

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

November 14, 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 6:31 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, Charles Ramsey, Elaine Merriweather, Tony Thurmond.

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Cheryl Broomall, Coordinator Educational Services; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay; Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Director Maintenance/Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Philip Gonsalves, Director Curriculum & Instruction; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Ken McDaniel, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Sonja Neely-Johnson, Coordinator Educational Services; Reyna Ortiz de Touriel, Interpreter; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical & Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services; Katie VonHusen, Coordinator Educational Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Guy Zakrevsky, Director Educational Services

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Kennedy School

Ms. Karriana McClure provided a report of activities at Kennedy High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding expulsion cases 001 and 002 for November 14, 2012 and to suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding expulsion cases 001 and 002 for November 14, 2012. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with Mr. Thurmond abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Ramsey asked that item D.4 be moved to follow Consent Items.

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

B.7 Minutes: October 24, 2012

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of October 24, 2012. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Karriana McClure (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**
 - C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
 - C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**
 - C.5 Contracted Services**
 - C.6 Master Contracts for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services**
 - C.7 Notice of Completion: Bid 1101612-02 Collins Elementary School New Fire Alarm**
 - C.8 403 (b) Plan Amendment**
 - C.9 CalPERS Retiree Benefit Resolutions**
 - RESCIND – Resolutions adopted on October 24, 2012**
 - Resolution No. 34-1213: Unrepresented Classified Confidential**
 - Resolution No. 35-1213: Public Employees Union, Local 1**
 - Resolution No. 36-1213: School Supervisors Association**
 - Resolution No. 37-1213: Unrepresented Certificated Management**
 - Resolution No. 38-1213: Unrepresented Classified Management**
 - Resolution No. 39-1213: United Teachers of Richmond**
 - Resolution No. 40-1213: West Contra Costa Administrators Association**
 - ADOPT**
 - Resolution No. 44-1213: Unrepresented Classified Confidential**
 - Resolution No. 45-1213: Public Employees Union, Local 1**
 - Resolution No. 46-1213: School Supervisors Association**
 - Resolution No. 47-1213: Unrepresented Certificated Management**
 - Resolution No. 48-1213: Unrepresented Classified Management**
 - Resolution No. 49-1213: United Teachers of Richmond**
 - Resolution No. 50-1213: West Contra Costa Administrators Association**
 - C.10 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers**
 - C.11 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44285.3**

Mr. Whittemore read a correction into the record regarding the subject line to read Education Code 44258.3.
 - C.12 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified**
 - C.13 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from WCCUSD to Public Employees, Local One**
 - C.14 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from Local One to the West Contra Costa Unified School District**
- Public Comment:**
Scott Brown
- C.15 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from WCCUSD to School Supervisors Association**
 - C.16 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal of School Supervisors Association to the West Contra Costa Unified School District**
 - C.17 Presentation of Initial Bargaining Proposal from WCCUSD to the United Teachers of Richmond**
 - C.18 NCLB Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Tutoring Contracts**
 - C.19 Resolution No. 43-1213: American Education Week – November 11-17, 2012**
 - C.20 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
 - C.21 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
 - C.22 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Coronado Elementary School Reconstruction Demolition Project**
 - C.23 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Pinole Middle School Security Raceway Infrastructure Project**
 - C.24 Resolution No. 42-1213: Recognizing Contributions of Veterans to the Country**
 - C.25 Approval of Board Members to Attend Conferences**

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.25. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Karriana McClure (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

A brief recess was taken at this time.

President Ramsey asked the Board to modify the agenda by moving item F.2 to follow D.4.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of moving item F.2 to follow D.4. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Karriana McClure (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.4 Budget Update

Ms. Gamba provided a report with information regarding the general fund budget, the additional projected revenue with Proposition 30 funds and the recently renewed parcel tax, as well as use of special reserve funds over the next three years to maintain a balanced budget.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey had questions about the proposed 2014-15 budget figures. Ms. Gamba provided clarification. Ms. Kronenberg talked about the recent election and passage of the District's parcel tax and bond measures. Ms. Merriweather said she was excited about the direction of the District for a bright future. Mr. Thurmond echoed thanks to the people of West Contra Costa and the State about the passage of Proposition 30. He spoke about the State's economic conditions and the averted financial devastation to education. He continued to speak about the need to change the structural revenue deficit in the State. Mr. Medrano spoke about the recent election results, commending the people of West County for passage of the bond measure and parcel tax. President Ramsey had additional questions about the multi-year projections to the budget. Ms. Gamba responded. He continued by speaking about the percentage of voters who approved the parcel tax and bond measures.

F.2 Call for Nominations for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

President Ramsey said that he would like to submit his name to CSBA for consideration as an appointment to fill Mr. Medrano's Delegate Assembly vacancy.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of submitting Mr. Ramsey's name to fill the Delegate Vacancy of Mr. Medrano. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Board Representative Karriana McClure (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

President Ramsey left the meeting, passing the gavel to Mr. Medrano who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

D.1 The Ed. Fund Grant Winners for 2012

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ed Fund Executive Director Joel Mackey who provided information about this year's grant award winners. The award winners represent elementary, middle, and high schools. Over \$35,000 was awarded this year to 27 different projects in increments of \$500 for teachers and \$1000 for schools. Those award winners present told the Board about their projects. Mr. Mackey concluded by commending the teachers for their creativity and ability to leverage the funds to do more for students. He also thanked the sponsors and donors.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond spoke about the donations and the important impact to teachers. Ms. Kronenberg remarked that it is quite extraordinary what teachers can do with this amount of money for so many types of programs. Student Representative Karriana McClure said she was interested in the variety of grant projects.

Ms. Merriweather thanked the Ed Fund and commended the teachers for the variety of grant proposals. Clerk Medrano spoke about serving on the Ed Fund Board of Directors.

D.2 WriterCoach Connection and WCCUSD schools

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Bob Menzimer, Executive Director of the Community Alliance for Learning. Mr. Menzimer told about the role of the organization and the WriterCoach Connection's work with students in the District.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather thanked the WriterCoach Connection for this program in the District. She said that students need the opportunity to develop and improve writing skills.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of her husband's volunteer work with the organization and the target approach to helping the volunteers know what is expected and how they can help students. She also thanked Mr. Todd Groves for his work with the program in the District.

Student Representative Karriana McClure said she thought this was a good program for students with a huge impact in school and after graduation.

Mr. Thurmond thanked Mr. Menzimer for the work of the program. He spoke about the District's commitment to rigor at the middle school level.

Clerk Medrano spoke about the results he had seen and his experiences teaching students in South America.

Ms. McClure left the meeting for the evening.

D.3 California Common Core Standards and Assessments

Ms. Rashidchi invited Katie VonHusen to present details regarding the District's transition to the California Common Core Standards (CCCS). She provided background about preparation for students to succeed in college and the workplace. Sonja Neely-Johnson spoke about the transition for CCCS English Language Arts. Phil Gonsalves spoke about mathematics transition and assessments. Ms. VonHusen concluded by speaking about the implementation phase, as well as expectations and accountability.

Public Comment:
Diane Brown

Board Comment:

Ms. Rashidchi responded to Ms. Brown's concerns about teacher professional development and an infrastructure for the implementation process.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the process for the transition to the CCCS saying the District welcomed suggestions to be more effective in training teachers.

Ms. Merriweather spoke about the summer training with CTA and continued collaboration through the process. She wants teachers to feel comfortable with the changes and improvements. She was hopeful that Ms. Brown's concerns can be addressed.

Mr. Medrano had questions about the representation of lead teachers in initial training meetings. Ms. Neely-Johnson responded.

Mr. Thurmond thanked the presenters and expressed feelings of ambivalence when the State mandates a program. He said he understood the need for voicing concerns. Mr. Thurmond had questions about implementation, and incentives or consequences. Ms. Rashidchi responded with clarification.

Clerk Medrano asked about the technology readiness of the District. Ms. Rashidchi and Mr. Greer responded.

Superintendent Harter responded that the District is aware that more technical support for schools will be necessary which means a budget consideration to fund personnel for 2014-15.

Clerk Medrano continued with questions about English Language Learners becoming more proficient. Staff responded with information.

D.4 Budget Update

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

D.5 Standing Reports

United Teachers of Richmond. President Diane Brown spoke about the need for an infrastructure to identify stakeholders and departments for implementation of the Common Core Standards with shared leadership. Ms. Brown

also spoke about the community of voter's passage of the parcel tax and bond measure. She thanked teachers and staff who participated in the monumental campaign. She expressed concern about comments made about budgets and teacher benefits.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported on last night's meeting where school liaisons spoke about the KEYs program areas of focus and work done so far. Also on the agenda was training on CCCS basics and deeper level work with math professional development. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11th at Helms Middle School, 6:30 P.M.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba reported that the next meeting is planned for December 6 at the Alvarado Adult Education campus. The agenda will be posted on the District website.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano reported on the recent meeting where action included the approval of the Helms middle window shades, Richmond High School's campus improvement schematic design to remodel the buildings, and removal of portables and building of a new practice gymnasium.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about her recent trip to Brown University with students who attended the Women in Leadership program as a follow up to their summer program. The four day program was attended by students from Alaska, Korea, as well as China. She also reported that an upcoming mentorship program with alumni from Brown and Yale Universities is being planned.

Safety Committee. Ms. Merriweather reported on the recent meeting where discussion took place about suspension reduction and restorative justice. She said that principals shared how the programs are working in their schools. The next meeting is planned for December 13, 9:00 A.M. at North Campus High School.

Youth Commission. Ms. Kronenberg said the recent meeting, attended by students from across the District, was organized by Executive Director Antoinette Henry-Evans. The kickoff meeting reviewed general areas for students to address. The next meeting will be held November 26, 6:00 P.M. at Helms Middle School.

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

Michael Gonzalez

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 K-6 English Language Arts (ELA) Instructional Materials Adoption Recommendation

Cheryl Broomall presented information regarding the new materials adoption in order to meet the new California standards. Teacher Amanda Henderson spoke about the piloting program. Teacher Marcella Jamerson provided information about the committee's recommendation of K-6 California *Treasures/Tesoros de lectura*. She also spoke of the next steps once approved, working through the program to advise and focus implementation in 2013-2014.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the K-6 English Language Arts (ELA) Instructional Materials Adoption Recommendation. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.2 Call for Nominations for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

This item was moved to follow D.4.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

Mr. Magdy Abdalla provided a report of construction projects in the District.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thurmond thanked the voters who supported the parcel tax and bond measures as well as Proposition 30.

Ms. Merriweather wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about attending the recent Bay Area Science Fair at AT&T Park where approximately 500 children also attended. She said the organization 4Richmond hosted the children. This same organization is also sending six District students to visit Fisk University, thereby expanding the college going culture in the District. She concluded with comments for newly elected City Council Member Gary Bell who is gravely ill.

Mr. Medrano recommended that viewers would enjoy the new Lincoln movie in theaters which is very moving. He adjourned the meeting by reading a quote from José Martí, a Cuban poet who wrote about the liberation of Cuba from the Spanish in 1898.

The meeting was adjourned with wishes to Mr. Bell for good health.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – November 28, 2012

K. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Medrano adjourned the meeting at 9:48 P.M.

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

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