

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

**November 20, 2013**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.  
President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:31 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; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance / Operations; Marco Gonzales, Principal Downer Elementary, Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities; Barbara Jellison, Director Food Services; Ken McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Kennedy High School**

Ms. Kaylonii Bardell provided a report of activities at Kennedy High School.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

None

**B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda including tabling item F.2 until the December 11, 2013 meeting. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Kaylonii Bardell (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

**B.7 Minutes:** October 23, 2013; November 6, 2013

**MOTION:** Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2013 and November 6, 2013. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Kaylonii Bardell (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**

Alenny Lemas, Erika Valdez, Elizabeth Mora, Juana Albares

**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 Notice of Completions: Bids 1251612-04 Grant Elementary & 1341612-04 Lake Elementary**

**School Fire Alarm Modernization**

- C.6 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified**
- C.7 Certification of Athletic Coaches – Fall Sports**  
This item was pulled for separate action.
- C.8 Approval of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Funds Plan**
- C.9 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.10 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.11 Approve Measure J and D 2010, Measure E 2012, Bond Program Budget Expenditure Authorization**

**Public Comment:**

Alex Aliferis

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey responded for clarification.

- C.12 Acceptance of Contra Costa County Office of Education Annual Report for Williams Settlement Legislation**
- C.13 Approval of Board Members Travel**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.6, and C.8 - C.13. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Kaylonii Bardell (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

- C.7 Certification of Athletic Coaches – Fall Sports**  
This item was pulled from the Consent calendar for a separate vote.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Item C.7. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative Kaylonii Bardell (advisory vote only), and President Kronenberg voting yes, with Ms. Merriweather abstaining, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.**

**D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

- D.1 Performance by E. M. Downer’s Sound Minds Group**  
Principal Marco Gonzales introduced the 3<sup>rd</sup> grader student performers who take instruction in violin, cello, chorus and music theory through the Sound Minds program. He explained that the after school program includes literacy intervention or enrichment as well music instruction and theory. He provided the history of the program with the California Symphony. He introduced the teachers and students who then performed for the audience.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Board members commended the student performers and their teachers, sharing their appreciation.

- D.2 Ed Fund Grant Awardees for 2013**  
Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ed Fund Executive Director Joel Mackey who shared information about this year’s grant award winners. In celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ed Fund he said he was excited to continue the program with funding for important programs in schools. Mr. Mackey said the grantees proposals aligned with District’s strategic plan involving innovation and the whole child. The forty grantees selected will receive over \$30,000 in awards. Colleague Mr. Javonte McDonald shared information about some of the projects. Each grant award winner was acknowledged and presented with a certificate. Following is a list of the grant projects awarded this year:

Early Intervention Resources Plus	Examine, Explore, Excel through Learning at the Exploratorium
Writer Coach Connection	Exploring Our World Chrome Books in the Classroom
Community Alliance for Learning	The Yuck It Up Book Club
Bridge to College	Peer Parody Project
A Game, Moving Kids to Lead	Battle of the Books, Pinole Middle

Learning with No Boarders	Battle of the Books, Pinole Valley High
Achilles in the Classroom	Portola Arts
Lettuce Grow a Garden	A Gains, Moving Kids to Lead at Richmond
Kindergarteners Love Slime	Enhancing Sensory Motor Development in pre-K Special Education
Bat Encounter	Speech Generating Device for Students with Exceptional Needs
Bringing Fossils to Life	Yosemite Environmental Living Program
Fighting Obesity and Improving Academic Performance Through PE	Camp Arroyo 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders
Herb and Dishes, A Product Marketing Model	Teaching Basic Food Preparation, Use of Utensils
Eat Well	Watch Us Grow, Young Naturalists
Inspiring Culturally Through Literacy	Anti-bully Machine
Responsive Literature	Verde Multicultural Day
Wyman STEM Circle	Wildlife Habitat Garden
Escape Club	Special Education Classroom Enrichment Project
Supporting Middle Schools Students to Graduate High School	Building Character Through Literacy
STEM on Wheels, Mobile Science Cart for Outdoor Classroom	Many Robotics
Owning the Bay or How to Sell Through Life	
Using Science and Technology	

A photograph was taken with all award recipients and Board Members

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Student Representative Kaylonii Bardell left the meeting for the evening.

**E.1 Standing Reports**

**Academic Subcommittee.** Ms. Rashidchi reported on the recent District Advisory meeting and the work done at DeAnza High School. Mr. Enos spoke of role of coaches and seeing teachers taking charge.

**Facilities Subcommittee.** Mr. Ramsey reported that the next meeting will be held December 10.

**Ivy League Connection.** Mr. Ramsey reported that fundraising is actively going on.

**Safety & School Climate.** Mr. Enos reported on the recent meeting where the group looked at initiatives and cultured behavior on campuses. He said that members of the community also attended and he praised their presentations. Ms. Merriweather remarked that there would be no December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2014 with the location to be determined.

**Technology Advisory Committee.** Ms. Phillips reported on the last meeting where discussion included a one to one initiative, chrome books and learn pads. Discussion also included infrastructure needs and the need for an improved assessment system. Mr. Ramsey commented on the structure of the committee, suggesting it be modeled after the Facilities Subcommittee approving items for recommendation to the Board.

**Youth Commission.** Mr. Groves reported on the recent meeting at Helms Middle School where the group mapped out work for the coming year, set goals and engaged with peers. He said the next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 6:30 PM at Helms Middle School where discussion will include a better school culture.

**E.2 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

**E.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community**

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators Association (West Contra Costa Administrators Association / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA)**

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to accept the full contract negotiations started in 2012. He said this was done using the interest-based collaborative process.

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 Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA. 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.2 Procurement Contract for Data Center and Wireless Infrastructure**

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

**F.3 Call for Nominations for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to consider this opportunity to submit the name of a nominee.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey offered some background information.

Ms. Merriweather volunteered to submit her name as a nominee.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Nomination of Elaine Merriweather for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. 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.**

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

None

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Fay to look into the roof leaking at DeAnza High. He also asked for better understanding of surveillance systems and integration into bidding practices. Mr. Fay responded with information about the bidding

process. It was recommended to bring this back to the Facilities Subcommittee for further discussion. He concluded by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Mr. Enos wished everyone a happy holiday season and spoke about students returning after the holiday vacation to resume work on their grades.

Ms. Merriweather wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. She said she the District has a lot to be thankful for. She remarked on her recent visit to Richmond High School where she saw African-American students and parents starting a Black Student Union.

Mr. Groves wished everyone happy holidays. He urged everyone to come back strong after the holidays with renewed commitment.

President Kronenberg wished the audience a happy Thanksgiving. She added that she had attended the funeral of a student who died last week. She said it brought to mind the importance to be thankful for everyday and how much she appreciates the people in her life.

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – December 11, 2013

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

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

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