

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting
Harding Elementary School Auditorium
7230 Fairmont Ave.
El Cerrito, CA 94530**

July 2, 2012

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

A.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

A.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

A.3 Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Elaine Merriweather

Staff Present: Madgy Abdalla, District Engineering Officer; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; June Kalfsbeek, Sr. Confidential Secretary, Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities & Construction; Andrew Mixer, Bond Regional Project Manager; Eduardo Donoso, Bond Regional Project Manager; Leticia Oregon, Translator; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Cliff Dorton, Electronic Technician

B. BUSINESS ITEMS – Consent Items

B.1 Peres Elementary School Modernization

Public Comment:

Charles Cowens

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond inquired whether funds may not be available until 2016-2017. Mr. Bill Fay said the funds should be available 2016-2017, and that the program has front funded similar expenditures. Staff will return to the Board with a recommendation for budget ratification for the remaining projects.

President Ramsey shared that there is \$8 million in reserve and no impact as projects are not using their full allocation. The Peres Elementary School dental clinic has its architect in place.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the \$1 million dollar fund transfer to begin the Peres Elementary School Modernization Project ahead of receiving the anticipated funds from the State. 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.

B.2 Peres Elementary School Modernization Project Contract Award Ratification

Mr. Magdy Abdalla read the agenda item to the Board and answered questions.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Peres Elementary School modernization project contract award ratification to the lowest responsible bidder. 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.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C.1 Funding Dilemma / Authorization for Survey

Public Comment:

Leslie Reckler, Michael Parker, Ben Steinberg, Lia Lackey, Karen Shebek, Lisa Trottier, Catherine Mercurio, Charles Cowens, Sarah Wolfsen, Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, Anna Porter, Nathalie van Linder, Eduardo Martinez, Kathleen Erwin, Deborah Lane, Jeremy Wade, Giorgio Cosentino, Felicia Robertson, Jeff Rubin, Sarah Butler, Charles Taylor, Natasha Benjamin, Carolyn Day Flowers, Paul Gilbert-Snyder, Tess Taylor, Cecilia Acosta, Sarah Schroeder, Suzanne Balmaceda, Marybel Sanche, George A. Harris III, Mary Shaughnessy, Leign Brown

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond thanked President Ramsey for scheduling the Special Board meeting, thanked the audience for their participation and said he will promote community participation for a parcel tax measure this November 2012. Mr. Thurmond said he would like the Board to consider the parcel tax measure for November 2012 and the bond measure for March 2013.

Mr. Medrano thanked the community for attending the Special Board meeting and supports the parcel tax measure for November 2012 and the bond measure for March 2013.

Ms. Kronenberg reported that the parcel tax measure was defeated by 1.2 percent. The past survey was correct. It had a margin of error larger than the 1.2 percent. The only mechanism is to have another survey to find the best strategy for the next election.

Mr. Thurmond thanked former Board member George A. Harris III and acknowledged his services.

President Ramsey asked the community for their support for certain services and shared the past election practices.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of authorization for a survey for a November 2012 parcel tax election, and to commit to the district to hold town hall meetings in various communities throughout the District. Mr. Medrano 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.

D. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – July 11, 2012

E. ADJOURNMENT
President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

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

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<u>AAM</u> Approved 7/11/12
