

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

March 12, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

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 6:30P.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: Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Denise Cifelli, Confidential Secretary; 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; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; 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 the Youth Commission

Cesar Munoz provided a report of activities for the Youth Commission.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to approve actions taken in Closed Session to approve Marcus Walton as Director of Communications, Diane Lang as an Assistant Principal, 5 elementary and 18 secondary administrators for summer school, 7 administrators for reassignment for 2014-15 and approve non re-election of 5 teachers.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to approve Marcus Walton as Director of Communications, Diane Lang as Assistant Principal, 5 elementary and 18 secondary administrators for summer school, 7 administrators for reassignment for 2014-15 and the non- reelection of 5 teachers. Mr. Enos second the motion. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes; with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: President Ramsey requested item F.3 be moved prior to item D.1. Mr. Groves moved to approve the agenda with the change to move item F.3 prior to item D. 1. Ms. Kronenberg second. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes; no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: February 12, 2014; February 26, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2014 and February 26, 2014. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes; no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

Mike Ali, Sarah Creeley, Devin Houston, 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

Ms. Gamba announced a correction for item C.4 correcting the amount of Vendor Warrants for February to \$16,299,503.

C.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 65-1314: Replacement of Outdated Warrant

C.6 Resolution No. 61-1314 Directing Preparation of Annual Engineer's Report - MRAD

C.7 Certification of Athletic Coaches – Winter Sports

C.8 Board Policy 5131 “Conduct”, Policy 5137 “Positive School Climate”, Policy 5145.7 “Sexual Harassment”, Policy 5145.3 “Nondiscrimination / Harassment” and Policy 5145.9

This item was pulled for separate action.

C.9 Resolution No. 66-1314: California Adult Education Week – March 10-14, 2014

C.10 Resolution No. 62-1314: Arts in Education Month – March 2014

C.11 Resolution No. 63-1314: Women's History Month – March 2014

C.12 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.13 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.14 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Bill Kelly by Hercules City Council

C.15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Tim Warner be reappointed by Board Member Madeline Kronenberg

C.16 El Cerrito High School Stadium Project – Request to Substitute Listed Subcontractor Pursuant to an Inadvertent Clerical Error – Resolution No. 64-1314

C.17 Right of Entry Agreement between WCCUSD and Pinole Valley Community Church for Temporary Parking Purposes

C.18 Right of Entry Agreement between WCCUSD and Iglesia De Jesucristo Palabra Miel Church for Temporary Parking Purposes (Administration Building Site)

C.19 Cellular Service for Tablets

C.20 Hosted VoIP to standardize and upgrade communication systems for all sites

This item was pulled for separate action.

C.21 Ten Gbps fiber WAN to connect all sites to 1300 Potrero Ave., Richmond, CA

Public Comment:

Rhonda Lutz of AT&T

C.22 Approval of Board Members Travel

C.23 Approval of District Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Committee Nominees

Public Comment:

Giorgio Cosentino, Ivette Rico, Rhonda Lutz, Lynn Wolter, Councilman Bill Kelly

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.7; C.9 – C.19 and C.21-23. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

F.3 Consideration for Partnership with Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD)

Public Comment:

Lynn Wolter, Richard (Tony) Lloyd, Police Chief Greg Harmon

Board Comment:

Superintendent Harter amended the staff recommendation to the Board for approval since the item originally brought forward was not fully in line with the Kensington request.

President Ramsey supported Dr. Harter's recommendation and made a motion to approve a three-year contract not in excess of \$50,000 and for Dr. Harter to be given authority to negotiate final terms of contract.

Ms. Merriweather had questions about the fiscal impact. Ms. Gamba clarified the impact. Ms. Merriweather also requested clarification of a three year term. President Ramsey offered clarification as well.

Ms. Kronenberg voiced her support of the partnership.

Mr. Enos commented on the importance of safety in schools and the District's commitment.

MOTION: President Ramsey moved to approve the request for Consideration for a Partnership with Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) for a three (3) year contract for \$32,000 not to exceed \$50,000. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.8 Board Policy 5131 "Conduct", Policy 5137 "Positive School Climate", Policy 5145.7 "Sexual Harassment", Policy 5145.3 "Nondiscrimination / Harassment" and Policy 5145.9

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather recommended additions to the policies. Title IX Coordinator Rhonda Haney and ETR consultant Dr. John Shields were available to address questions. Ms. Merriweather discussed her recommendations to identify the individual responsible for investigating allegations in a timely manner, as well as details regarding gender based harassment, gender identity and gender expression. Ms. Merriweather concluded by recommending language to deal with students filing false reports subject to disciplinary action. Dr. Shields advised that the language will be added.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of Consent Item C. 8 with the modifications as amendments to the policies; second by Mr. Enos. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.20 Hosted VoIP to standardize and upgrade communication systems for all sites

Public Comment:

Rhonda Lutz of AT&T

Board Comment:

President Ramsey requested an explanation as to why the contract was not awarded to lowest bidder and asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Scholar-in-Residence Program Update

Superintendent Harter provided an update on the Scholar-in Residence program and introduced Dr. AnnMarie Darrow-Baines, Scholar-in Residence, who reported on her program activities. She shared information on the "What", "How" and "Why" of learning and the themes, opportunities, challenges and key learnings she uncovered. She invited the Board to attend Portola Night on March 27th and WCCUSD Middle School Conference on April 26th.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather had questions regarding student organizational skills. Ms. Darrow-Baines elaborated on systems used and ability of teachers to also use and model the same skills.

Ms. Kronenberg expressed how impressed she was with the work being done as she had the opportunity to sit in on one of the sessions. She said she was very excited about the work, focus and energy she saw.

Mr. Groves thanked Dr. Darrow-Baines for her work and asked for ways the District could improve in gathering qualitative data. Dr. Darrow-Baines commented on several ways to gather and provided insight on common barriers and struggles.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: Ivette Rico discussed extending terms of committee members, a Brown Act presentation for committee members and an April presentation on the upcoming bond measure.

Safety and School Climate Committee. Ms. Merriweather reported that UC Davis and Playworks made presentations. Discussion also included the Welcoming Schools Organization. Mr. Enos highlighted the Pinole site safety meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2014 at Lupine Elementary at 9:00 a.m.

Technology Subcommittee. Ms. Phillips reported that the committee approved the technology plan which will come to the Board for approval on March 26.

Youth Commission. Student Representative Cesar Munoz covered the last meeting. He said the commission will host a book drive on March 18. The next meeting will be held at Helms on April 14, 6:30 p.m.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported the next meeting will be March 18 at DeAnza High with a full agenda. She detailed an upcoming Best Practices Conference for teachers, staff and principals planned for May 22nd.

College and Career Readiness Academies. Mr. Greer announced that for the fourth year the counselors have submitted their Support Personnel Accountability Report Cards (SPARCs). He also reported on that the District will partner in the I-880 Corridor for the California Pathway Trust to enhance delivery of Pathways services to students.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting will be held March 27 at Alvarado and with discussion to include LCAP.

Facilities Subcommittee. President Ramsey provided a construction project status report. Superintendent Harter provided an update on the fabrication lab planned for Kennedy High School. The next meeting will be April 15 at the Facilities Operations Center.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg said students have been selected and are ready to begin blogging tutorials. Next week the committee will begin interviewing chaperones for the Ivy League summer program.

F.1 Approval of Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One

Mr. Whittemore requested President Ramsey to open a public hearing regarding the agreement with Public Employees Union, Local One.

President Ramsey opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Ramsey closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One. Ms. Merriweather seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Approval of Agreement with Public Employees, Local One / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local One

This item was moved to follow E. 1 Standing Reports.

F.2 2014 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: President Ramsey moved approval of voting for candidates Elaine Merriweather, Laura Canciamilla and Kathi McLaughlin on the 2014 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Cesar Munoz (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.3 Consideration for Partnership with Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD)

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

Mr. Abdalla provided an update of various construction projects in the District as well as the Portola Middle School and Richmond Swim Center construction projects.

The Portola Middle School construction team included HY Architect Lee Pollard, SGI Project Manager Jose Chapa, Project Inspector AJ Washington and Rob Worthing from Allana Buick & Bers who all provided in depth details of the project.

The Richmond Swim Center construction team included Mark Albertson of AOR, Karim Nassab of SGI and Herman Blackmon, Jr. who detailed the aspects of the project.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey had questions about both the Portola project and the Richmond Swim Center to which the construction teams responded.

Ms. Kronenberg recommended addressing the El Cerrito City Council to provide a project update.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg announced the Summer Youth Employment Breakfast for March 13, 2014 at the Richmond Civic Center and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Enos was in favor of the breakfast and wanted to remind everyone that staff is approaching the busiest time of the year, the time to see the success and hard work of what everyone has been doing.

Student Representative Cesar Munoz thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Ms. Merriweather wanted to reassure the community that the District understands that student safety and their environment are extremely important.

Mr. Groves assured the public that the District has resolved practices and will amend policies regarding employee hiring.

President Ramsey shared his thoughts on how things have changed over the past 20 years. He announced that his father was gravely ill and reflected on his life.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – March 26, 2014

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

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

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<p><u>TAG</u> Approved 3/26/14</p>
