

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

May 4, 2011

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order 6:35 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey offered welcome and instructions 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: Patricia Calvert, Director Human Resources; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Rosa Cornejo, Staff Secretary; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Personnel; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Sue Khan, Pinole Valley Principal; Joe Mayes, Manager Building & Maintenance; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Galen Murphy, Fairmont Principal; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Vince Rhea Executive Director; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer

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

Ms. Suzanna 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 action taken in Closed Session regarding the May 4, 2011 recommendation to approve expulsion cases #001 through #008.

Motion: Ms. Thurmond moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendations of May 4, 2011 for expulsion cases #001 through #008. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding administrative appointments for the Extended Learning:

Elementary School Principal

Janet Ramirez - Ford Elementary
Darlene Almeida - Lincoln Elementary
Cynthia Taylor – Montalvin Elementary
Kim Moses – Peres Elementary
Jawan Eldridge – Riverside Elementary
Natasha Flint-Moore - Stege Elementary
Alternates: Linda Frazier-Stafford
Greg Santiago
Wendy Forest

Secondary School Administrator, 7-12 Program

Julio Franco, Principal – Richmond High
Nancy Ivey, Assistant Principal – Richmond High

Pat Martin, Principal – Crespi Middle /High
Gabriel Chilcott, Principal – Helms Middle/High
Roxanne Brown-Garcia - Portola Middle

Special Education Extended-Year, Elementary School Principal
Galen Murphy – Fairmont Elementary
Denise Weis – Tara Hills Elementary

Motion: Mr. Thurmond moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the appointment of Extended Learning administrators. Mr. Medrano 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 Agenda Review and Adoption

Public Comment:

Robert Studdiford

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda with Item C.12 Appointment to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee tabled. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: April 13, 2011

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2011. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Suzanna Tran (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 Acceptance of Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund Raising Activities

C.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 68-1011: Replacement of Outdated Warrant

C.5 Notice of Completion: Bid E068230 Richmond High School HVAC Renovation Project

C.6 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.7 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.8 Approval of Fairmont Elementary School Master Plan and Architectural Services Contract for Construction Documents and Construction Administration

C.9 Kennedy High School ADA Compliance Project Award of Contract

Public Comment:

Tom Butt, Robert Studdiford

This item was tabled.

C.10 Approval of Peres Elementary Dental Clinic Renovations Project

C.11 Approval of Increase in District Allocation for Maritime Center Renovations Project

C.12 Appointment to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

This item was tabled.

C.13 Approval of Board Member to Attend Conference

MOTION: Ms. Merriweather moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.8, C.10, C. 11 and C.13. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Suzanna Tran (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Ivy League Summer Programs: Students from El Cerrito High School, Pinole Valley High School, Hercules High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Richmond High School and Middle College High School will participate in college readiness programs offered at respective Ivy League Colleges and Universities

Superintendent Harter introduced Vince Rhea who honored the Ivy League chaperones, parents and benefactors. Mr. Rhea introduced Sue Khan, Pinole Valley Principal. Mr. Rhea and Ms. Khan presented the benefactors with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Rhea and Ms. Khan introduced the chaperones that will accompany the students. The chaperones introduced the students in their groups. Mr. Rhea and Ms. Khan honored Mr. Ramsey and Ms. Kronenberg for their support in the Ivy League Connection.

The students and chaperones recognized included:

Certificated Chaperone: Sarah Larson

Students:

Kathleen He	Middle College High
Erin Miller	Pinole Valley High
Andrew Gonzales	Pinole Valley High
Erinn Kuehne	Hercules Middle High
Frank She	De Anza High

Certificated Chaperone: LaDonna Williams

Students:

Rebecca Scott	De Anza High
Cynthia Yip	De Anza High
Josephine Biteng	De Anza High
Adrienne Ramsey	El Cerrito High
Mariko Whitenack	El Cerrito High
Caroline Umali	El Cerrito High
Ava Burnell	El Cerrito High

Certificated Chaperone: Cheryl Lilhanand,

Students:

Will Laughon	Richmond High
Beilul Naizghi	Hercules Middle High
Milani Lyman	Pinole Valley High
Masao MacMaster	El Cerrito High
Eric Wang	Hercules Middle High
Irene Tait	El Cerrito High

Certificated Chaperone: Tiffani Neal

Students:

Kelly Xi	Hercules Middle High
Jobel Vecino	Hercules Middle High
Terilyn Chen	Hercules Middle High
Kevin Buensucesco	Hercules Middle High
Joe Arciniega	El Cerrito High School
Genevieve Simmons	El Cerrito High School
Taylor Doty	El Cerrito High School
Nick Shebek	El Cerrito High School

Certificated Chaperone: Mike Schweningen

Students:

Alex Elms	Pinole Valley High
Brian Seegers	El Cerrito High
Julia Martien	El Cerrito High

Certificated Chaperone: Yolanda Bulls
Students:
Kye Duren Pinole Valley High
Aiyana Hedeem-Garrett Pinole Valley High
Julia Chang Pinole Valley High

Certificated Chaperone: Lori Nardone
Students:
Tom Miller El Cerrito High
Matt Lee Pinole Valley High
Dyana So Pinole Valley High

Several Ivy League scholars spoke of their experiences in the Ivy League Connection:
Beulah Agbabiaka, Guadalupe Morales, Irene Rojas Carroll, Yueming Wang and Austin Long.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Student Representative Suzanna Tran left for the evening.

The Board recessed at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

D.2 West Contra Costa Unified School District presents: Classified Employee of the Year

Ms. Reinhamen honored and recognized classified employees of the year. Ms. Reinhamen asked Ms. Erin Fleming, Human Resources Director, to present the honorees with a certificate of appreciation. Those recognized included:

Classified Supervisor - Stephanie Hearne, Assessment Supervisor, Assessment Office
General Services M & O – Leon Hawkins, Head Custodian, Verde Elementary School
Office & Technical – Vicki Chen, Registrar, Hercules Middle High School
Paraprofessional – Charles Johnson, Campus Security Officer II, Richmond High School

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.3 Standing Reports

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: Robert Studdiford gave an update on their last meeting. He talked about their tour of Dover and how productive the meeting was.

Public Employees Local One: Richard Leung congratulated the classified employees of the year. Mr. Leung introduced Peter Tierwan, new Local One business agent.

Academic Subcommittee: Ms. Rashidchi announced the next meeting to be held on May 24, 2011.

Facilities Subcommittee: Mr. Medrano announced the next meeting to be held on May 10, 2011.

Linked Learning: Ms. Kronenberg talked about the event held on April 26. She also talked about Linked Learning being introduced into the middle schools and academies at Helms Middle School in the coming year.

Safety Committee: Mr. Greer announced the next meeting to be held on May 12, 2011 at Kennedy High School.

Youth Committee: Mr. Greer announced that next meeting will be held on May 9, 2011 at the RYSE Center from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Mr. Thurmond stated that they will be discussing staffing support needs.

D.4 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 provided a report of activities in the District.

E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment
Ken Ryan, Robert Studdiford

F. ACTION ITEMS

President Ramsey recused himself from action and asked Ms. Kronenberg to address the next item.

F.1 Richmond College Prep K-5 Charter School Addendum Renewal
Ms. Linda Jackson gave a presentation on the addendum of the Richmond College Prep renewal petition.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Ms. Merriweather asked about the addition of the 6th grade. Ms. Jackson and Superintendent Harter clarified that Richmond College Prep needs to be aligned with the rest of elementary schools in the District.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Richmond College Prep K-5 Charter School Addendum Renewal. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond, and Ms. Merriweather voted yes with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

President Ramsey returned to the dais.

F.2 Resolution No. 70-1011: Resolution to Terminate Certificated Employees
Ms. Reinhagen presented the final resolution for the layoff of certificated employees.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Resolution No. 70-1011: Resolution to Terminate Certificated Employees. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano and President Ramsey voted yes. Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voted no with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 3-2-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction
Mr. Savidge provided a presentation of updates on the status of the Bond Facilities projects.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Medrano gave a brief report on an immigration workshop he attended. He also announced an upcoming immigration and housing forum on May 7, 2011 at Helms Middle School.

Ms. Kronenberg invited the public to look at the new website. She also spoke about the proposed state's plan to change the school year from 180 days to 160 days. She asked for anyone that has affiliation with any association to reach out to the legislation.

Superintendent Harter talked about the budget approval scheduled for the meeting of June 29 and the conflict with two Board members' calendars for that night. After discussion, Mr. Ramsey announced that the second meeting in June would be June 28, 2011.

Mr. Medrano announced that he would be in Sacramento for CSBA Legislative Days. Ms. Merriweather also announced that she would be in Sacramento attending the event as well.

President Ramsey thanked the Board members for going to Sacramento. He talked about the Ivy League Connection and sharing profiles of the District's high schools. The students attending this summer's program will be visiting about twenty admissions offices.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – May 18, 2011

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM in the name of Dick Barker.

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

BH:rc

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