

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

September 25, 2013
As Corrected October 16, 2013

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.
President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:33 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Kronenberg led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

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

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Phil Gonsalves, Senior Director; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Cecilia Mendoza, K-12 Executive Director; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer, Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Liz Torio, Director Academic Intervention; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Middle College High School

Ms. Ivette Alejandra provided a report of activities at Middle College High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to suspend a certificated employee without pay pending termination.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the action taken in Closed Session to suspend a certificated employee without pay pending termination. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with Mr. Ramsey abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda including moving item F.1 to the final item on the agenda. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Ivette Alejandra (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: September 11, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Minutes of September 11, 2013. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Ivette Alejandra (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

Sarah Creeley

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

- C.3 Notice of Completion: Bid 1441205-11 Nystrom Elementary School Abatement & Selective Demolition
- C.4 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified
- C.5 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3
- C.6 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers
- C.7 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)
- C.8 Presentation of the Initial Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District to the United Teachers of Richmond (UTR)
- C.9 Initial Bargaining Proposal from United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) to the West Contra Costa Unified School District
- C.10 Joint Initial Bargaining Proposal – with West Contra Costa Unified School District and West Contra Costa Administrators Association (WCCAA)
- C.11 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.12 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- C.13 Collins Elementary School Restrooms Renovation Project Rejection of Bids and Authorization for Staff to Rebid the Project
- C.14 Hercules Middle High School Health Center Project Rejection of Bids and Authorization for Staff to Rebid Project
- C.15 Pinole Valley High School Portable Lease
- C.16 Umbrella Joint Use Agreements for Recreational Facilities and Grounds for the City of El Cerrito
- C.17 Interdistrict Attendance Agreement
- C.18 Resolution No. 31-1314: Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2013 – October 15, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.18. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Ivette Alejandra (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. WARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Report on Community Engagement Efforts in WCCUSD

Mr. Marin Trujillo provided a report on the community engagement efforts in the District, including volunteer efforts and two way communication with families. He proudly talked about the school community workers who provide a bridge between families and schools. He introduced School Community Worker Brenda Rankin and parent Tamera Morgan, who each spoke about their efforts and the importance of community workers on the success of children. Ms. Gloria Orozco, Downer Community Worker as well as parent and School Site Council member Rosa Ponce told of the work at Downer Elementary. Maria Resendez, Healthy Start Coordinator and Community Worker at Ford Elementary spoke of her interaction with families. Riverside teacher Pat Sowden spoke about the positive affects of school community workers for both students and parents as more parents are Spanish speakers. The twenty-nine community workers in audience stood to be recognized.

Public Comment:

Robert Goetsch, Jackie Thompson

Board Comment:

Mr. Groves commended the activities and growth as well as the unprecedented number of volunteers. He hoped that efforts will continue to bring more adults on campus and provide opportunities for people willing to volunteer.

Mr. Ramsey echoed Mr. Groves' comments and commended the hard work helping students.

Ms. Merriweather said she was impressed with the number of volunteers and very much appreciated their work. She asked Mr. Trujillo if there was a centralized resource center. Mr. Trujillo spoke of monthly meetings and school site parent resource center led by community workers.

Mr. Enos thanked the volunteers and asked them to recruit others.

Ms. Alejandre thanked the volunteers from a student perspective saying that one on one communication makes a difference. She said that she recognized Ms. Rankin as a volunteer at Helms Middle School from her years at the school. She said she felt it was nice to see that people care.

President Kronenberg commented that the strategic plan has a component about listening to the community. She commended the Be a Mentor program for providing a great resource for people who want to serve.

D.2 2013 Summer School, Programs, Data, and Learning

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ms. Liz Torio, Director for Academic Intervention who provided data information regarding this year's elementary and secondary summer programs. Extended Learning Principals Kim Moses and Rene Lama presented information about the 400 elementary and 526 secondary students who participated in the Extended Learning program for 2013. Ninety-five students also completed credits to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Counselor Finy Prak reported on the other alternate summer programs including the San Francisco Academy of Art summer pre-college program and the Ivy League Connection program.

Nancy Schiff reported on the UC Berkeley Legal Fellowship program and introduced students who participated:

Veronica Benitez, Richmond High
Marco Delgado, Richmond High
Brittany Jones, Middle College High
Naxhllleli Ramirez, Richmond High
Nasario Sylvester, Kennedy High

Legal Fellowship Board Members Evan Cox and Van Hamberg spoke of their involvement and the success of the program.

Mr. Jose Iziarry of the Richmond Health Academy provided information regarding the Contra Costa Economic Partnership Development, environmental science camps, workplace learning, biotechnology and an engineering camp. He also spoke about internships in various health-related businesses as well as the Holy Names University summer program.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos spoke of his experience as a mock trial instructor in the District and thanked the program for the opportunity to motivate students.

Mr. Ramsey thanked the volunteers for the opportunity to partner and provide a chance for students to take advantage of opportunities to succeed.

Ms. Merriweather asked Mr. Iziarry about the various camps and recruitment. He provided information about the strong cohort through the Contra Costa Economic Partnership.

Mr. Groves spoke of the privilege of seeing some of these programs in action and their success. He had questions about the school based summer learning assessment data to which Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the summer assessments and alignment with Common Core standards. Ms. Torio also spoke about criteria for intervention and students on retention lists scoring below basic on assessment tests. Mr. Groves continued with questions about making summer learning for the most at risk students an enriching experience as well. He asked that a report be brought back to the Board before the end of the year to look at changes to summer school.

President Kronenberg commented on the number of students able to participate in summer learning. She asked whether all below basic children were enrolled in a program. Ms. Torio responded with information about reaching 50% of those children. President Kronenberg continued to comment about kinds of resources the District is willing to commit for summer learning.

Student Representative Ivette Alejandre left meeting for the evening.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 Standing Reports

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported the next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at Helms Middle School. She said that the September meeting included discussion regarding the single plan for student achievement and summer learning.

College Career Readiness. Ms. Cecilia Mendoza shared information about the linked learning program now in its fifth year. She spoke of the District's opportunity to benefit from the California Department of Education's AB790 pilot program, and being selected as one of four districts in California given Mentor District status. She reported on the responsibilities to promote best practices, conduct experiential visits for other districts and identify common pathways. She said that WCCUSD will be supporting other districts in defining assessment protocols and share role-alike responsibilities for various positions within districts. She introduced Rebecca Ross who will work with the business community for work-based learning and supporting the broad based community development.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Mr. Groves reported on the last meeting where three new members joined the committee. Discussion included the unaudited actuals report and implications of the Local Control Funding Formula.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Ramsey announced the next meeting for October 8, 2013.

Ivy League Connection. Mr. Ramsey reported on the recent visit by admissions officers from Brown University. Admissions officers from Yale University will be visiting the District in the coming weeks. Preparations have already begun to reach out to potential students for the 2014 summer program.

Safety Committee. Ms. Merriweather reported on the recent parent community forum that saw a good turnout of parents. She said there was good feedback about safety at schools. She also announced the upcoming health and safety fair in San Pablo on October 5. The next Safety Committee meeting will be held October 3 at El Cerrito High School, 9:00 AM.

Youth Commission. Mr. Greer reported that the next meeting will be held October 16 at Helms Middle School, 6:30 PM.

E.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Resolution No. 29-1314 and Resolution No. 30-1314 of the Board of Trustees of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance of West Contra Costa Unified School District (Contra Costa County, California) Election of 2010 General Obligation Bonds, Series B and 2012 General Obligation Bonds, Series A, and actions related thereto

This item was moved to follow item G.1.

F.2 Approval of Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to hold a public hearing and then approve the agreement with Local One.

President Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Peter Tiernan

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.3 Approval of Agreement with School Supervisors Association (SSA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SSA

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to hold a public hearing and then approve the agreement with School Supervisors Association.

President Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Agreement with School Supervisors Association (SSA) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SSA. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Appoint a Board Committee

Superintendent Harter spoke about opportunities to recognize long serving community members. A request has been received to consider naming some part of the DeAnza High School facility in honor of teacher Karen Mason. Mr. Enos and President Kronenberg volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval to appoint Mr. Enos and President Kronenberg to serve on the subcommittee to consider naming some part of DeAnza High School in honor of Karen Mason. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Board Policy Updates: BP 3515 Campus Security

Ms. Phillips provided an explanation for the policy.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

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Mr. Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance along with Jeff Baratta, Piper Jaffery Investment Company, Scott Henry E.J. De La Rosa Investment Bankers, David Casnocha of the law firm Stradling, Yocca, Carlson and Rauth, and Mary

Hernandez of Garcia Hernandez Law Firm to comprise the finance team who detailed the proposed bond sale planned for October.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board members had various questions throughout the presentation to which the finance team responded.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 29-1314 and Resolution No. 30-1314 of the Board of Trustees of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance of West Contra Costa Unified School District (Contra Costa County, California) Election of 2010 General Obligation Bonds, Series B and 2012 General Obligation Bonds, Series A, and actions related thereto. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT
Mr. Ramsey wished President Kronenberg a happy birthday.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – October 2, 2013

K. ADJOURNMENT
President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:42 P.M.

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

BH:dh

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