

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

October 6, 2010

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:31 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Kronenberg offered welcome to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond arrived at 8:06 PM. Audrey Miles was absent due to illness.

Staff Present: Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Rosa Cornejo, Confidential Secretary; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Josh Herrera, Electronics Technician; Harlan Kerr, Coordinator Educational Services; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Sue Kahn, Principal, Pinole Valley High; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ann Reinhamen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer

B.4 Presentation of Student Representative Suzanna Tran from El Cerrito High School

Ms. Tran provided a report of activities at El Cerrito High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel six (6) students, suspending those expulsions for placement in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the expulsions and suspension for placement of six (6) students. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

B.7 Minutes: September 15, 2010

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval the Minutes of September 15, 2010. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Contracted Services

C.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 21-1011: Replacement of Outdated Warrant

- C.6 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers
- C.7 Notices of Completion: Bid D06075 Helms New Construction, J068233 Portola Middle School Temp Housing Underground Utilities and Site Work Phase I, J068236 Portola Middle School Temp Housing Underground Utilities and Site Work Phase II, J068243 Richmond College Prep Portable Building Utility Installation & Site Work, J068193 El Cerrito Portable Building Utility Removal & Misc Site Work, E068213 Crespi Exterior Gymnasium Wall Project, W068214 Coronado MP Demolition, E068225 Adams Paving & General Site Work
- C.8 Resolution No. 25-1011: Local Agency Investment Fund
- C.9 Certificated Personnel Changes
- C.10 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified
- C.11 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)
- C.12 Resolution No. 22-1011: Red Ribbon Week
- C.13 Clarification of Board’s Intention
- C.14 Resolution No. 24-1011: In Support of Efforts to Substantially Increase the Ability of Local School Districts to Deliver Content and Services Through the Use of Broadband Technology
- C.15 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Frank Borg representing Citizens Advisory Committee on Special Education (CAC)
- C.16 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- C.17 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.18 2010 Developer Fee Justification Study
- C.19 Chavez Elementary Window and Door Replacement Project Contract Award
- C.20 Verde Elementary School and Lupine Hills Elementary School Tile Wall Repairs Projects Contract Award

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.20. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

- C.21 Recommendations from Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (“CBOC”) regarding the Annual Performance Audit

Public Comment:
Anton Junger

Board Comment:
Mr. Ramsey asked for clarification of this item. Superintendent Harter clarified that the Board is being asked to accept the report from the CBOC.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.21 Recommendations from Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (“CBOC”) regarding the Annual Performance Audit. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

- D.1 **Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year (TOY), Michele Lamons**
Ms. Radshidchi introduced Connor Miller and Lucas Brant, Pinole Valley High School students, to officially introduce Ms. Lamons. The Board and Cabinet members joined in recognition of Ms. Lamons. Ms. Lamons gave the speech she had given at the County Teacher of the Year Ceremony.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Ramsey commented on how Ms. Lamons has been a big part of the Ivy Connection and that he is thrilled that she is being recognized for her dedication, hard work and selflessness.
Mr. Medrano congratulated Ms. Lamons and wished her luck at the state level competition.
Ms. Kronenberg commended Ms. Lamons for her inspiration to students. She thanked her and wished Ms. Lamons luck in the state level competition.

D.2 Report on Volunteer Efforts in WCCUSD

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement. Mr. Trujillo offered an update of volunteer efforts. He also provided a brief summary of volunteerism in the District.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Kronenberg thanked Mr. Trujillo and recognized the growth of volunteers in the District.

D.3 Report on the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant

Mr. Greer provided the Board with information on the REMS Grant and introduced Michael Wasilchin of Public Employees Union, Local One. He also recognized Mr. Freese and Dr. Abrego for their support.

Mr. Washilchin gave an overview of the components of the REMS Grant. He also gave a presentation on the grant's coordination, funding and program implementation.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano asked Mr. Wasilchin whether the cities of San Pablo, Pinole and El Cerrito are expected to participate.

Mr. Washilchin responded that it will be collaborative effort.

Mr. Medrano asked about a sizeable earthquake knocking down the cell phone towers and landline communication.

Mr. Washilchin gave an explanation regarding a standardized response plan of communication centralized throughout local jurisdictions using existing emergency response applications.

Ms. Kronenberg asked how many other bay area districts received a similar grant.

Mr. Greer shared that only one other district in Solano County was also awarded the grant this year.

D.4 Standing Reports

Bayside Council of PTAs. Christina Slamon gave an update of Bayside Council's participation in the Reflections & Art program with this year's theme of "Together We Can."

Ivy League Connection. Mr. Ramsey spoke about the visit from University of San Francisco's admissions officer to Pinole Valley High School and how the event was successful. He also gave an update on Brown University's preplanning meeting to identify eight district students for a mentor program. Mr. Ramsey announced future visits of college admission officers to the district.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano gave an update from the last meeting where they addressed two action items. The Facilities Subcommittee approved the recommendation to rescind the decision to relocate Gompers and Leadership Public School at the Kennedy High School site and confirm a new project for Gompers / LPS campus at the Gompers site. The second action item was to approve the recommendation of the master plan for the reconstruction of Pinole Valley High School. He reported that the committee also discussed updates on bonds sales, Nystrom Elementary classroom modernization project status, El Cerrito High School Field project and Coronado Elementary School's reconstruction status.

Mr. Ramsey informed the public that the Board had taken action on the consent agenda to approve the clarification of item C.13 Clarification of the Board's Intention regarding the Gompers / LPS project.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi gave an update from the September 28th meeting where the discussion focused on the District's new District Advisory Committee. Discussions were also focused on the Writer's Coach Program at El Cerrito High and Civic Pride Annual "Knowledge is Power" Youth Leadership Forum on October 9.

Safety Committee. Mr. Greer gave an update from the September 22 meeting where discussion included goals and objectives for the new year. Representatives from District middle and high schools discussed issues and concerns. Ms. Kronenberg commented on their discussion of best practices and safety, and how each site approaches it differently. She said the REMS Grant was also discussed.

Mr. Medrano announced the City of San Pablo Youth Services division has started a new series of meetings to discuss youth violence. The next meeting will be held October 7 at Helms Middle School.

Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba gave an update from the last meeting where an overview of the unaudited actuals was reviewed. She said the next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

E.1 Superintendent’s Report
Superintendent Harter reported on activities in the District and in the community.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Public Comment:
Anton Junger, Mike Mahoney, Judi Jung

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Public Hearing: Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
Ms. Rashidchi informed the Board that every District school has been checked for sufficiency and have met the State requirements for sufficiency in terms of “Williams”. The District is 100% textbook sufficient with “Williams” requirements and Education Code 60119.

President Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:
Giorgio Cosentino

Board Comment:
None

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

F.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 26-1011: Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Adoption of Resolution No. 26-1011: Grades K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and with Ms. Miles and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

F.3 Pinole Valley High School Reconstruction Site Master Plan and Architectural Services Contract
Mr. Savidge presented the Master Plan for the reconstruction of Pinole Valley High and Board approval. He introduced Sue Kahn, Pinole Valley High Principal, and Kevin MacQuarrie, WLC Architect. Ms. Khan gave a brief summary of the Site Committee meetings and announced the next meeting will be held next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Pinole Valley High.

Mr. MacQuarrie presented the Master Plan for the reconstruction of Pinole Valley High School.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey recognized Jackie Bassman, the lead WLC architect for the Pinole Valley plan. Mr. Ramsey congratulated all parts of the District for showing willingness to cooperate and vote to improve other schools in the District.

Mr. Medrano said he was very pleased and excited with the progress.

Ms. Kronenberg said she had only two words; “promises kept”. She looks forward attending the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Thurmond arrived at 8:06 p.m. due to a work emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Pinole Valley High School Reconstruction Site Master Plan and Architectural Services Contract. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Miles absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Alvarado Unity High Charter School

Executive Director, Linda Jackson introduced Mr. Tsang, Executive Director of Unity High School and their Charter School petition. Mr. Tsang introduced Mr. Sam Brewer, Assistant Principal, and Daniel Zarazua, Social Studies Teacher, to present their charter school petition.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey commented on the lack of a facility plan. He recommended that they be comprehensive when they submit the petition.

Mr. Medrano asked about the population and ethnic makeup of Unity High School in Oakland. Mr. Tsang provided a response.

Mr. Thurmond asked about the timeline for opening a school in West Contra Costa Unified School District and about their estimated budget and fundraising. Mr. Tsang clarified the source of their budget. Mr. Thurmond expressed his concerns how some charters school applicants with have no ability to raise funds for themselves, and his desire to be transparent when the petition comes back for approval. Mr. Thurmond also asked about their advisory concept and how it is managed and funded. Mr. Zarazua offered further information. Mr. Thurmond said he would like to visit Unity High and learn more about the advisor process.

G.2 Review of Board Policy 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment

Mr. Greer provided the Board with an update on the District’s Sexual Harassment Policy.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

G.3 Status Reports – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Savidge gave a brief report on the facilities projects in the District.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked for an update of DeAnza’s misapplication of the coating. Mr. Savidge responded. He also asked for clarification of the agreement with the City of Pinole for the Pinole Middle School field project. Mr. Savidge clarified. Mr. Ramsey asked about the budget for the bathroom project and how many projects will be completed. Mr. Savidge provided information.

Mr. Medrano had questions about the position of the fencing at Richmond High School. Mr. Savidge clarified.

Ms. Kronenberg asked for clarification regarding the new cafeteria at DeAnza High School. Mr. Savidge responded.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)
None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Medrano shared what he learned at the California Latino School Board Association meeting he recently attended in Los Angeles. He provided information on ESL student placement in ESL classes in high school as well as placement in regular English classes. He said he will provide copies of the documentation he received to share with the Board members.

Mr. Thurmond announced that the Youth Commission will meet October 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the RYSE Center in Richmond. He also announced Safety Committee will meet at Richmond High School this month to review the progress with the fencing, lighting and cameras. The meeting will take place October 27, 2010, 6:00 at Richmond High School.

Ms. Kronenberg thanked everyone for the prompt response regarding the DeAnza High School fire. She said she is proud of the model response and applauded everyone and the community. She reminded the audience of the importance of Measure M and joining the support efforts.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – October 20, 2010

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

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

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