

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

May 28, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Public Comment regarding Closed Session items:

Inocencia Dacumos, Ana Smulian, Kristen Pursley, Alan Marks, Ken Ryan

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:15 PM.

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:45 P.M.

Board Comment:

None

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, Charles Ramsey
Ms. Merriweather was absent for roll call but re-entered during the Student Board Representative presentation.

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; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; 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 Richmond High School

Student Representative Benjamin Gannon provided a report of activities at Richmond High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Dr. Harter reported that the Board approved the appointment of Kim Moses as the Principal at Stege Elementary and Valerie Garrett to be the Adult School Principal for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to appoint Kim Moses as the Principal of Stege Elementary and Valerie Garrett as the Adult School Principal. Mr. Enos 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.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Ramsey requested that items D.1 through D.5 be moved to follow item B.7.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the agenda with items D.1 through D.5 moved to follow item B.7. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Benjamin Gannon (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: May 14, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2014. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Benjamin Gannon (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Honoring Seniors with Perfect Attendance for K - 12

Dr. Harter honored Sean Andrew Trimmer for achieving perfect attendance from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.2 Recognition of DeAnza High School Gates Millennium Scholar Cali Nguyen

Mr. Greer acknowledged Gates Millennium Scholar winner Cali Nguyen. Ms. Nguyen was unable to attend the meeting as she was participating in the graduation for the De Anza High School Law Academy.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.3 Recognition of Crespi Middle School Science Team Participation in the Garrett Morgan Sustainable Energy Project

Mr. Greer introduced Mr. Pat Martin and Mr. Christian Sherrill who provided background on the project. They recognized and congratulated the team of twelve competitors.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.4 Class of 2014 Ed Fund Scholars

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Executive Director Joel Mackey and Program Director Robert Bunce of the Ed Fund who recognized the 2014 Scholars. Members of the Board and staff posed with the student awardees for pictures.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

D.5 Financial Aid Cup Winner

Mr. Greer introduced Ms. Amy Wallace who presented the Financial Aid Cup Winner trophy to Vice Principal Renee Lama of Kennedy High School.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
President Ramsey offered a round of applause and congratulations to all graduating seniors.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

This item was moved later on the agenda, following item F.1.

B.9 Request to Address the Board on JROTC Program at DeAnza High School

Mrs. Betty Brown, Co-chair of the East Bay Peace Action Chapter, presented information regarding the implementation of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Core (JROTC) program at DeAnza High School. She presented specific concerns regarding the JROTC Program as well as military recruiters on high school campuses. She also provided information regarding the federal government's military spending. Her position was that the implementation of a JROTC program was incompatible with fellow elected official's positions and departing from policies of past school boards. Chapter Board Member Mildred Dandridge presented information regarding the group's informal polling regarding federal spending priorities. They urged the Board to ask the DeAnza Principal to reconsider and seek alternate avenues to address needs of students.

Public Comment:

Ken Ryan, John Wehrle, Susan Wehrle, Andres Soto, Marilyn Langlois, Margaret Brown, Eugene Ruyle, Judith Van Hoorn, Al Kirkman, Cynthia Morse, Antonio Medrano, Bill Sato

President Ramsey proposed that the JROTC item be brought back to the Board for discussion and ratification at the June 11 meeting due to interest of the community.

President Ramsey requested to move to item F.1 up on the agenda and have item B.8 follow.

MOTION: Mr. Groves approved moving item F.1 to the next item on the agenda, followed by B.8. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Benjamin Gannon (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.1 Public Hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan

Dr. Harter provided background on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and steps taken to date with this meeting being the first public hearing. The second public hearing will be held on June 11th with adoption of the plan scheduled for June 25th.

Public Comment:

Lisa Romero, Millie Moran, Derrick Duren, Thomas Johnston, Bryan Moran, Hannah Lee Robb, Dennis Pimentel, Alejandro Guerrero, Ivan Vazquez, Angel Megellan, Ashley Thomas, Alize Johnson, Moises Tenorio-Garcia, Sarena Chand, Laila Fahimuddin, Lesbia, Petronila Fernandes, Carmen Gonzalez, Alicia Rodriguez, Kris Mejia, Charlie Rivas, Antonio Medrano, Martha Martinez, Rosa Cervantes, Yalanda Lopez, Stephanie Segueira, Valerie Cuevas, Eduardo Guitan

Board Comment:

Superintendent Harter assured the student speakers that funds have been allocated for extra-curricular activities within the Plan. Superintendent Harter also noted that the Executive Summary was available.

Ms. Merriweather asked questions to clarify sections of the Plan which determined the highest needs schools. Superintendent Harter responded. Ms. Gamba provided additional insight as to how some of the staffing decisions were made. She added that the hope is to expand services that are most effective in later years. Staff added additional background and rationale for the decisions.

Ms. Kronenberg questioned health center funding. Mr. Greer explained how the grant works and funding allocations, including contract negotiations with partners. He said that partners have asked for funding to support additional services. The District is looking at 2014-15 to begin this expansion which is embedded in the LCAP. Ms. Kronenberg requested information depicting schools by site and funding included in the plan.

Mr. Enos expressed interest in how the District can more effectively provide information to the community.

Mr. Groves applauded staff for all their efforts. He remarked on the community's expectations as well as ongoing evaluation of the Plan during implementation.

Mr. Enos stepped away from the dais.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved to hold a Public Hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Benjamin Gannon (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and one absence. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

President Ramsey opened the floor to Public Hearing.

President Ramsey closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Enos returned to the dais.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

Mignon Kinney, Mike Ali-Kinney, Ben Steinberg, Giorgio Cosentino, Nicole Williams

Student Representative Benjamin Gannon left the meeting for the evening.

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 79-1314: Replacement of Outdated Warrants

C.5 Notice of Completion: Bid 1151201-03 Dover Elementary School, Building ‘A’ Security Camera Upgrade

C.6 Distribution of School Resource Officers for 2014-15 school year

Ms. Merriweather requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

C.7 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to the League for the 2014-15 School Year

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.10 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Collins Elementary School Floor, Door and Hardware Replacement Project

C.11 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Helms Middle School Environmental and Recycling Center Project

C.12 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Ohlone Elementary School Interim Housing Project

Superintendent Harter read a revision into the record to include the bids as they were not available when the agenda was printed.

C.13 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Olinda Elementary School Miscellaneous Repairs Project

C.14 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Shannon Elementary School Miscellaneous Repairs Project

Dr. Harter read a revision into the record regarding the bids.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 - C.5 and C. 7– C.14. Mr. Groves 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.6 Budget Update

Ms. Gamba shared a presentation regarding the May Revise Governor’s Budget Workshop.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather asked for clarification on the ability to revise the Budget and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Ms. Gamba responded.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

E.2 Standing Reports

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi advised that the last meeting was held May 22 in the form of a Best Practices Conference. Staff presentations from all sessions will be posted on the District website.

College and Career Readiness Academies. Mr. Greer provided an update and gave information on the California Pathways Trust. He said the District is in the running for a \$15M grant. He recognized Ann Stanton with the Irvine Foundation and State Senator Loni Hancock for all their support.

West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Ms. Sara Danielson provided an update on activities including the Smarter Balance Assessments.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba advised that the committee attended the Governor's May Revise Budget Workshop.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg reported that the committee met May 27. The agenda included a review of architect's contracts, as well as the process for inspections, and construction status updates.

E.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of members of the community who have passed away. President Ramsey asked everyone rise for a moment of silence.

C.6 Distribution of School Resource Officers for 2014-15 school year

Ms. Merriweather questioned why the proposal had not come through the Safety Committee. Superintendent Harter provided information on the Sheriff's request for increase. Mr. Greer provided additional information and Ms. Gamba advised that funding would come from the general fund budget. Ms. Merriweather said she would like to see this type of request come through the Safety Committee for its input.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved Approval of Consent Item C. 6 Distribution of School Resource Officers for 2014-15 school year. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.2 Resolution No. 80-1314: Regarding Education Protection Account (EPA) and Spending Plan for the 2014-15 School Year

Ms. Gamba introduced the item explaining the funding that makes up the Local Control Funding Formula and provided background on how the money can be used.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather questioned disbursement of the account. Mr. Groves questioned expiration of the account. Ms. Gamba responded.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Resolution No. 80-1314: Regarding Education Protection Account (EPA) and Spending Plan for the 2014-15 School Year. Mr. Enos 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.

F.3 Amended Resolution No. 77-1314: Declaration to Hire 30-Day Substitutes on CBEST Waivers

Mr. Whittemore requested Board approval of the CBEST waiver for substitute teachers.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Amended Resolution No. 77-1314: Declaration to Hire 30-Day Substitutes on CBEST Waivers. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.4 Amended Resolution No.78-1314: Credential Assignment Options

Mr. Whittemore introduced the item to approve the hiring of interns and allow credentialed teachers to teach in areas outside of their subject area.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Amended Resolution No.78-1314: Credential Assignment Options. Mr. Enos 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.

President Ramsey asked that item G.1 be moved to follow item F.4 on the agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Enos approved moving item G.1 as the next agenda item. 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. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

Mr. Abdalla introduced Coronado Construction Manager Cary Talbot. Mr. Talbot provided status information regarding the project along with Architects Sisi Meng and Kevin MacQuarrie from WLC Architects. Mr. MacQuarrie provided clarification on the use of space for Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and Preschool saying that the project is on schedule. President Ramsey had questions about sewer lines which Mr. MacQuarrie and Inspector, Chris Gilbert addressed.

Mr. Abdalla introduced Mr. Wally Gordon of DLM Architects who provided an update on the De Anza High School project. Mr. Greer provided information on the scholastic use of the Linked Learning Center. SGI Project Manager Juan Garrahan provided information and update on the security system.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey asked Mr. Abdalla to schedule a community meeting for the neighbors surrounding Coronado in July or August.

F.5 Resolution No. 81-1314: Directing Preparation of Bond Waiver Materials

Ms. Gamba introduced Bond Finance Team members David Leifer from KNN Public Finance, Lisel Wells from Nixon Peabody, Jeff Baratta from Piper Jaffray, Scott A. Henry from De La Rosa & Company Investment Bankers, and Leonard Berry from Backstrom, McCarley & Berry. Mr. Leifer presented information on the bonding capacity waiver which directs staff to prepare bond waiver materials and hold a public hearing.

Public Comment:

Mike Ali-Kinney, Ron Steinberg, Alex Aliferis

Board Comment:

President Ramsey asked questions to which the members of the finance team responded. He asked Ms. Wells about whether the District had complied with requirements of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee regarding the public

presentation of information. Ms. Wells affirmed that the District was in compliance as well as provided additional information regarding the State Board of Education and debt limit waivers.

Mr. Groves asked if consultation implied consent or approval. Ms. Wells provided the response.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval Resolution No. 81-1314: Directing Preparation of Bond Waiver Materials and Conduct a Public Hearing on June 11, 2014. 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.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)
None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg noted that by the next Board meeting the high school graduation ceremonies will be over. She offered to congratulations to all graduates.

Ms. Merriweather thanked parents and students who came to the meeting to discuss the Local Control Funding Formula. She said she was very proud of all the students. Ms. Merriweather reported that she attended the First Annual African-American Honor Roll Ceremony.

Mr. Enos stated he had faith in the voters regarding Bond Measure H on the primary election ballot.

Mr. Groves expressed that he wanted to honor all graduates. He said he hoped to see wonderful things from all of them.

President Ramsey commented on the positive changes he's seen over the years including the recognition of District students. He spoke about his years on the Board and commented that he will attend his final graduation in the Richmond Auditorium. He reminded everyone that "it's all about the kids".

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 11:48 PM in honor of the voters who have voted to "support the kids".

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

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