

WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

October 20, 2015

Minutes

Approved as amended November 16, 2015

I. Opening Procedures

A. **Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM by Subcommittee Chair Valerie Cuevas.

Committee Members Present: Valerie Cuevas, Todd Groves

Other Attendees: Bruce Harter, Superintendent, Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent Facilities, M & O, Bond

B. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

Approval of October 5, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes of October 5, 2015 were approved.

II. Discussion Items

A. **Membership Composition, Committee Size and Appointment Process for the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)**

Chairperson Cuevas called for public comment.

Public Comment:

Mr. Anton Jungherr provided his thoughts regarding size of the CBOC with 19 compared to the 16 seats discussed by this subcommittee. Mr. Jungherr said that he recommended adding three community at-large seats not restricted by city residency. He commented about the bargaining unit seat and the Ed Code 15282 provision that no employee may be appointed to the CBOC. He therefore suggested that the bargaining unit seat be converted to an at-large position. He further spoke about the building trades seat as referenced by the Civil Grand Jury recommendation:

While the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council has construction industry expertise that may be valuable to the CBOC, the council is a trade organization that has a primary interest in promoting, jobs, benefits and training for its members. That interest could at times be in conflict with the interests of WCCUSD taxpayers seeking careful and prudent oversight of WCCUSD's bond funds.

Mr. Jungherr was of the opinion in order to pursue transparency and avoid any conflict of interest that this seat be converted to an at-large position. His recommendation supported 19 seats overall with the conversion of the bargaining unit and trade council seats to at-large positions. He concluded by requesting that today's subcommittee recommendation be provided to the CBOC in a timely manner in order to facilitate agendaing as a discussion item at their October 28 meeting.

Subcommittee discussion took place regarding the effect of city resident representation affecting the size of the committee and a greater proportion of seats representing the population of cities, and transition of current members to resident representation taking place over time through 2017.

Discussion turned to representation of the bargaining units and that a representative selected from the labor business agents would not be a district employee. As a way to avoid conflict of interest it was suggested to seek a recommendation through the Solutions Team. Chairperson Cuevas spoke about avoiding the perception of district involvement in a recommendation as the Solutions Team was seen as an official working group and part of the district's function. Superintendent Harter recommended asking the four bargaining units to nominate a representative. Both Chairperson Cuevas and Mr. Groves were in agreement that this could work while avoiding the perception that the district was involved in the appointment.

Chairperson Cuevas moved discussion to potential conflict of interest regarding the building trades seat and said that she was willing to put faith in the other 15 committee members to keep this representative in check. She agreed with the Grand Jury's perception regarding the trades council seat.

Chairperson Cuevas and Mr. Groves were in agreement that the nomination and appointment process would include the filing of applications to the Facilities Subcommittee for vetting and recommendation. They also agreed that the 16 seats would include the five statutorily required positions of business representative, senior citizen, taxpayer representative, parent of a district student, parent who is both a parent of a district student and be a member of a parent-teacher organization, and the additional two seats for bargaining units and trades council.

Mr. Groves offered consideration of a student representative to the committee for variety of input. He said he felt it worth trying and evaluating. Superintendent Harter suggested adding a 17th seat for a student representative. Discussion took place around consideration of more than one student seat, avoiding politicizing the position, and providing opportunity for gender balance. Committee members were in consensus to add one additional seat for a student representative bringing the total number of seats to 17.

Superintendent Harter summarized the commitment to forward this subcommittee's recommendation to the CBOC in a timely manner to be discussed at their next meeting, and bring the recommendation to the Board of Education as a modification in board policy.

Chairperson Cuevas captured the consensus of the recommendation regarding size and composition, the appointment process, with no Board or City involvement in the process. She further asked that the guiding questions be forwarded to the CBOC to inform the rationale of the recommendation. She supported moving forward to send the recommendation to the CBOC and public as a courtesy as well as provide to the Board for consideration.

B. Discussion / Approve Recommendation to the Board

Public Comment:

Mr. Jungherr spoke in support of the recommendation and suggested preparation of a table as a visual tool to display changes for CBOC review.

Motion: Chairperson Cuevas moved approval of the official recommendation for the CBOC configuration to propose 17 members including: five statutory seats; three residents of the City of Richmond, one resident each from the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, and San Pablo, two residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the school district, excluding sitting elected officials; one labor union representative; one building trades representative; and one student representative. Nominees will submit an application to be vetted by the Facilities Subcommittee followed by recommendation to the Board for approval. Mr. Groves

agreed to the motion. The motion was approved by a consensus of the subcommittee.

III. Adjournment

Superintendent Harter suggested subcommittee review of a new policy regarding Board self-evaluation at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Governance Subcommittee was scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Alvarado Adult Education campus.

Chairperson Cuevas adjourned the meeting at 12:43 PM.