

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

**January 21, 2015**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:33 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:** Darlene Almeida, Coordinator Special Education; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Linda Delgado, Charter School Liaison; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Jose DeLeon, Richmond High Principal; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Phil Gonsalves, Sr. Director Curriculum/Instruction; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Drew Kravin, Project Assistant; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Mimi Melodia, Coordinator Education Services; Kevin Nazario, Administrator Special Education; Eric Peterson, Director Special Education; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Lyn Potter, Director Curriculum/Instruction; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Liz Torio, Director Academic Intervention; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Richmond High School**

Mr. Brandon Martinez provided a report of activities at Richmond High School.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint Administrators for the 2015 Extended Learning Summer School program:

Jawan Eldridge, Ford Elementary  
Greg Santiago, Grant Elementary  
Christine Hatcher, Lake Elementary  
Olanrewaju Ajayi, Montalvin Elementary  
Claudia Velez, Wilson Elementary  
Alison Makela, Collins Elementary Special Education  
Linda Takimoto, Harding Elementary Special Education  
Pat Martin, DeJean Middle, Grades 6-8  
William McGee, Kennedy High, Grades 6-12  
Renee Lama, Pinole Middle, Grades 9-12  
Gabe Chilcott, Helms Middle, Grades 6-12

**MOTION:** Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators for the 2015 Extended Learning Summer School program. 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**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Groves recommended moving items F.1 and G.2 to follow Consent Items in order to accommodate members of the audience. Ms. Cuevas requested items C.10 and C.14 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

**MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the agenda as amended. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Brandon Martinez (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**B.7 Minutes: January 7, 2015; January 10, 2015**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Block expressed concern about recording responses in the minutes. Superintendent Harter explained that the minutes reflect only a portion of the meeting, particularly the action taken by the Board. He said that the video recording is available upon request should the public want to view for full details. He explained that with the reduction of clerical support in the Superintendent's Office came limitations of what could be accomplished.

**MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2015 and January 10, 2015. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Brandon Martinez (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**B.8 Request to Address the Board – Billie Alexander**

Mr. Alexander was not in attendance.

Student Representative Brandon Martinez left the meeting for the evening.

**B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Petronila Fernandez, Jeff Apkarian, Angela Torres, Maribel Gonzalez

**C. BUSINESS ITEM**

**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**

**C.5 Notice of Completions: Bid 1461206-04 Ohlone Elementary School Phase I Campus Replacement/Phase 2 Demo, Bid 3601211-13 Kennedy High School Science wing Renovation**

**C.6 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3**

**C.7 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)**

**C.8 Approve the following Revised Job Description - Financial Systems Analyst**

**C.9 Approve the following Revised Job Description - Senior Account Clerk**

**C10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**

This item was pulled for discussion and separate action.

**C11 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**

**C.12 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders – M&O**

**C.13 Resolution No. 51-1415: Recognition of West Contra Costa Unified School District Job Shadow Day February 3, 2015 and Recognition of February 2015 as National Job Shadow Month**

**C.14 Resolution No. 52-1415: African-American History Month - February 2015**

This item was pulled for discussion and separate action.

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.9, C.11-13. Ms. Block 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.**

**F.1 Richmond College Preparatory (RCP) School Renewal Hearing**

Linda Delgado gave background regarding the Richmond College Preparatory charter petition renewal. She explained that staff will review the renewal materials submitted and prepare a report of findings that will be presented to the Board for consideration at the March 4, 2015 meeting.

Peppina Liano, Chief Executive Officer, spoke of the 447 students and diversity of their student body. She thanked the Board and Superintendent for their support in meeting the needs of the school. She also spoke of the challenges faced with the new year. She introduced members of the staff.

Allie Welch, Resident Principal, provided a presentation regarding the schools achievement gains.

Founder David Rosenthal spoke about the history of the school and his work as an attorney looking to change the outcome for children of color in the community. He thanked the Superintendent and Board members who have worked with the school to achieve the results seen.

**Public Comment:**

Maria Poblana, Mariela Cuellar, Connie Anderson, Tana Monteiro, Jesus Perez

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of the work of RCP over the years saying she was certain that it will continue into the future. She also spoke of best practices and asked Ms. Liano about the family advocate and the responsibilities of this position. Ms. Liano responded with information regarding home visits, providing transportation for children when the family cannot, and ongoing communication with families. Mr. Rosenthal commented that the person is someone from within the community who is able to bridge the culture.

Ms. Cuevas commented about the focus on reading and believing in children to create outcomes for them.

Ms. Block commended the school's success and asked whether there has been opportunity to share instructional practices with the District. Ms. Liano responded with information about sharing with Ms. Rashidchi and the Coronado principal. She said she would be happy to share experiences with all District principals.

Mr. Enos congratulated RCP on the excellent petition for the Board's review. He spoke of the school's example of support and willingness to move ahead.

Mr. Groves had questions about math scores and how class time is balanced between math and literacy. Ms. Welch responded with information about the goal for balanced time in the classroom, the higher math scores, and breaking up the literacy block of time for instruction.

A brief recess was taken at this time.

**G.2 Proposition 39 Preliminary Offer Options for three Charter Schools: Benito Juarez Elementary, John Henry High School, and Caliber Beta Academy School**

Superintendent Harter spoke of presenting to the Board the preliminary facilities offers being made to charter schools. Associate Superintendent Lisa LeBlanc presented information regarding the background, process and timeline for Proposition 39 facilities offers. She explained the requirement and the opportunity for discussion and input. She detailed the offers made to each of the three requests received.

**Public Comment:**

Katie Klinger, Dalia Garcia, Amai Rany, Dennis Cody, Delphine Cody, Anna Kamerow, Malani Garcia, Mason Salvador, Roberto Rolon, Deanter James, Mariela Cuellar, Joseph Farrell, Monzerrat Ledesma, Monique Swain, David Calderon, Hayley Brown, Nat Brown, Michael Guzman, Katy Vasquez, Tshering Sherpa, Cara Houser, Yolanda Lopez, Carter Edwards, Angelica Garcia, Melanie Garcia, Markus Mullarkey, Ron Beller, Roberto Zurita, Dalia Gomez, Natalie Walchuk

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Block spoke about substandard facilities at the current Caliber location and said she supported a permanent site for the school. She also asked about evidence of unacceptability for the Adams campus.

Mr. Enos spoke with concern about putting children in appropriate buildings, requiring everyone to work together in determining the best sites available to offer.

Ms. Cuevas had questions of staff regarding resources, space, plans for the future, and the will of the District. She spoke about strategic planning that looked at enrollment and all elements in order to evaluate and seek a solution. She said she felt the District could do better in resolving the facilities needs of the charter schools.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the facilities program and new construction needed for all schools. She said that she supported providing one site to the Caliber School. She said that she will listen to staff recommendations regarding next steps about the future for all children.

President Groves said that the Board is committed to seeing that schools get what is needed but balancing the impact to the District as a whole. He spoke of the commitment to be stewards of resources along with continued engagement for the students at the charter schools.

A brief recess was taken at this time.

#### **D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS**

##### **D.1 WCCUSD Local Benchmark Assessment Report #1**

Ms. Rashidchi provided information about Local Benchmark data and the work with teachers, principals and other staff. She explained the focus on K-12 Mathematics, English Language Arts, and English Language Development (ELD). Mr. Phil Gonsalves provided a report on the mathematic bench mark data and its use to inform instruction. Ms. Lyn Potter shared data regarding English Language Arts for elementary students. Ms. Liz Torio provided a similar report regarding ELD benchmark assessment and data results.

##### **Public Comment:**

None

##### **Board Comment:**

Ms. Block had questions about teachers being given time with site teams to review testing and plan. Ms. Rashidchi responded affirmatively with information regarding collaboration at each site. She said that much work had been done to advance instructional leadership team development and collaboration time for sites in order to review data as it relates to instruction and classroom implementation. Ms. Block expressed concern about the scores and use of trainers for direct instruction to low performing students. Ms. Potter responded about coaching modeling lessons within the classroom. Mr. Gonsalves spoke about the coaching model focused on content used in the District.

Ms. Cuevas asked how District teachers respond to the coaching approach. Mr. Gonsalves provided further information and detailed coaching for every algebra teacher as well as sixth grade teachers. He said that the coaching has been so well received that middle school science coaches and a high school biology coach have been put in place. He reported that 80 K-2 teachers attended a recent afterschool training session. Ms. Cuevas continued with questions about English Language Arts assessments for math. Mr. Gonsalves spoke about the algebra assessments as compared to other districts as well as nationally and internationally. Discussion continued regarding how to assess the student who is below standards. Ms. Rashidchi reported that Local Control Accountability Plan funds and Common Core funds were used to implement strategies for connections with new comer EL students. Ms. Rashidchi highlighted the individual school Common Core meetings scheduled in the coming weeks as an opportunity for sharing information with the community.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about exposure to data at the upcoming workshops. Ms. Rashidchi said that each school will develop the presentations specific to their Common Core work at the school site. Ms. Kronenberg continued with questions about ELA and site based coaches. Ms. Potter responded with information.

Ms. Block asked about sharing data with parents. Ms. Rashidchi reported affirmatively about sharing benchmark data at parent conferences and spoke of sharing with principals and administrators. She talked about new benchmarks, the new report card, and making sure that teachers and principals are knowledgeable with information in order to share with parents.

Mr. Enos addressed teacher and principal retention and getting them needed assistance. He also spoke of the community as clients.

Mr. Groves spoke about building a culture of continuous feedback that can be taken and digested. He said he would like to see this drive and guide students in meaningful, committed learning.

Ms. Block said she would like to see teachers understand the data and take more ownership.

## **D.2 Budget Update**

Ms. Gamba provided a report on the Governor's budget proposal highlighting details regarding estimated adjustments for 2015-2016 budgeting. She noted preliminary estimates of budget changes with added funding which will not, however, eliminate the projected deficit.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Board Comment:**

Ms. Cuevas asked about discretionary funds and accounts receivable debt. Ms. Gamba responded with information about implications for the District with one time money and sustainability.

Ms. Block asked about Special Education funding, LCFF base and supplemental concentration funds sharing in state funds. Ms. Gamba explained that the Local Control Funding Formula picks up the unfunded portion of Special Education services.

President Groves had questions about reserve fund caps. Ms. Gamba responded with information about the legal requirements and a projected 6% reserve applying to Special Reserve and General Fund balances. President Groves spoke about the California School Boards Association resolution appealing to the Governor to rethink the reserve cap requirements and recommended that staff place the resolution on a future agenda for Board consideration.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the upcoming budget study sessions and community involvement. Superintendent Harter said the meetings would include information shared at this meeting and ultimately require decisions and considerations for the Board regarding allocation of funds. He outlined reviewing the current budget status, consideration of LCAP commitments for 2015-2016 and the framing of choices that the Board would like to make. He suggested setting parameters to develop a plan, review and refine, as well as seek community input. Ms. Gamba spoke of addressing the District LCAP plan options. Superintendent Harter also spoke about three LCAP community outreach meetings scheduled to begin in February.

## **E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

### **E.1 Standing Reports**

**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.** Chairperson Ivette Ricco presented a report of CBOC activity establishing cost saving measures and committee review of contracts and soft costs. She said the committee will submit a resolution requesting new information about the future of the bond program. She spoke about new members, the size of committee, and length of terms. Ms. Ricco reported on the assigning of tasks to subcommittees for the website committee, training committee, site tours, Pinole Valley High School construction subcommittee, change order subcommittee, audit subcommittee, and annual report committee. She invited Board members and the public to attend their meetings.

**United Teachers of Richmond.** President Robert Mann spoke about charter schools and said he was troubled about this evening's meeting. He said that he believed that charter schools divide the District and sees the District heading toward more segregation. He wanted to frame his remarks about value of teachers and increased compensation with the improved economy. He also spoke about teacher retention rates and recruitment. He said that he would like to see a vision for the District with reputation statewide where the next generation of teachers was eager to make a difference in this community.

**Academic Subcommittee.** Ms. Rashidchi reported on the recent meeting where presentations and discussion included Common Core family nights and benchmark data analysis. She said the next meeting will be held February 10 at DeAnza High School.

**College and Career Readiness.** Mr. Greer updated work on the College Pathways with consultant Becky Ross for principal and business partners to share about the work being done in academies pathways. He also said that website development will include pages detailing the eighteen academy pathway programs, courses and industry ties. Mr. Greer concluded by recapping the Link Learning Alliance convention held in Los Angeles and time spent with East Bay partners in discussion regarding the California Pathway Trust grant. He thanked Ms. Cecilia Mendoza and Board Member Block for spending time at the conference to learn more about supporting students.

**Ivy League Connection.** Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the selection of students for the Vanderbilt summer program and the Brown University Women in Leadership program. She spoke about the student interview process and Superintendent Harter's involvement in reading and scoring applications.

**Safety and School Climate Committee.** Mr. Enos spoke about planning meetings for the remainder of the year and safety in the District with sites doing a good job.

**Technology Subcommittee.** President Groves recapped discussion at the last meeting regarding the next stage of implementation and purchase of new tablets. Ms. Phillips reported that the committee reviewed each of the tablets evaluated and the one-to-one implementation piloted at DeJean Middle School. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2015.

**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 Groves asked for a moment of silence.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**C.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**

Ms. Cuevas asked about for clarification regarding the items related to SGI Construction Management. Ms. LeBlanc provided details regarding construction management for the Gompers site and design work on master planning and upfront design work on several school projects saying that both items reflect hourly rates in line with the contract agreement. Ms. Cuevas continued with questions about approval prior to commitment. Superintendent Harter said that ratification of these items was to make them part of the public record. He explained that the practice was that the Facilities Subcommittee review contracts for certain services, but does not routinely preapprove the engineering services items brought to the Board. Staff would need to assess the process to allow planning in a way such that the Board could review prior to approval. Ms. Cuevas said she would like to be able to understand the details so that she can explain to the community when asked about this type of expenditure.

Ms. Block also had questions about construction management services charges. Ms. LeBlanc explained details of staff working on projects. Discussion included details regarding professional services outside of construction contracts in order to assist with a project. Discussion continued about how to best help the community understand the process.

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to Ratify and Approve Engineering Services Contracts. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, Ms. Cuevas voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.**

**C.14 Resolution 52-1415: African-American History Month – February 2015**

Ms. Cuevas shared that she had asked staff to make amendments to the resolution in support of African-American History Month. She felt it important to demonstrate that all lives matter and reaffirm the commitment. She spoke of honoring local as well as national heroes. She felt it important to reaffirm the commitment to demonstrate and reexamine systemic practices.

Ms. Kronenberg read the resolution into the record.

**MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval Resolution 52-1415: African-American History Month – February 2015. 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.**

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 Richmond College Preparatory (RCP) School Renewal Hearing**

This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

Ms. Cuevas and Mr. Enos left the dais.

**F.2 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Aspire Richmond Technology Academy Elementary and Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy**

Ms. Linda Delgado provided background for the request to approve the Operational and Special Education Memorandums of Understanding.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Aspire Richmond Technology Academy Elementary and Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Cuevas and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.**

**F.3 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Operational and Special Education for the Amethod Charter Management Organization for John Henry High School**

Ms. Linda Delgado provided background for the request to approve the Operational and Special Education Memorandums of Understanding.

Ms. Cuevas and Mr. Enos returned to dais.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Operational and Special Education for the Amethod Charter Management Organization for John Henry High School. Ms. Cuevas 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.**

**F.4 Priorities, Overarching Goal, Board Committee and Liaison Assignments**

Superintendent Harter recapped the January 10 retreat where Board members established four overall priorities and committee assignments. He recommended approval of the item to reaffirm the Board's intent.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Cuevas pointed out that there was no numerical preference, that all four priorities were a high priority. It was suggested to bullet rather than number since all priorities are important.

**MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Priorities, Overarching Goal, Board Committee and Liaison Assignments. 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.**

**F.5 Uniform Complaint Procedures - Board Policy 1312.3 – Community Relations**

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

**F.6 Public Hearing and Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from Public Employees Union, Local One to the West Contra Costa Unified School District**

Mr. Whittemore provided information regarding the request for a public hearing followed by adoption of the bargaining proposal from Public Employees Union, Local One to the District to enable bargaining to begin.

President Groves opened the public hearing.

**Public Comment:**

None

President Groves closed the public hearing.

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of the Adoption of Bargaining Proposal from Public Employees Union, Local One to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Ms. Cuevas 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.**

**F.7 Public Hearing and Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the Public Employees Union, Local One**

Mr. Whittemore provided information regarding the request for a public hearing followed by adoption of the bargaining proposal from the District to Public Employees Union, Local One to enable bargaining to begin.

President Groves opened the public hearing.

**Public Comment:**

None

President Groves closed the public hearing.

**Board Comment:**

None

**MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to the Public Employees Union, Local One. 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 Background Checks for Contractors and Employees**

Superintendent Harter spoke about providing a safe environment for students as the first priority for the District. Staff wanted to clarify the current procedure for background checks for employees and determine whether additional steps are needed. Mr. Whittemore provided a review of the process used for prospective employees and contractors to assess their background including review of resumes, reference checks, as well as fingerprinting.

He also detailed the process for contractors or large groups to certify with the District that all background checks and fingerprinting laws have been complied with under the California Education Code. He reported that many contracts with various organizations come under this process.



**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg asked about an individual assigned to a site where no children are present and then are later assigned to another site with access to children. Mr. Whittemore explained that the District is bound by fingerprinting laws to pass clearance for any employee to be on any school site. Discussion was held regarding the process for award of construction contracts and requirements for general contractors regarding certification to the Education Code, criminal background checks and Megan's Law.

Ms. Cuevas asked about protocol for informing the public once an allegation is made. Superintendent Harter spoke about the incident regarding an employee versus a contractor and notification at a school to the degree that details can be released by law enforcement to the District. Ms. Cuevas recommended that staff review a standard protocol or practice in order to address community concerns.

President Groves had questions about how information of an arrest gets reported to the District. Mr. Whittemore responded with clarification and Mr. Greer shared that local law enforcement agencies work in cooperation to inform the District.

**G.2 Proposition 39 Preliminary Offer Options for three Charter Schools: Benito Juarez Elementary, John Henry High School, and Caliber Beta Academy School**

This item was moved to follow item F.1.

**G.3 Reducing the Number of Members on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee**

Superintendent Harter provided background information about the composition of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee from Board Policy 7214.2. In 2002 the Board created the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to align with the Proposition 39 of 2000 and designating membership beyond what is required in the statute. The committee currently has 19 members. He said this item is meant to entertain discussion and possible direction for any changes the Board would like to make in response to concerns about the size of the group.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Block said that in light of efficiency of the subcommittee system she suggested discussion with CBOC members for their opinions. She said that discussion would need to include assessment of how to reduce committee members in order to be fair. She would like to appoint a member now even if the committee size is reduced.

Mr. Enos suggested tabling the item to a future meeting in order to have a detailed discussion that would take place in front of the public rather than the late hour.

**MOTION: Mr. Enos motioned to table discussion of Reducing the Number of Members on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to a future meeting. Ms. Block 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.**

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

None

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Ms. Kronenberg said she was impressed with Student Representative Brandon Martinez's description of the Linked Crew at Richmond High School. She shared that every freshman is connected to an upper-class student to act as a mentor. She said she would like to see this practice brought to other schools. She also spoke of her appreciation for the Chamberlin Family Foundation for the opportunity for teachers to apply for the gratitude grants. She concluded with remarks about the conversation around African-American history month.

Ms. Block said she enjoyed attending the Linked Learning conference held in Los Angeles where she learned about things happenings state wide. She spoke of the pride in the District's academies and work with the local community

college for students going to college. She remarked on several of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations held in the community.

Ms. Cuevas thanked staff for being here at the late hour. She also remarked about the impact of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations and spoke about how kids' lives matter. She concluded with a reminder about the Gompers Renaming Committee meetings coming up on January 26, January 27, and February 2nd.

Mr. Enos spoke about the number of important items addressed at this meeting. He looked forward to supporting students toward graduation and the need for his colleagues to serve as advocates for the District into the community.

President Groves thanked the audience and staff. He said the Board wants to engage the public and invite feedback.

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – February 11, 2015

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 12:12 AM.

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

BH:dh

<p><b><i>R. Enos</i></b> Approved 2/11/15</p>
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