

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting**

**GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP**

**Lovonya DeJean Middle School**  
**Band Room, G112**  
**3400 Macdonald Avenue**  
**Richmond, CA 94805**  
**April 4, 2009**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 AM.

**Board Present:** Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond, and President Audrey Miles

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Bruce Harter

**Facilitator:** Kirk Berger

**II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**III. California School Boards Association facilitated discussion of Governance Issues**

Kirk Berger from the California School Boards association was introduced to the Board. Mr. Berger provided introductory comments regarding the governance process and how the CSBA goes about supporting the development of the governance team which includes the Board and the Superintendent. He outlined the major components of the governance system including: Unity of Purpose, Role of the Board, Culture of the Organization and the Structure and the Process.

Mr. Berger reminded the Board that the Board has responsibilities that include direction setting, establishing the structure for governance inside the district, providing support to the superintendent and sharing the accountability as well as acting as community leaders. Mr. Berger reminded the Board that two key Board Bylaws, Bylaw 9000 and 9005, provide the Board policy context for the operation of the school board.

Mr. Berger led the Board through discussion of four critical questions:

1. Why is the School Board job so important?
2. To whom is the Board responsible?
3. What legacy do we want as Board members?
4. How do we want the Board to be perceived?

The board completed the afternoon with a discussion led by Mr. Berger about Board meeting management.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

<p><u>AAM</u> Approved 4-22-09</p>
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