Liam Studdiford announced the Halloween Concert at Portola on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Mike Wasilchin reminded everyone that Friday, October 17th is Classified Training Day, and encouraged ongoing support and commitment to Measure D.

Esteban Barrera-Limon, Claudio Tiznado, Cristian Carrillo and Jorge Biviano, students at Richmond High School, spoke about the importance of counselors to furthering their education and in pursuing opportunities following graduation.

Board Comment:

President Pfeifer said that if the resources were there the district would double the number of counselors, and encouraged the students to participate in activities to help pass Measure D to continue the counselors they have.

E. ACTION ITEMS

E.1 Board Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) October 2008 – November 2009

Nia Rashidchi read a revision to this item into the record as follows (*changes in italics*):

Background Information:

In 2006, the District adopted a new template for the Single School Plan for Student Achievement. The plans serve as a vehicle for communicating information about a school and efforts underway to improve academic achievement, as well as a description of how supplemental categorical funds from the Consolidated Application are used. School plans provide legally-mandated requirements and comprehensive information that includes:

- A description of how parents are involved in the school program;
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data analysis and assessment of student learning;
- An Action Plan for improving student achievement and closing the achievement gap;
- A plan to improve attendance; and
- A plan to promote a safe, welcoming and disciplined learning environment.

Training and support were provided to assist schools in using the template and in completing their plans. The plans were developed by and have been approved by the School Site Councils (SSCs). The plans are available for review on the District website and at the State and Federal Programs department located at the Seaview Campus.

The SPSAs for the school on the attached list are submitted for approval.

Recommendation: Board Approval

Fiscal Impact: Categorical revenue

(Attachment):

***Single Plans for Student Achievement
Submitted for Board Approval***

Adams
Bayview
Castro
Chavez
Collins
Coronado

Grant
Hanna Ranch
Harbour Way
Helms
Hercules High
Hercules Middle

Ohlone
Olinda
Peres
Pinole Valley
Richmond
Riverside

<i>Crespi</i>	<i>Highland</i>	<i>Shannon</i>
<i>DeAnza</i>	<i>Kensington</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>
<i>DeJean</i>	<i>Lake</i>	<i>Stege</i>
<i>Dover</i>	<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Downer</i>	<i>Lipine Hills</i>	<i>Tara Hills</i>
<i>El Cerrito</i>	<i>Madera</i>	<i>TLC</i>
<i>El Sobrante</i>	<i>Middle College</i>	<i>Valley View</i>
<i>Ellerhorst</i>	<i>Montalvin</i>	<i>Verde</i>
<i>Fairmont</i>	<i>Murphy</i>	<i>Vista</i>
<i>Ford</i>	<i>North Campus</i>	<i>Washington</i>
<i>Gompers</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Wilson</i>

Ms. Rashidchi introduced staff to provide a brief overview of how the SPSA process works and requested Board approval of the SPSAs as listed.

Toni Oklan-Arko, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs, discussed the overall district-wide process of moving all 60 of the participating school plans forward and provided an update on current progress.

Janet Amani Scott, Principal at Peres Elementary, spoke about the process of improving the SPSA last year at Peres and school wide goals and priorities for 2008-2009.

Sheri Bell, Principal at Juan Crespi Middle School, described the SPSA as a “living document” and discussed how the process at Juan Crespi is developing. She spoke about the vital role played by the library, librarians and counselors and the importance of passing Measure D.

Sue Kahn, Principal Pinole Valley High School, spoke about achieving equity goals as well as each student’s goal for college and work life preparation. She discussed aligning WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) recommendations with the school plan and the role of the school site council.

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles expressed strong support of this program and said it demonstrated how hard teachers and administration are working to achieve goals.

President Pfeifer clarified that the school site councils and single site plans are directly involved with how schools spend relatively large amounts of money in the district, and asked Ms. Rashidchi to explain how the process works.

Ms. Rashidchi clarified that funding comes from categorical funds or grants additional to general funds to be spent above and beyond core based programs to especially serve our traditionally underserved students. She said the school site council makes the final determination how the money is spent and has great impact on how schools close achievement gap and improve academics for all students.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Item E.1 Board Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) October 2008 – November 2009. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Tam (advisory vote only) and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E.2 2008-09 Budget Revisions

Sheri Gamba presented a summary of the budget revisions for 2008-09 due to the impact of the state adopted budget, and requested Board approval.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Item E.2, 2008-09 Budget Revisions. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Tam (advisory vote only) and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Consent Items

- G.1 Contracted Services**
- G.2 Grants/Awards/Agreements**
- G.3 Acceptance of Donations**
- G.4 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
- G.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**
- G.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 41-0809 Replacement of Outdated Warrants**
- G.7 Budget Development Calendar 2009-10**
- G.8 Contract with Employee Health and Welfare Providers – Resolution No. 42-0809: Board of Education Members Retiring Prior to January 1, 2009**
- G.9 Certificated Personnel Changes**
- G.10 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated**
- G.11 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)**
- G.12 Notification of Claim Approval and Settlement Payment**
- G.13 Notification of Claim Rejected**
- G.14 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- G.15 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- G.16 Ratification of Previously Awarded Contract**
- G.17 Network Support Services RFP #0809-01**
- G.18 Student Information System (SIS) & Services RFP #0809-02**
- G.19 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report**
- G.20 Red Ribbon Board Resolution No. 40-0809**

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Consent Items. Ms. Miles seconded. Mr. Brown, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Tam (advisory vote only) and President Pfeifer voted yes, with no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Brown spoke about the importance of Measure D passing, and urged everyone to vote yes.

Mr. Ramsey thanked Student Representative Tam for her contribution. He thanked Wendell Greer for his vision for having the PSAT given and spoke about the importance of passing Measure D.

Ms. Tam spoke about the value of taking the PSAT and the need for counselors, and encouraged people to vote for Measure D.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the equitable use of Measure D funds throughout the district and encouraged everyone to go to the childrenofwestcounty.com website and join in precinct walking Saturdays at 9:30 AM at Local One offices in support of Measure D.

President Pfeifer announced the Phase I Pinole Middle School Celebration at 6:30 PM, Thursday October 16th.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – October 15, 2008

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Pfeifer adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

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

BH:pr

<i>MK</i> Approved
