

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

June 25, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Board Clerk Groves called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 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

Board Members Absent: Elaine Merriweather

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; Cliff Dorton, Electronics Technician; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action made in Closed Session to ratify a student settlement agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to ratify a student settlement agreement. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, and Ms. Kronenberg voted yes, with President Ramsey abstaining and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 3-0-1-1.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve a settlement agreement with CF Contracting.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to approve a settlement agreement with CF Contracting. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify taken in Closed Session to approve the following Administrative Appointments:

Director, Education Services – Sonja Neely-Johnson
Principal Wilson Elementary – Claudia Velez
Principal, Verde Elementary – Erik Acosta-Verprauskus
Assistant Principal Hercules High – Dingane Newson
Assistant Principal Kennedy High – Charlotte Betson
Assistant Principal Hercules Middle – Ryan Shaw
Assistant Principal Pinole Middle – Esaul Orozco
Assistant Principal DeJean – Liah Jones
Information Technology Operations Manager – Mark Terrill.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to approve Administrative Appointments. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Ramsey requested that the Consent Calendar be moved to follow B.6 Minutes and items D.1 and D.2 be moved before B.9 Public Comment.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.6 Minutes: June 11, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2014. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Contracts

C.3 Annual Renewal of Continuing Services

C.4 Notice of Completion: Bid 2101101-16 Helms Middle School Sports Fields & Landscaping

C.5 Notification of Claims Rejected – Personal Injury

C.6 Notification of Claim Rejected - Property

C.7 Community Budget Advisory Committee Amended Member Ratification

Public Comment:

Antonio Medrano

C.8 Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC Report)

C.9 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.10 Revised School Calendar 2014-2015

C.11 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.12 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.13 Approval of Additional Program Management Expense

C.14 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Harding Elementary School Exterior Repairs and Select Roofing Replacement Project

C.15 Ohlone Elementary School Security ACS/IDS/SVS Project Rejection of All Bids

C.16 Ratification of Technology Equipment & Services for Ohlone Elementary RFP Dated 4/28/2014

C.17 CBOC Appointment Date

C.18 Approval of Board Members Travel

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.18. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Richmond Writes Poetry Contest

Ms. Sonja Neely-Johnson introduced student, Melissa Garcia from Washington Elementary, who read the poem she submitted. Ms. Brenda Williams from the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission provided background on the annual contest. Kit Panheimer, also from the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission, thanked the Board for working and collaborating with them in support of the Common Core.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

D.2 Title I Academic Achievement Award

Ms. Rashdichi gave background and explained the achievements the school needs to meet in order to receive the award. Ms. Peppina Chang, CEO of Richmond College Prep, which opened 10 years ago, stated how grateful they

were for the support the District has provided. The Board and supporters of Richmond College Prep were invited to congratulate Ms. Chang. The Title I Achievement award was presented.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

B.7 Request to Address the Board – Supervisor John Gioia

Terrance Chung, Supervisor John Gioia's Chief of Staff, read a letter written by Supervisor Gioia as he was unable to attend in person. He wrote of his support for the District's efforts to "successfully bring school-based health services to every high school and some middle and elementary schools in the district". He urged the District to utilize the opportunities provided by the Local Control Funding Formula to continue adequately funding school-based health services in the District's Local Control Accountability Program.

Board Comment:

None

B.8 Request to Address the Board – Mr. Anton Jungherr

Mr. Jungherr withdrew his request to address the Board.

President Ramsey asked the Board to move items F.1 and F.2 to the next two items on the agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of moving items F.1 and F.2 to the next items on the agenda. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.1 Approval of the Local Control Accountability Plan

Superintendent Harter presented the plan highlighting the changes and updates in the Plan noting that the Executive Summary is an important piece to explain the details in the rest of the plan. He mentioned the entire process had been a learning experience for everyone and that the District will work to improve the process going forward. Superintendent Harter discussed next steps which include the plan adoption followed by submission to the County Office of Education. The next meeting of the Local Control Accountability Plan Committee is set for September 30, 2014 at which time the committee will review available data from the measures, review implementation of actions/strategies and plan for DLCAP committee processes for 2015.

Public Comment:

Yolanda Lopez, Maria Montes, Antonio Medrano, Liliana Garcia, Dennis Pimentel and Laila Fehimuddin

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg thanked the speakers, in particular the students as an important voice. She felt everyone had worked very hard and done a great job. She asked for clarification of the Playworks contract which Superintendent Harter and Mr. Greer clarified.

Mr. Enos commended the community for what has been accomplished and making improvements where needed.

Mr. Groves said he felt that this was just the beginning and that the Board will continue to listen and be responsive to the needs of the community. He saw the Board continuing to focus on students and schools with the highest needs while continuing to adapt and grow the Plan.

President Ramsey echoed the comments of the others. He thanked the State and Legislation for giving the District opportunity to have a robust educational system.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the Local Control Accountability Plan. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.2 Budget for 2014-15

Ms. Gamba provided a presentation regarding 2014-15 budget. Since the budget presentation was presented in its entirety at the public hearing at the June 11 meeting, Ms. Gamba only highlighted several of the slides commenting on the deficit spending for 2014-15, special reserve and fund review. She noted the 45-day budget revision which will reflect the changes in the State's adopted budget and next steps. She also noted that the financial reports were also available on the District's website.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Groves questioned the limits of reserve funds. Ms. Gamba offered explanation.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Budget for 2014-15. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment

Janet Johnson, Alicia Jackson, Ray Dennen, Lynson Beaulieu, Dulce Galicia, and Alex Aliferis.

D.3 Masterplan for English Learners Initial Review

Dr. Jose A. Lopez gave a presentation with an overview of the District Masterplan for English Learners.

Public Comment:

Antonio Medrano

Board Comment:

None

D.4 Update on SBAC Testing

Mr. Greer introduced Assessment Supervisor Stephanie Hearne, who provided an overview of the Smarter Balance Field Test. Mr. Greer also recognized Nicole Joyner, Chief Data Officer, for her work in this endeavor. Ms. Hearne noted that this was one of the largest testing endeavors the District has been involved in. She provided statistics on participation and completion rates for the students. Ms. Hearne introduced Carlene Houston who provided her insight as the school site coordinator. Mr. Greer presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Hearne and her department members.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos thanked Ms. Hearne and her department for all their efforts and said he was pleased with the focus of the students.

Ms. Kronenberg also thanked Ms. Hearne saying she was very interested in the results shared at the meeting and the plan to prepare the students who may be struggling with the basic skills such as keyboarding. Ms. Rashidchi was able to articulate plans and strategies to use going forward.

Mr. Groves was interested in hearing more about modified input and assessment relating to access issues. Ms. Hearne explained the computer adaptive test that will be available in 2014-15.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee. Chairperson Ivette Ricco thanked Superintendent Harter for attending the last meeting. She requested that future bond waiver requests be brought to the CBOC in order to research those requests.

College and Career Readiness Academics. Mr. Greer announced that staff attended a Linked Learning Conference in San Jose where they learned that the District received funding of \$200,000 from the Irvine Foundation for the 2014-15 school year.

Ivy League Connection. President Ramsey advised that students and chaperones have made visits to various college campuses on the East Coast. He also noted that past students are now working as coordinators for the program.

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 the contributions of members of the community who have passed away. President Ramsey asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

F.3 Resolution No. 86-1314: Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of its General Obligation (GO) Refunding Bonds, 2014 Series A, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$100,000,000, Including Bond Subject to the Compounding of Interest, and Approving Certain Other Matters Relating to Said Bonds

Presenters on the topic included Lisel Wells and Graham Beck from Nixon Peabody (Bond Counsel), Blake Boehm and John Armstrong from KNN Public Finance (Financial Advisors), Jeff Baratta and Trinis Wright from Piper Jaffray (Underwriters) and Vince McCarley from Backstrom, McCarley, Berry & Co. Mr. Boehm presented information on the 2014 GO Bond and Assessed Value Growth and how it affects future tax rates.

Public Comment:

Alex Aliferis, Ben Steinberg, Valerie Snider, Lorraine Humes

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Resolution No. 86-1314: Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2014 Series A, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$100,000,000, Including Bond Subject to the Compounding of Interest, and Approving Certain Other Matters Relating to Said Bonds. President Ramsey seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

A presentation was made updating project status on the Gomper's Leadership Public School. The presentation team included Magdy Abdalla from WCCUSD; Karim Nassab, Tim Peel and Greg Smith from SGI; Marly Norris and John Gramling from HMC Architects and Roy Moreno, one of the Inspectors of Record for the program. Artist renderings of the completed views were shared along with current construction photos.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Ramsey brought up concerns about pedestrian traffic and sidewalks on 9th street. It was explained that this building is an urban design which brings the building all the way up to the property line with sidewalks included.

Mr. Enos also had concerns about narrow streets and sidewalks. He did not feel the additional entrances were adequately portrayed.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND- SUPERINTENDENT

President Ramsey commented that even though Resolution 86-1314 was approved, he'd like legal counsel to review.

Mr. Enos reminded those in attendance and those watching on television of the upcoming meeting to rename Portola Middle School at Harding Elementary from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

President Ramsey noted that the renaming meetings had been very educational and appreciated everyone who attended.

Mr. Groves wished everyone a happy summer. He noted that summer school was under way.

Ms. Kronenberg saluted everyone who worked on the LCAP, Strategic Plan and Budget. She stated it showed the District truly is a whole child, whole community.

President Ramsey recognized Elaine Merriweather on her 30th wedding anniversary. He also recognized staff efforts on the budget. President Ramsey closed the meeting in honor of Diane Brown, President of UTR, who was retiring. He applauded her polite and respectful demeanor during her tenure.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – July 9, 2014

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:29 PM.

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

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