

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

May 9, 2012

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.
President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:42 P.M.

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: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Gary Aldridge, Electrician; 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 Disaster Preparedness & Safety; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Nicole Joyner, Administrator Grants/Special Projects; June Kalfsbeek, Senior Administrative Secretary Confidential; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Emily Millar, Director Human Resources; Beatriz Ponce, Senior Administrative Secretary Confidential; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Education Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Katie VonHusen, Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from North Campus High School

Reyes Everardo Castro provided a report of activities at North Campus 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 9, 2012 recommendation to approve expulsion case #001 and to suspend the expulsion for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the recommendation of May 9, 2012 for expulsion case #001. Mr. Kronenberg 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

President Ramsey asked the Board to consider moving items D.4 and D.5 up on the agenda before D.2.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with the recommended changes. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: April 25, 2012

MOTION: Ms. Merriweather moved approval of the Minutes of April 25, 2012. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (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

On behalf of Pinole Valley High School Mr. Al Kirkman accepted a \$1,500 donation from Mechanics Bank for a new score board.

C.3 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.4 Adoption of Resolution No.104-1112: Replacement of Outdated Warrant

C.5 California School Board Association (CSBA) Updates to Board policies: 1330 (Use of School Facilities), 3280 (Sale, Lease, Rental of District-Owned Real Property) and 3290 (Gifts, Grants & Bequests)

C.6 Resolution No. 100-1112: Classified School Employee Week, May 20-26, 2012

C.7 Resolution No. 108-1112: School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week – May 7-11, 2012

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.10 Leadership Public Schools Gompers New Campus Project - Approval of three agreements, conditional for funding under State's Charter School Facilities Program

C.13 Resolution No. 110-1112: Resolution in Recognition of Choose Civility Initiative

C.14 Approval of Board Member Attending Conference

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.10, C.13 and C.14. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.11 Resolution No. 107-1112: Resolution to Support City of San Pablo's Measure Q on June 2012 Election Ballot

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Item C.11 Resolution No. 107-1112: Resolution to Support City of San Pablo's Measure Q on June 2012 Election Ballot. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.12 Resolution No. 111-112: Resolution to Support City of Hercules Measure N and Measure O on the June 2012 Election Ballot

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Item C.12 Resolution No. 111-112: Resolution to Support City of Hercules Measure N and Measure O on the June 2012 Election Ballot. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (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 The Ed. Fund's 2012 Scholarship Finalists

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Joel Mackey, Executive Director of the Ed. Fund, who presented the student scholars who have been awarded scholarships. Funding for a total of eighty scholarships was received from the Irvine Foundation, the Steve Schroeder Fund, and Chevron. Scholarships were awarded to students from the following schools:

De Anza High School
El Cerrito High School
Hercules High School
Leadership Public School
West County Community High School
Kennedy High School
Middle College High School
Pinole Valley High School
Richmond High School

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.4 West Contra Costa Unified School District presents: “Classified Employee of the Year”

Ms. Reinhagen introduced the Classified Employees of the Year:

Ken McDaniel, Classified Supervisor
Gary Aldridge, General Services M&O
Nelda Welton, Office & Technical
Latonya Jackson, Paraprofessional
Beatriz Ponce, Confidential

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.5 Recognition of Rhonda Haney

Mr. Greer introduced the recognition of Rhonda Haney. Ms. Bianca LaChaux, School Based Health Center Coordinator at Kennedy High School expressed appreciation of Ms. Haney’s services.

Public Comment:

None

Board comment:

None

President Ramsey asked the Board to consider moving item F.1 up on the agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of moving item F.1 up on the agenda. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Resolution No. 109-1112: Resolution to Adopt the Decision of the Administrative Law Judge and Termination of Certificated Employees

Ms. Reinhagen offered information regarding the Certificate Lay-Off process and hearings held April 19 through 21, 2012, affording teachers due process rights for the designated lay-offs.

Legal counsel Laurie Juengert explained the layoff process. She said the Administrative Law Judge did not agree with the District's approach to skip over junior teachers of the Turn Around Model schools. She stated that lay-off notices were not given to the teachers in the Turn Around Schools.

President Ramsey clarified that staff has recommended that the Board approve the Administrative Law Judge decision.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Thurmond requested further explanation of the difference between attachments A –C.

Mr. Ramsey asked the Board to take a brief recess to allow opportunity for Mr. Thurmond to review the resolution.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved approval of a brief recess. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

President Ramsey called the meeting back to order at 7:25 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to approval to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, Mr. Thurmond voted no; with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

Motion: Ms. Kronenberg moved approve Resolution No. 109-1112: Resolution of Termination of Certificated Employees. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Student Representative Reyes Everardo Castro (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voted no; with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 3-2-0-0.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.2 Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC Report)

Ms. Gamba introduced Mr. Eduardo Martinez, the Chairman of the Community Budget Advisory Committee. Mr. Martinez spoke about the parcel tax and the committee's work as oversight for Measure D.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.3 Report on Student Demographics

Ms. Gamba provided the annual report regarding the projected ten year demographics for the District.

Public Comment:
Al Kirkman

Board Comment:
None

D.6 Standing Reports

School Supervisors Association. Sandra Falk thanked the Board for recognizing the Classified Employees of the Year as they represent many of the people who perform similar work every day as classified employees.

Public Employees Union, Local One. Scott Brown thanked Ms. Gamba for working with him to rectify a CalPers problem for retirees. He commended the good relationship built with staff in making progress and facing the challenges of the next year. He spoke about the union's support of the parcel tax and concluded with remarks about the importance of recognizing classified employees for their hard work and dedication.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi announced the next meeting would be the Academic Town Hall on May 22, 2012, 6:00 P.M. at DeJean Middle School. The focus of this meeting will be mathematics.

Safety Committee. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting for May 16, 2012, 6:30 P.M. at the DeJean Middle School. The topic will be Full Service Community Schools.

Youth Commission. Mr. Thurmond reported on the recent meeting and the recruiting of new members. Ms. Kronenberg shared that the commission is looking for active participants.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba said that three committee members will attend an upcoming budget workshop in Sacramento. The next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2012.

Select Committee on High Schools. President Ramsey reported on the recent meeting at Richmond High School, where discussion included the loss of QEIA funding. The final meeting of the year will be held at El Cerrito High School on May 16, 2012.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano reported on the meeting held on May 8, 2012 which included discussion of the recommendation of the Peres Elementary School Modernization Project for the dental clinic. The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2012, Facilities Operations Center 4:00 P.M.

Ivy League Connection. President Ramsey reported on a recent meeting where Vanderbilt University was discussed and students gave excellent speeches. There will be a meeting with the Pinole City Council on May 15 and the Hercules City Council on May 22, 2012. Ms. Kronenberg shared a letter from a parent who was grateful for the program and opportunities for her daughter.

D.7 In Memory of Members of the School Community

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

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

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.2 WCCUSD Public Comment
Kathryn Bressemer, Jamela Smith, Scottie Smith, Miya Woodhouse, Carol Robinson

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report
Mr. Abdalla provided a report of construction projects in the District.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey had questions about staffing for the construction projects. Mr. Fay provided clarification. He provided information about the Construction Manager positions for each school site.

President Ramsey commented on the solar project at Hercules Middle School.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thurmond commended students on testing and wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Merriweather congratulated the students who were recognized for their achievements and the classified employees of the year for their contributions.

Student Reyes Everardo Castro said he enjoyed serving on the Board.

Ms. Kronenberg thanked the teachers and classified staff, and reminded community members to vote.

Mr. Medrano wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He thanked the City of San Pablo for endorsing Measure K. He also commented on the recent Cinco de Mayo events in San Pablo and Richmond.

President Ramsey wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and announced a bond finance forum to be held May 12, 2012 for school board members of the California School Boards Association.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – May 23, 2012

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

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

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