

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

January 29, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

In President Ramsey's absence, Clerk Todd Groves called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. Clerk Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Groves led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Clerk Groves 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

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Jose De Leon, Interim Principal Richmond High; Cliff Dorton, Electronics Technician; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Rhonda Haney, Title IX Coordinator; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Drew Kravin, Project Assistant; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Lyn Potter, Director Curriculum & Instructional Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Liz Torio, Director Academic Intervention; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement; Katie vonHusen, Coordinator Ed Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Richmond High School

Mr. Cesar Munoz provided a report of activities at Richmond High School.

B.6 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in closed session to appoint Rhonda Haney to the position of Title IX Coordinator.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved to ratify action in Closed Session to appoint Rhonda Haney to the position of Title IX Coordinator. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.7 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg requested that item D.1 be moved to follow item B.8. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg requested that item F.6 be moved to the discussion section of the agenda and approved the remainder of the agenda. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.8 Minutes: January 4, 2014; January 8, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of January 4, 2014 and January 8, 2014. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

D.1 Recognition of Sgt. Eddie Russell

Mr. Greer introduced Sgt. Russell of the Richmond Police Department, and acknowledged his eight years of support for students and the District as a school resource officer (SRO) and most recently as the officer in charge of the SRO's at Richmond schools. Board members personally acknowledged and commended his dedication. Fellow officers were in the audience to offer support. Sgt. Russell spoke of his relationship with Mr. Enos as a teacher, coach and colleague. He extended thanks to his fellow officers and supervisors for their support in his work and remarked on the pleasure he experienced in working with youth.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos spoke of Sgt. Russell's working in the community in a positive way. He also recalled Sgt. Russell as a student and football player. He concluded by extending thanks for his work and dedication.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of his work in teaching gangs classes for parents and how well the information was received.

Ms. Merriweather thanked Sgt. Russell for his leadership and commented about the way he worked with students. She said she is glad that he will remain in community.

Mr. Groves thanked Sgt. Russell for his support in making schools safer and students more well-grounded.

B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment

Harry Campbell, Lorraine Humes, Giorgio Cosentino

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 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3

C.7 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.8 Approval of Sabbatical Leave Requests for 2014-2015

C.9 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers

C.10 Presentation of Bargaining Proposal from Local One to the West Contra Costa Unified School District

C.11 Approve the following new job description: Director of Communications

C.12 Approve the following new job description: Director, Accountability/ Chief Data Officer

C.13 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.14 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.15 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract (CUPCCAA): Pinole Valley High School Baseball Park Backstop Replacement

C.16 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract (CUPCCAA): Pinole Valley High School Baseball Park Site Work

C.17 Security System for FOC and ITC to include head-end equipment for the district

C.18 Resolution 52-1314: Authorizing Competitive Negotiations for Erate Priority One Data Circuits and Managed VoIP Services pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20118.2

C.19 Procurement Contract for Wireless Infrastructure

C.20 Resolution No. 53-1314: African-American History Month - February 2014

C.21 Resolution No. 54-1314: Recognition of West Contra Costa Unified School District Job Shadow Day February 4, 2014 and Recognition of February 2014 as National Job Shadow Month

C.22 Revision of Board Bylaw 9250

C.23 Approval of Board Members Travel

MOTION: Ms. Merriweather moved approval of Consent Items C.1 –C.23. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Sgt. Eddie Russell

This item was moved to follow item B.8.

D.2 Report on District-wide FAFSA Campaign

Mr. Joel Mackey and Mr. Robert Bunce of the Ed Fund provided a report highlighting accomplishments with respect to financial aid applications for District students. They shared information regarding the collaborative with West County College Access Network to increase the percentage of District students who complete the federal student aid application, FAFSA. Students who complete this application are more likely to go on to college. Pinole Valley High School graduate William Lee Newsome is a freshman at Holy Names University. He told of his experience as the first in his family to attend college. His mother, Gwendolyn Bullocks, spoke of her pride that her son is attending college and appreciation for the assistance in obtaining financial support. Mr. Mackey said that the goal for this year is to be first large district in state to accomplish a 70% FAFSA completion rate.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather had questions about parent outreach. Mr. Mackey spoke about the Cash for College nights held at every high school and wide advertisement through various forums.

Mr. Enos thanked the Ed Fund and spoke about seeing students graduate and enroll in college.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of attending the college network meetings and the group of people taking positive steps to assist parents. She commended the educational and informational efforts, in addition to the logistical efforts, in uploading student Grade Point Averages district wide.

Clerk Groves asked what the District could do to facilitate the efforts. Mr. Mackey spoke of publicizing to the community for aware of the process and the potential impact to student's lives.

D.3 Mock Trial Overview

Mr. Greer introduced Ms. Nancy Schiff of the Center for Youth Development Through Law who spoke about the mock trial teams at District high schools. She explained that the Hercules team is not currently sponsored by the Center. Students and instructors from DeAnza, El Cerrito, Kennedy, and Richmond High Schools are participants. Student and teachers representatives from each high school spoke about how the program has affected them in positive ways.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg credited Mr. Ramsey for bringing this program to the District. She said she loved hearing the students speak about the rigor and how much they enjoy participating in the program.

Mr. Enos spoke about this becoming a part of the culture in each high school and a standard for leadership.

Ms. Merriweather talked about the excellent program, students benefits, and taking the skills gained with them through life.

Clerk Groves asked Ms. Schiff about future expansion. She said the program is self-limiting but that each program could spread the word to recruit a few more students. She estimated that each school could handle a maximum of twenty students.

D.4 WCCUSD 2014 Summer Learning Overview

Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the upcoming 2014 summer learning program for students. The program will incorporate new strategies to improve student engagement, combat summer learning loss, support the transition to the Common Core, and offer more hands on project based learning opportunities. Ms. Liz Torio provided a presentation regarding

plans for the summer school 2014. Dates for this year's program will be June 16 - July 11, 2014 with 19 days of instruction. She explained pilot strategies to improve student engagement, reinforce foundational skills, practice writing skills and implement theme based activities. Teacher Jose Irizarry provided information about enrichment programs for middle and high school students.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the number of students who will be served during the summer. Superintendent Harter estimated that the District can serve 3,300 students this summer through various programs.

Ms. Merriweather asked about the Smarter Balance Assessment. Ms. Rashidchi spoke about piloting and testing during the spring as well as summer in order to give students and teachers opportunity to practice before the actual tests take place in 2014-15.

Clerk Groves asked about prioritizing and identifying students. Ms. Torio provided details. He continued with questions about measuring student achievement and curriculum to be used. Ms. Lyn Potter provided clarification.

D.5 Budget Update

Ms. Gamba presented an update on the recent Governor's Budget Proposal and how it affects the District.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather had questions about deferred funds. Ms. Gamba explained with detail.

Clerk Groves asked question about proportionality. Ms. Gamba responded with clarification.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 Standing Reports

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported on the last meeting and conversation about best practices in the District as well as the upcoming summer school program. She said that an upcoming town hall meeting will showcase teacher best practices. The next meeting will be held February 11th at DeAnza High School. Mr. Enos added that he felt teachers were happy to work toward best practices and building common rubrics to measure progress.

College and Career Readiness Academies. Mr. Greer recognized a California Department of Education monetary award to El Cerrito High School for planning a conservatory of arts academy. He said that discussion has begun around the development of the District's visual arts program.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba said committee members attended the January Governor's Budget Workshop. They found the workshops very informative.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg spoke of the robust conversation regarding bond council selections. The committee discussion included construction project status regarding Montalvin, El Cerrito Stadium, and Coronado. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2014.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg said the committee is in process of making student selections for the various summer programs with more interviews taking place this week.

Safety and School Climate Committee. Ms. Merriweather said the next meeting was scheduled for February 6, 2014 at DeAnza High School.

Technology Subcommittee. Ms. Phillips said the committee met and continued the computer tablet piloting process in order to set a District standard. The next meeting will include a discussion of the 2014-2017 Technology Plan and will be held February 10, 4:00 PM, at 1300 Potrero Avenue.

Youth Commission. Mr. Groves said the commissioners will meet February 10th to go on a listening tour of all of the high schools to hear student's voice.

E.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the Public Employees Union, Local One

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to open the public hearing and then accept the District's proposal to Local One.

Clerk Groves opened public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

Clerk Groves closed public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the Public Employees Union, Local One. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.2 Public Hearing and Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from the School Supervisors Association (SSA) to West Contra Costa Unified School District

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to open the public hearing and then vote to accept the proposal from the School Supervisors Association.

Clerk Groves opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

Clerk Groves closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from the School Supervisors Association (SSA) to West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.3 Presentation and Public Hearing of Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to School Supervisors Association (SSA)

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to open the public hearing and then vote to accept the District's proposal to the School Supervisors Association.

Clerk Groves opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Clerk Groves closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to School Supervisors Association (SSA). Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.4 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Joint Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District and West Contra Costa Administrators Association

Mr. Whittemore asked the Board to open the public hearing and then vote to accept the proposal from the West Contra Costa Administrators Association.

Clerk Groves opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Clerk Groves closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Adoption of the Joint Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District and West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.5 Local Control Accountability Parent Committee

Superintendent Harter explained the need to create a Local Control Accountability Parent Committee, the process and proposal to set up a parent committee to advise the Board with regard to the Local Control Accountability Plan. School families and community groups will be asked to nominate parents to be their representative with the intention of a workable sized group as prescribed by law. Superintendent Harter recommended the Board approve composition and framework of the committee.

Public Comment:

Yuritzzy Gomez, Myra Garcia

Board Comment:

Superintendent Harter responded with information regarding the public committee meetings and meeting schedule set up with the statutory minimum in mind. He explained that the list of groups was to look at typical partners, with the statute in mind to address needs of low income, English Language Learners and Foster Youth. The goal will be to develop a broader scope to incorporate elements of the District's Strategic Plan as well. Student representatives will be included in an ex officio roll since this is a parent committee. All members will be encouraged to attend each of the meetings.

Ms. Kronenberg pointed out that the law regulates the makeup of the committee requiring parents of District students. She remarked that Dr. Harter has done a good job of being broad with 37 members making up a large committee. These public meetings will be important for the community.

Ms. Merriweather asked about the selection process. Superintendent Harter said that volunteers will be asked but the requirement is for parents to participate.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Local Control Accountability Committee. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

F.6 Board Policy 5131 “Conduct”, Policy 5137 “Positive School Climate”, Policy 5145.7 “Sexual Harassment”, and Policy 5145.9 “Hate-Motivated Behavior”

This item was moved to the discussion section with no action at this time.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.6 Board Policy 5131 “Conduct”, Policy 5137 “Positive School Climate”, Policy 5145.7 “Sexual Harassment”, and Policy 5145.9 “Hate-Motivated Behavior”

Superintendent Harter explained that this item has been moved to a discussion item in order to afford the community and Board opportunity for input. This item will return to a subsequent meeting for adoption.

Mr. Greer spoke of the paramount importance to create a culture of safety for students. He asked the Board to review updates to four Board Policies regarding conduct, positive school climate, sexual harassment and hate motivated behavior. Mr. Greer introduced Dr. John Shields with ETR who addressed points regarding assessing and revisiting policies related to sexual harassment and gender based harassment, convening and support for a Districtwide task force for development of new policies, professional development, monitoring implementation, and annual evaluation.

Mr. Greer spoke of a positive journey over the coming years where District children will be safe. He commended the leadership of School Safety and Climate Committee.

Public Comment:

Thomas Selhorst, Lorraine Humes

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg had questions about the process to share information regarding complaints. Dr. Shields spoke about designing a “dashboard” that would be specific to the District.

Mr. Enos spoke of the importance to take on a measuring process and applauded the Board for providing a leader in the organization ETR.

Clerk Groves asked about the timeline of when this will return to the Board for adoption. Superintendent Harter said that the policies will return March 12 for approval. Administrative Regulations will also be developed. Mr. Greer explained the cultural change under the Board’s guidance through the Safety Committee to improve services for safety in school sites.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Enos thanked staff for its hard work to serve students and community. Mr. Enos also commended Mr. Groves for conducting the meeting.

Ms. Merriweather commented on the interesting meeting, including the District’s LCAP parent committee. She said she is looking forward to hearing parent input regarding focus on the neediest students.

Ms. Kronenberg remarked on the mock trial presentation and said she recognizing graduate Peter Chau as a trial judge in the video presentation. She also commented on the work of Dr. Shields and the commitment of the District to change the culture.

Clerk Groves said he was honored to fill the shoes of President Ramsey. He acknowledged and extended appreciation for staff’s hard work.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – February 12, 2014

K. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Groves adjourned the meeting at 9:41 P.M.

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

BH:dh

TAG Approved 2/12/14
