

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

January 5, 2011

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:36 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey offered welcome to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

Staff Present: Mike Aaronian, Coordinator Linked Learning; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Director Internal Audits; Otilia Espinoza, Interpreter; Bob Evans, DeAnza Principal; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Rhonda Haney, Coordinator Youth Development; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Nicole Joyner, Grant Writer; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical & Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ann Reinhalten, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Vince Rhea, Executive Director; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendations of January 5, 2011 for expulsion cases #001, #002 and #003.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendations of January 5, 2011 for expulsion cases #001, #002 and #003. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session regarding the denial of a Local One employee grievance.

Motion: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval to ratify the vote taken to deny a Local One employee grievance. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with the moving of item F.2, Student Reassignment for Shannon Elementary, to follow item B.6 in order to accommodate members of the audience. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Minutes: December 8, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval the Minutes of December 8, 2010. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 Student Reassignment for Shannon Elementary

Superintendent Harter presented information regarding the recommendation for attendance areas for Shannon Elementary School, a review of the timeline of activities, community input and Board recommendations for reassignment to Collins, Montalvin and Tara Hills Elementary Schools. He asked the Board to approve student attendance areas for Shannon beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked questions about the community meeting held for Shannon parents and interested community members. Superintendent Harter responded that written notice was sent to all students' families resulting in 100-150 people attending and providing opportunity for feedback. Mr. Thurmond asked for a highlight of the changes that came out of the meeting. Superintendent Harter provided clarification.

Mr. Medrano asked about the current enrollment of Montalvin, Collins, and Tara Hills schools. Superintendent Harter responded with the enrollment figures and noted that 150 students would be added to Collins and fewer than 100 to each of the other schools. Mr. Medrano asked about transfer policies. Superintendent Harter stated that as part of the recommendation, preference would be given to displaced students from Shannon. Mr. Medrano asked about the use of portables buildings on each campus to accommodate the additional students. Superintendent Harter responded that facilities needs and staffing at each of the schools will be determined by capacity during the spring. He further said that principals at the three schools made a presentation at the recent Shannon meeting so that families could begin to make connections with them.

Mr. Thurmond asked about travel time added for families being redistricted to a new school. Superintendent Harter responded that in some cases travel time will be moderately changed with an average of one half mile farther distance.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Student Reassignment for Shannon Elementary. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Jacob Barnett (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

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 Summary of Vendor Warrant Reports

C.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 42-1011: Replacement of Outdated Warrant

C.7 Notices of Completion: Bid J068247 Helms Middle School Road 20 Street Improvements

C.8 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44285.3

C.9 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)

C.10 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.11 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointments

Mr. Fay read the revised précis into the record:

Eduardo Martinez has been appointed by Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin as her new representative to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, and LaShonda Wilson as the alternate.

Norma Martinez-Rubin has been appointed by Contra Costa County Supervisor Gayle Uilkema, District 2, as her representative for the CBOC, with Russ Tolman as the alternate.

Joanne Ward, Vice Mayor, has been appointed by Hercules Mayor Ed Balico as his representative for the CBOC.

Charles Cowens, community member, has been appointed by Board of Education member Elaine Merriweather as her representative to the CBOC.

- C.12 Lupine Hills Elementary School Window, Exterior Wall, and Roof Repairs Project Contract Award**
Mr. Fay read a correction into the record regarding Lupine Hills Elementary School.
- C.13 Approval of Contract for De Anza High School Interim Warming Kitchen**
- C.14 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.15 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.16 Resolution No. 41-1011: Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution**
- C.17 Approval of Board Member Attending California Association for Bilingual Education Annual Conference**
- C.18 Affirmation of 2010 – 2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule**
- C.19 Adding 6th Grade at Madera Elementary**
- C.20 Richmond College Prep Operational Memorandum of Understanding**
- C.21 Richmond College Prep Special Education Memorandum of Understanding**
- C.22 Second List of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs)**

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C22. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Jacob Barnett (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

MOTION: President Ramsey motioned to move Request to Address the Board and Public Comment to follow Consent Items. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Jacob Barnett (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E.2 Request to Address the Board: Nicole Williams

Ms. Williams spoke about a problem of discrimination, harassment, and verbal abuse at Downer Elementary School.

E.3 Public Comment

Billy Alexander, Toni Favila, Reyna Flores, Luz Elena Hernandez, Antonio Cisneros, Oscar Cisneros, Salvador Maeana, Arrolodo Rodas, Patricia Ponce, Eric Swabeck, June Kenyon, Shelby Chapel, Karen Vanwinkle, Sarah Creeley, Margaret Browne, Mel Collins, Helen Couture

Mr. Medrano addressed the audience regarding Lake School, inviting them to attend the upcoming San Pablo City Council meeting and the Facilities Subcommittee meetings.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Standing Reports

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Robert Studdiford welcomed new members of the committee which now totals 20 members. He reminded committee members that attendance at meetings is important and asked that they consider other subcommittee appointments. He said the next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Facilities Operations Center.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano reported on the meeting of December 14, 2010. He said that presentations included concern over incidents at Pinole Valley High, progress of construction at King and Dover Elementary Schools, discussion about the Helms Community Center and Coronado dental clinic. The next meeting is planned for January 11, 2011, 4:00 at the Facilities Operations Center.

Youth Commission. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting on January 10, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the RYSE Center in Richmond.

Safety Committee. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting on January 26, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at Hercules High to hear a representative from the County District Attorney's office to address establishment of a graffiti diversion program.

Linked Learning. Mr. Medrano spoke about Board member participation on the committee and an upcoming community meeting to address future progress of academies on January 20, 2011 at Maple Hall in San Pablo, 7:30 a.m.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg said that student nominations are being sought from schools sites to select a cohort of students for upcoming summer programs. Interviews are planned for January. Mr. Ramsey spoke about additional interviews for Yale's Ivy Scholars program. This year there could be up to 40 students participating in the Ivy League Connection this summer.

D.2 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized contributions of members of the community who have passed away.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter offered some of his time to allow Student Board Representative Jacob Barnett to address the Board.

Student Representative from DeAnza High School

Mr. Barnett provided a report of activities at DeAnza High School.

Superintendent Harter reported on activities in the District.

E.2 Request to Address the Board: Nicole Williams

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Presentation of the 2009-10 Audit Report by Perry-Smith, LLP

Ms. Gamba introduced Matthew Nethaway of Perry-Smith LLP, who presented information regarding the 2009-2010 audit report. He provided detailed information to the Board.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the 2009-10 Audit Report. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Jacob Barnett (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.2 Student Reassignment for Shannon Elementary

This item was moved to follow item B.6.

F.3 Public Hearing – Notice of the West Contra Costa Unified School District's intent to apply to the California Department of Education for a 60-day extension to the 2010 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) reporting deadline of February 1, 2011

President Ramsey opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Ramsey closed the public hearing.

F.4 Approval of West Contra Costa Unified School District’s application to the California Department of Education for a 60-day extension to the 2010 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) reporting deadline of February 1, 2011

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of West Contra Costa Unified School District’s application to the California Department of Education for a 60-day extension to the 2010 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) reporting deadline of February 1, 2011. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Jacob Barnett (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Savidge gave updates on District construction projects.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey asked about the timeline for Nystrom Phase II. Mr. Savidge provided information about the estimated beginning of construction in the Spring of 2012. President Ramsey asked about the DeAnza industrial arts building. Mr. Savidge responded with information about Linked Learning Academies, meetings with staff about ideas for the District’s educational focus and next phases of design. President Ramsey asked about the Pinole Middle School fields’ project. Mr. Savidge responded with information about a scoping session with the District and City of Pinole staff. He said a timeline for the design process will begin in the next few months. President Ramsey asked about the outcome of a recent State Allocation Board meeting. Mr. Savidge responded that funding was awarded for six District projects and an additional allocation \$700,000 was received beyond what was anticipated. He also spoke about another meeting scheduled for January where funding for DeAnza will be considered for an anticipated \$12,900,000.

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the surplus of funds and spending on other necessary projects including Highland Elementary and selection of an architect for the project.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg wished the audience a Happy New Year and asked people to pay attention to the Governor’s budget revisions announcement next week.

President Ramsey reminded the audience of next week’s San Pablo City Council meeting to support Lake School. He also urged parents to volunteer and participate at their child’s school.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 19, 2011

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

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