

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

January 10, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Todd Groves called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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

Staff Present: Bruce Harter, Superintendent

II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items

Anton Jungherr, Ben Steinberg, Tom Panas

III. Annual Organizational and Unity of Purpose Retreat

Local consultant Tracey Webb facilitated the Board in a discussion of how to create a unity of purpose and improve the organizational effectiveness of the Board. Ms. Webb led the Board through exercises including “Six Word Story,” “Rules of Engagement,” “A High Performing Team...what not to do,” “Priorities,” “Committee Assignments,” “School and City Assignments” and “Big, Hairy Audacious Goal.”

From these conversations the Board is considering four priorities for 2015 including:

1. Support for Teachers;
2. Improved student learning outcomes;
3. Community engagement and transparency;
4. Be visible observers in schools and the community.

Board members also reviewed possible Committee and Liaison assignments for adoption at the next regular Board meeting including:

Committee & Liaison Assignments

Academic Subcommittee – Randy Enos, Chair; Liz Block

Citizens’ Bond Oversight – Liz Block

Community Budget Advisory – Todd Groves

Facilities Subcommittee – Madeline Kronenberg, Chair; Liz Block

Safety and School Climate Committee – Randy Enos, Chair; Valerie Cuevas

Technology Subcommittee – Todd Groves, Chair; Madeline Kronenberg

Youth Commission – Valerie Cuevas; Todd Groves

Solutions Team – Valerie Cuevas; Madeline Kronenberg

Community Advisory for Special Education – Liz Block

Local Control Accountability Plan – Valerie Cuevas

Multilingual District Advisory Council – Madeline Kronenberg

High School Family Assignments and Graduations

El Cerrito High School – Todd Groves

Hercules High School – Liz Block

Kennedy High School – Randy Enos

Pinole Valley High School – Randy Enos

Richmond High School – Valerie Cuevas
DeAnza High School – Madeline Kronenberg
Middle College High School – Todd Groves
Adult Education – Madeline Kronenberg
Alternative High Schools – Liz Block
Extended Year Graduation – Madeline Kronenberg

Liaison to City Councils and Unincorporated Councils

El Cerrito – Todd Groves
Hercules – Valerie Cuevas
Pinole – Madeline Kronenberg
Richmond – Randy Enos
San Pablo – Valerie Cuevas
Unincorporated Councils (El Sobrante, Kensington) – Liz Block

The Board also considered wording for an overarching goal for their work together as developed in Jim Collins *Good to Great* as a Big Hairy Audacious Goal statement: “Building best practices for enabling students to learn and succeed.”

IV. ADJOURNMENT

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM.

R. Enos
Approved 1/21/15