

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting
Lovonya DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801**

March 31, 2010

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

A.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

A.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

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

A.3 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Mercedes Castro, Interpreter; Pamala Blake, Director of Alternative Education; Maria Delgado, Truancy Prevention Assistant; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Janet McMurray, Truancy Prevention Assistant; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

A.4 Public Comment

Merari Villaseñor

B. ACTION ITEM

B.1 Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Superintendent Harter provided information regarding the District's support of local municipalities' daytime curfew ordinances as an additional tool in working with local law enforcement agencies to reduce truancy. Mr. Greer provided information regarding truancy reduction.

Richmond Police Chief Chris Magnas spoke in support of working with the District to build a strong relationship toward crime prevention, deterring juvenile crime and victimization during school hours. He said this ordinance is intended to protect both young people and the community. He introduced the Co-Executive Directors of the RYSE Center, Kanwarpal Dhaliwal and Kimberly Aceves, saying that the RYSE Center, as well as Richmond PAL, are potential partners for Attendance Centers to assist in assessment and possible intervention services with truant minors.

Chief Magnus continued to detail the process to engage parents/guardians in returning minors to school. Discussion followed with Board members and the Chief. Representatives from the RYSE Center and staff also responded to questions.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District, as well as pass along findings to the City Council with the commitment to find funding for truancy prevention aspects, community monitoring, and ongoing conversation between the Board and City Council on the implementation. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Ms. Miles moved approval of Resolution No. 80-0910: Supporting Daytime Curfews in Contra Costa County and Municipalities within the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Ramsey seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Kronenberg voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Further discussion continued with a suggestion that the Academic Subcommittee look at the truancy process, involving staff and the intervention program within the financial means that the District can currently support. Review of the budget, intervention, and dropout rates are commitments currently addressed by District counselors.

C. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

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

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