

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

June 27, 2012

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:37P.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. President Ramsey acknowledged Hercules Mayor Dan Romero in the audience.

B.3 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; 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; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Brenda King-Randle Coordinator School to Career; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel; Maintenance Supervisor; Lynn Potter; Director Categorical & Instructional Support Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Tourel, Translator; Liz Torio, Director Academic Intervention

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the following administrative appointments for 2012-2013:

Brenda King Randle, principal/coordinator at Middle College High
Alison Makela, principal at Madera
Armando Torres, principal at King Elementary
Liz Lonsdale, principal at Lupine Hills
Jen Bender, principal at Hercules Middle/High
Vince Rhea, principal at Gompers
Pat Calvert, Coordinator in Educational Services
Guy Zakrevsky, Director in Educational Services
Athena Valdez and Shaun Hurtado, Assistant Principals at DeAnza
Summerlynn Sigler, Assistant Principal at Richmond High
Nya Flores, Instructional Specialist at Verde
Cynthia Taylor, Traci Manipis and Ann Marie Marinakis, instructional specialists at various sites

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the administrative appointments. 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.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with the following changes, moving E.1, F.4, F.1, and F.3 up and moving D.1 to the end of the agenda. Ms. 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.

E.1 Community Request on Grand Jury Report on Citizens Bond Oversight Committees

Mr. Anton Jungherr spoke about the District's Proposition 39 bonds which require a 55% majority vote by the voters. He also spoke about a recent grand jury report regarding school bond oversight committees and a required response from the District. He further spoke of the required seven member requirement for the committee and the current committee having nineteen members sitting on the committee including appointments made by Board members. He asked that the report be placed on the August 1st agenda for the joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

F.4 Approval of WCCAA Agreement

Superintendent Harter spoke about the ratified tentative agreement reached with the West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Ms. Reinhagen asked the Board to ratify agreement which was successfully reached through the interest based bargaining process and approved by WCCAA in their ratification.

Public Comment:

Sharon Fogelson

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the WCCAA Agreement. Mr. Thurmond seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.1 Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2012-13 Budget and receipt of Tier III funding

Ms. Gamba spoke about major problems currently being experienced in California education finance. She identified potential cuts should the Governor's proposed November tax initiative not pass. She detailed the 2012-13 year budget and multi-year budget structure. She said she will bring to the Board budget updates as more information is released from the State.

President Ramsey opened the public hearing for the Budget.

Public Comment:

Dan Romeo, Alton Chinn, Sarah Wolfsen, Emily Bruce, Christina Procopiou, Ben Steinberg, Dan McGarry, Alice Burton, Lisa Trotter, Kristin Avini, Natasha Benjamin, Harpreet Grewal, Sherry Garcia, Sara Diego, Laurel Gillespie

President Ramsey closed the public hearing for the Budget.

President Ramsey opened the public hearing on the Tier III Flexibility.

Public Comment:

None

President Ramsey closed the public hearing on Tier III Flexibility.

Board Comment:

President Ramsey asked Mayor Dan Romero about the importance of funding for resource officers in Hercules. Mr. Romero ranked the priority for resources officers as very high. Mr. Ramsey continued to speak about the allocation of the school resource officers in each community. He encouraged the Board to review equitable funding and asking the communities to cover some of the costs. Mr. Medrano commented about the smallest city paying for its own officer and that he would like to see this matter addressed.

President Ramsey continued with questions about budgeting for contracted services and legal fees. Superintendent Harter and Ms. Gamba responded for clarification.

Mr. Thurmond thanked the parents and teachers who spoke about class sized reduction. He also thanked Ms. Gamba for incorporating requested details into the presentation. He asked about worst case budget scenarios. Ms. Gamba spoke about the required maintenance of the 3% reserve for the next three years.

Ms. Merriweather asked questions about the ending fund balance, an increase in lottery funds, and cash deferrals. Ms. Gamba offered information to clarify. Ms. Merriweather said that she endorsed the Governor's tax initiative.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about decisions made on projecting budget figures for three years and the value from a fiscally conservative standpoint while he sees variables that are currently unknown. He asked whether Board members had alternate scenarios for class sized reductions. President Ramsey spoke about the number of districts within the State with negative certifications and the commitment from the State to mandate three year budget reserves.

Ms. Kronenberg commented about the fixed dollar amount budget and how that translates to employee jobs. She agreed that class size reduction is something the Board and families have committed to but right now the District cannot afford it. She said she did not see options.

Mr. Medrano said he has spent time looking at figures should the proposed tax measure should not pass. Mr. Medrano asked about funds lost to truancy. Superintendent Harter explained that current attendance is about 95% and an increase in 1% could result in an additional \$1 million. Mr. Medrano continued with questions to Ms. Gamba about the deficit factor which she explained.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Adoption of the 2012-13 Budget. Ms. Merriweather seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voting yes, Mr. Thurmond voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of receipt of Tier III funding. Ms. Merriweather seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Ms. Merriweather left the meeting for the evening.

F.3 Public Hearing Resolution No. 119-1112: Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Ms. Gamba for called a public hearing for the resolution in order to approve taxes being placed upon property tax bills for MRAD funding.

President Ramsey opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Ramsey closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Resolution No. 119-1112: Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Contracted Services

C.4 Annual Renewal of Continuing Services

C.5 Agreements for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services

C.6 Notification of Claims Rejected

C.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 122-1112 Replacement of Outdated Warrant

C.8 Approve the following Reclassification and New Job Descriptions effective July 1, 2012 for the Human Resources Department: Human Resources Technician, Human Resources Credential Technician, Human Resources Clerk, Human Resources Clerk (Bilingual)

- C.9 Approve the following Reclassification and Revised Job Description effective July 1, 2012 for the Nutrition Center: Food Transport Driver
- C.10 Approve the following Reclassification and Revised Job Description effective July 1, 2012 for the Special Education Department: Administrative Technician
- C.11 2011-12 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II
- C.12 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.13 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- C.14 Amended Ground Lease Agreement between West Contra Costa Unified School District and the City of San Pablo Regarding the Construction and Use of a Community Center at Helms Middle School
- C.15 Crespi Middle School Gym Roof Replacement Project Award of Contract
- C.16 Change in Board Meeting Date
- C.17 Approval of Board Member Attending Conferences

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.17. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

- B.6 Minutes: June 13, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Minutes of June 13, 2012. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

This item was moved to follow item F.3.

E.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District. He also presented a recognition to Ms. Ann Reinhausen for her service to the District.

E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

Kerry Moriarty, Executive Director United Teachers of Richmond

D.2 Standing Reports

Select Committee on High Schools: President Ramsey reported on the outcomes from recent meetings and conversations that have come forth. One more meeting will be held at Pinole Valley High after school starts. He is hopeful that some of the outcomes would become models such as the math initiative.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: President Ramsey spoke about the upcoming August 1st joint meeting with grand jury report as centerpiece for the meeting agenda.

Community Budget Advisory Committee: Ms. Gamba reported that the next meeting will be held July 26 at the Alvarado Adult Education campus where the 2012-13 budget document and legislative trailer bills will be discussed.

Linked Learning: Mr. Medrano spoke about attending the recent conference held at Stanford. He reported on articulation between Contra Costa College and the District regarding math and English, as well as the administration of justice academy cohort. He said that nine districts in the state are engaged in the Linked Learning efforts.

Facilities Subcommittee: Mr. Medrano reported on the recent meeting which included a review of the status of the Valley View Elementary construction schedule and the Peres Elementary dental clinic. Discussion also included Emergency Repair Project refunds with Schrader and Associates handling the reconciliation. Mr. Ramsey asked questions about construction eligibility funds for Peres and moving forward with the project. Mr. Fay responded. Mr. Ramsey asked that this matter be agendized for action at the July 2 special Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be held July 10 at the Facilities Operations Center.

Ivy League Connection: Ms. Kronenberg spoke about her recent trip with students to Columbia and Cornell universities. She said students were excited about visiting various campuses in the East. She invited the public to visit Ivyleagueconnection.org to read student blog writings. She reported that additional students will be leaving next

week for Brown and Vanderbilt universities. Mr. Ramsey remarked on a blog statement of David Fang, one of the current ILC students at Brown University.

D.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

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

F.2 Resolution No. 121-1112: Temporary Borrowing Between Funds

Ms. Gamba explained that this item is a resolution for temporary borrowing of funds which is annually approved to permit interfund borrowing should it be necessary.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Resolution No. 121-1112: Temporary Borrowing Between Funds. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the special Board Meeting to be held on Monday, July 2, in order to discuss bringing additional resources to the District and next steps.

Mr. Thurmond encouraged families to have a great summer and look for ways to get involved in improving the state of education. He said the meeting on Monday will be an opportunity to discuss and educate taxpayers. He thanked Ms. Reinlagen for her service to District.

Mr. Medrano echoed best wishes to Ms. Reinlagen. He reported on attending a recent NALEO conference where he attended a discussion about truancy where the District was praised for its decrease in student suspensions. He commented about the various speakers Jeb Bush, Mitt Romney and President Obama. He reported that the Democratic Party will host a meeting on Saturday as a jump-off for voter registration at 39th and Macdonald Avenue in Richmond.

President Ramsey thanked Ms. Reinlagen for her service. Mr. Ramsey continued by asking that bid awards be placed on July 2 agenda for Peres Elementary and architects. He thanked staff for managing the budget doing their best to keep the district fiscally solvent. He concluded with comments about businesses paying a fair share of parcel taxes.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 June 2012 General Obligation Refunding Bond Sale

Ms. Gamba spoke of the recent refunding bond sale. She introduced Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance and the underwriters who provided a report. Mr. Olson reported on the successful sale of \$100 million in refunding bonds with the lowest interest rates seen in some time. Jeff Barrata, Scott Henry, Krishna Pettit were available to comment on various portions of the presentation.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.2 Standing Reports

This item was moved to follow E.2.

D.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

This item was moved to follow D.2.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 Community Request on Grand Jury Report on Citizens Bond Oversight Committees

This item was moved to follow B.5.

E.2 Superintendent's Report

This item was moved to follow B.6.

E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

This item was moved to follow E.2.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2012-13 Budget and receipt of Tier III funding

This item was moved to follow F.4.

F.2 Resolution No. 121-1112: Temporary Borrowing Between Funds

This item was moved to follow D.3.

F.3 Public Hearing Resolution No. 119-111: Approving Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

This item was moved to follow item F.1.

F.4 Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators Association (WCCAA)/ AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the WCCAA

This item was moved to follow E.1.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

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

None

J. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

This item was moved to follow F.2.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – July 11, 2012

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting in honor of Ann Reinhagen at 10:21P.M.

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

BH:dh

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