

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

January 7, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Groves offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Liz Block, Valerie Cuevas, Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Pamela Blake, Executive Director; Denise Cifelli, Confidential Secretary; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Marin Trujillo, Community Engagement Coordinator; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Pinole Valley High School

Mr. Alonzo Saravia provided a report of activities at Pinole Valley High School.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve appointment of Joanne Sundberg, Instructional Specialist at De Anza High School.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint Joanne Sundberg as the Instructional Specialist at De Anza High School. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

Ms. Kronenberg requested item C.3 be pulled for discussion. Ms. Block requested item C.8 also be pulled for later discussion.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the agenda moving items C.3 and C.8 for further discussion after item E.3. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: December 3, 2014; December 10, 2014, December 17, 2014; December 19, 2014

Superintendent Harter noted there was a mislabeling of an item and an incorrect vote tally on the December 10, 2014 minutes. Corrected copies were distributed for review.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2014; corrected December 10, 2014, December 17, 2014; and December 19, 2014. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.8 Public Comment:

Latrissa Latie, Oscar Quintanilla, Mariela Cuellar, Pablo Ramirez, Katy Vasquez, Don Gosney, Cara Houser, Yolanda Lopez, Roberto Zurita, Dennis Cody, Luis Ventura, Monique Swain, Deantee James, Tom Panas, Monzerrat Ledesma, Dalia Gomez, Amairany Flores, Calvin Trampleasure

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Contracts

This item was pulled for further discussion and separate action.

C.4 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3

C.5 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated

C.6 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.7 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.8 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

This item was pulled for further discussion and separate action.

C.9 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders – M&O

C.10 Pinole Valley High School Existing Campus Demolition & Abatement Award of Contract

C.11 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.2, C.4 - C.7 and C.9 - C.11. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Lieutenant Michael Booker

Superintendent Harter suggested this item be moved to later on the agenda as Lieutenant Booker had not yet arrived.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of moving Item D.1 after Item E. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Ivy League Connection (ILC). Mr. Don Gosney provided an update on the program. He said applications have been received for three programs: Chicago, Vanderbilt, and Women in Leadership programs. He said he intends to meet with each Board member to ensure understanding of the benefits of the program. He concluded by sharing a story about an undocumented student in the program who took it upon herself to take advantage of recent legislation that will ensure her continued education.

United Teachers of Richmond (UTR). President Robert Mann spoke about the value of teachers.

College and Career Readiness. Mr. Greer advised that staff will be attending the Linked Learning Conference in Los Angeles next week and will have additional information to share at a future meeting.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba reported that the Governor’s budget is scheduled to be released this week and the Committee will be attending a budget workshop on January 20th to learn more details.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg stated the committee met yesterday and worked on two action items: ensuring that the Gompers construction project is on schedule and bringing a discussion item to the Board on how the Bond program works relating to issuance, ratings and budget.

Safety and School Climate. Mr. Enos said that the committee had not met since the new year. Mr. Greer reported that the full service health center will be opened at Kennedy High School. He said the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on January 9, 2015.

Technology Subcommittee. President Groves reported that the next meeting will be January 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Technology Center, 1300 Potrero Ave., Richmond.

Youth Commission. Student Representative Alonzo Saravia reported that the Youth Commission visited each high school in December to discuss campus issues. He stated that his top priority after talking with students was to focus on safety.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 13th at De Anza High in the Media Center.

E.2 Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report on 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 Groves asked for a moment of silence.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.3 Contracts

Public Comment

Mauricia Lopez, Fernando Santiago, Maribel Lopez, Donnell Jones, Ariana Hernandez, Marissa Glidden, Jesus A. Galindo, Dave Clark, Brent Knapp, Tyler Hester, Valeria Valencia, Raul Valencia, JG Larochette

Board Comment

Ms. Kronenberg had questions regarding the Teach for America contract. She asked Mr. Whittemore how many instructors from Teachers for America are currently in the District and what the contract amount would provide the District. She also asked about the teacher retention rate. Mr. Whittemore responded with clarification.

Mr. Enos questioned improvement in teacher retention after the Teach for America training program. He said he would like to see more interaction between Teach for America and United Teachers of Richmond.

Ms. Cuevas asked Mr. Whittemore for clarification on teacher retention numbers. She commented on the positive outcomes she sees from the program and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Ms. Block commented on her thoughts relating to teacher training programs. She also asked about the advantages of beginning the contract process. Mr. Hester provided information.

Ms. Kronenberg stated she was impressed by the success of the program. She said that she would like to see the opportunities expanded to all teachers.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved Approval of Consent Item C. 3 - Contracts. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

CI C.8 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment

Ms. Block questioned change orders for Pinole and De Anza High Schools. Ms. LeBlanc provided additional details on the change order process and what triggered the change orders.

Ms. Cuevas commented positively on the use of the Change Order Committee as oversight for the Change Orders. She suggested a process be established for Board oversight of change orders as the percentage of the total project in change orders grows toward 10%. She suggested further discussion on this at the upcoming Board Retreat.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved Approval of Consent Item C. 8 - Approval of Negotiated Change Orders. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonzo Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Student Representative Alonzo Saravia left for the evening.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Lieutenant Michael Booker

Mr. Greer introduced and recognized Lieutenant Michael Booker for his support, dedication and commitment to students and staff. Lieutenant Booker has been the long time supervisor for Richmond Police Department's School Resource Officers. He has been reassigned to new duties within the Department. A plaque and signed basketball were presented in commendation of his service. Lieutenant Booker expressed his appreciation to the Board, District and Richmond Police Department for support over the years.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Mr. Enos thanked Lieutenant Booker for all his work and efforts.

Ms. Kronenberg expressed her gratitude for everything he's done for the kids and community.

Ms. Cuevas expressed her thanks.

President Groves gave his thanks and appreciation for all the time and effort he put in developing the kids.

Ms. Block expressed her thanks for his professionalism over the years.

Ms. Kronenberg left the dais.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Initial Bargaining Proposal from School Supervisors Association (SSA), IFPTE Local 21 to the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Adoption of the Initial Bargaining Proposal from School Supervisors Association (SSA), IFPTE Local 21 to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Kronenberg absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.2 Public Hearing and Adoption of the Initial Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District to School Supervisors Association (SSA), IFPTE Local 21

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of Adoption of the Initial Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District to School Supervisors Association (SSA), IFPTE Local 21. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Kronenberg absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

Ms. Kronenberg returned to the dais.

F.3 Public Hearing and Resolution No. 49-1415: Level II Developer Fees

Ms. LeBlanc introduced Ms. Cheryl King from Jack Schreder and Associates who gave a brief overview of the company's responsibilities and described the Level II Developer Fee process and explained the analysis they performed.

Public Comment:

Dan Boatwright

Board Comment:

Ms. Block questioned the land costs as it varies by region and asked for an explanation of some of the names and dates listed in the study. Ms. King responded.

Ms. Cuevas commented that charter school students are considered students of the District. She also questioned the timing of enrollment data. Ms. King responded.

Ms. Block left the dais.

President Groves asked for clarification on development areas and localized issues on enrollment. Ms. King responded with clarification

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Resolution No. 49-1415: Level II Developer Fees. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Block absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.4 Presentation of the 2013 – 2014 Audit Report by Crowe Horwath LLP

Ms. Gamba introduced Mr. Steven Westcourt from Crowe Horwath, LLP who provided information on the audit process and presented the 2013-2014 independent audit report.

Ms. Block returned to the dais.

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg thanked Mr. Westcoat for the information.

Ms. Block applauded Mr. Westcoat for the thoroughness of the report.

Ms. Cuevas requested clarification on the reporting requirements. Mr. Westcoat responded.

Mr. Groves questioned categorical funding and OPEB payoffs. Ms. Gamba responded.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Adoption of the 2013 – 2014 Audit Report by Crowe Horwath LLP. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Initial Bargaining Proposal from Public Employees Union (PEU), Local One to the West Contra Costa Unified School District

Mr. Whittemore introduced the item for the Board's review. He stated that this item will return at a later date as an action item.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

G.2 Initial Bargaining Proposal from West Contra Costa Unified School District to Public Employees Union (PEU), Local One

Mr. Whittemore introduced the item for the Board's review. He stated that this item will return at a later date as an action item.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

G.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures - Board Policy 1312.3 – Community Relations

Mr. Whittemore introduced the item noting significant updated language of Board Policy 1312.3 for the Board's consideration. He stated the policy will return to the agenda at a later date as an action item.

Public Comment:

None

Board

None

G.4 Project Status Report

Mr. Luis Freese provided an update of construction projects in the District.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Cuevas welcomed the school communities back from the winter break and encouraged people to participate in the upcoming renaming committee meetings for Gompers High School. She also invited the community to join in her swearing-in reception on Sunday, January 11 at Verde Elementary.

Mr. Enos commended the Board on the efficiency of the meeting and said he was happy to see the focus on students.

Ms. Block stated that she appreciated the hard work and knowledge of all the staff. She said she looked forward to attending the Linked Learning Conference next week. She also expressed appreciation for parents attending the Bright Futures meeting.

Ms. Kronenberg stated how happy she was that Ms. Block would be attending the Linked Learning Conference. She suggested a news headline for the West County Times commending Lieutenant Booker. She hoped that the community would read about the good things the Richmond Police Department does for the students, schools and community.

President Groves commented on the remarks made by Student Representative Alonzo Saravia and plans to do his part to ensure safety in schools. He closed the meeting in the name of Student Representative Alonzo Saravia.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 21, 2015

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

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

BH:dc

<p><u>R. Enos</u> Approved 1/21/15</p>
