

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting
DeJean Middle School
Multipurpose Room
3400 Macdonald Ave.
Richmond, CA 94805**

December 19, 2013

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led those in attendance in 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: Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-12 Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities; David Luongo, El Cerrito High School Principal; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Darrin Zaragoza, District Athletic Director

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint Mr. Julio Franco to the position of Executive Director of Educational Services.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the action taken Closed Session to appoint Mr. Julio Franco to the position of Executive Director of Educational Services. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the Agenda, including moving item D.1 to follow B.5. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.1 Recognition of El Cerrito High School Varsity Football Team

Mr. Greer and Mr. Zaragoza acknowledged the El Cerrito High student athletes, many of whom have been on the football team since their freshman year. Mr. Zaragoza spoke about the student's adopted lifestyle of education and hard work. Head Coach Kenny Kahn, El Cerrito graduate of the Class of 2000, spoke of his pride as an alumni and head coach. He spoke of the accomplishments of the young athletes both academically and on the playing field. Mr. Greer presented certificates to staff and team members in acknowledgement of their successful season and NCS Division Playoffs.

Public Comment:

David Luongo

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos spoke of his years of coaching and having worked with one of the El Cerrito coaches. He offered congratulations to the team for a super season.

Ms. Kronenberg commended Coach Kahn for the inspiration he brought to the team. She acknowledged the players for their successful motivation. She said she looked forward to next year's season continuing the tradition.

Ms. Merriweather said she was very proud of the coaches and all the young men making up the team. She remarked that it is important to know they are winners and nothing can stop them from being winners in life.

Mr. Groves spoke about knowing several of the young men and the pride of their accomplishments for their school.

President Ramsey spoke of the school's strong football history over the last 50 years.

B.6 WCCUSD Public Comment

Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, Heidi Bartsch, Romy Douglass, Kristy Van Herick, Susan Riggle, Lonnie Morris

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Board Calendar for 2014

C.2 Chevron's "Energy for Learning" STEM Education program funds

WCCUSD's Middle School Mathematics and Science Initiative (MSMSI)

C.3 Chevron's "Energy for Learning" STEM Education program funds

WCCUSD'S Chevron Science Initiative – Richmond (CSIR)

Public Comment:

Rebecca Garcia-Gonzalez

C.4 Montalvin Elementary School Classroom Building Project Award of Contract

This item was moved to follow F.2.

C.5 Ratification and Approval Engineering Services Contracts

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.3 and C.5. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. ACTION ITEMS

D.1 Recognition of El Cerrito High School Varsity Football Team

This item was moved to follow item B.5.

E. ACTION ITEMS

E.1 Approval of Agreement with United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with UTR

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board for approval of the UTR ratified agreement. He also pointed out the corrected dates in the revised document.

Public Comment:

Diane Brown, Mel Collins

Board Comment:

None

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

E.2 Resolution 44-1314: Adoption of Uniform System of Prequalifying and Rating Prospective Bidders for Construction Projects

This item was moved to follow F.2.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1 Project Status Report for Portola Middle School

Mr. Abdalla along with Mr. Lee Pollard of HY Architects provided detailed information regarding design and construction of the Portola campus on the former Castro site. Project Manager Jose Chapa and Master Scheduler David Page provided clarification to questions from Board Members.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
President Ramsey asked several questions about the progress of the project. Mr. Chapa, Mr. Abdalla, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Page provided responses.

Ms. Merriweather asked about the remaining wooden structure building. Mr. Lee explained that it is a retrofitted building left from the old Castro site because the neighborhood had an attachment to its ceramic tile mural constructed by students and fitting the character of the community.

F.2 Project Status Report

Mr. Abdalla provided an update of construction projects in the District.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Ramsey had questions about various phases of the construction projects. Mr. Abdalla provided clarification.

C.4 Montalvin Elementary School Classroom Building Project Award of Contract

Mr. Fay reported on the number of contract bids for this project. He said that staff is currently awaiting completion of the three day period to award the contract.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Ramsey had questions about concerns expressed from the building trades unions. Mr. Steve Manthe of Employees Advocates, Attorney Cate Boskoff, Mr. Kareem Nasab and Tim Peele, Construction Project Managers, provided information regarding the process for awarding contracts and subsequent mark-up meetings.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Montalvin Elementary School Classroom Building Award of Contract. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E.2 Resolution 44-1314: Adoption of Uniform System of Prequalifying and Rating Prospective Bidders for Construction Projects

Mr. Fay reported that the item has been reworked from its previous version. Attorney Cate Boskoff explained that the previous version contained various exhibits which have been removed as well as revisions to the appeals process and references to the Richmond Swim Center. She explained the need to approve this item in order to meet the mandatory prequalification evaluation to be in place by January 1, 2014.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Ramsey had questions to which Mr. Abdalla and Ms. Boskoff provided clarification.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Resolution 44-1314: Adoption of Uniform System of Prequalifying and Rating Prospective Bidders for Construction Projects. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Enos wished everyone a good winter vacation.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about teacher Tiffani Neal being awarded the Symetra Teacher Hero of the Week. She will be recognized at an upcoming Forty-Niner football game at Candlestick Park. She concluded by wishing the audience happy holidays.

Ms. Merriweather wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Groves expressed appreciation to colleagues and staff for their work throughout the year.

President Ramsey reflected on the first year for some of his colleagues and remarked on the conclusion for a year without a state trustee. He commented on the adoption of a strategic plan and implementation funding. He concluded with remarks about the fiscal soundness of District.

President Ramsey thanked the bargaining teams and staff members who participated in successful negotiations and said that he wants 2014 to be focused on kids and instruction.

H. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 8, 2014

I. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

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<p><u>TAG</u> Approved 1/8/2014</p>
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