

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

March 18, 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 6:31 PM 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, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg

Board Members Absent: Randall Enos

Staff Present: Mark Bonnett, Executive Director Bond Finance; Magdalena Brown, Translator; Elizabeth Carmody, Coordinator Community Engagement; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Patty Cuevas, Translator; Jose DeLeon, Richmond High Principal; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Jackie Kim, Internal Auditor; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Daniela Parasidis, Executive Director Business Services; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical & Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Adam Taylor, Executive Director K-12; Marin Trujillo, Director Community Engagement; Katie VonHusen, Coordinator Educational Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Darrin Zaragoza, Curriculum Specialist

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from the Youth Commission

Ms. Astrid Flores of Richmond High School introduced herself and said that she would participate in the Youth Commission presentation later on the agenda.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint two administrators who currently fill interim positions:

Michael Aaronian, Principal, Lupine Hills Elementary

Jessica Petrilli, Principal, Helms Middle School

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint Michael Aaronian, Principal Lupine Hills Elementary and Jessica Petrilli, Principal Helms Middle School. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Groves asked the Board to consider moving items D.1, D.2 and F.7 to follow item B.6.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda as amended. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Astrid Flores (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

D.1 Recognition of Richmond High School Soccer Team

Mr. Greer asked Mr. Darrin Zaragoza to introduce the Richmond High Varsity Boys Soccer Team, 2014-15 NCS Division 2 Champions. Mr. Zaragoza said the students demonstrated sportsmanship and were representatives of their community. Principal Jose DeLeon recognized both the students' background in athletics and academics. He also commended Coach Rene Siles and his leadership over the years. Mr. DeLeon introduced each student and acknowledged his GPA as well as the colleges that seniors have applied to. A brief television new video clip was played showing the championship team in action.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas commended the young men for their hard work, preparation and success both on and off field.

Ms. Kronenberg commended the students for the incredible job, making the City of Richmond proud. Real College Advisor Angelica Arriaga was commended for her help to students with keeping their grades up. Ms. Kronenberg urged the senior students to come back to be mentors to other Richmond High students.

Ms. Block offered congratulations to the students for their success both on and off the field. She spoke of them as role models and wished them the best in college and in the years ahead.

President Groves offered congratulations and urged the team to keep up the good work.

D.2 Report on WCCUSD Youth Commission

Mr. Greer asked Ms. Carmody to introduce Darrin Zaragoza and Adam Taylor who work with the Youth Commission. The commissioners included:

Moises Tenorio-Garcia- Kennedy HS
Astrid Flores- Richmond HS
Emely Reachi- Richmond HS
Francisco Ortiz- Kennedy HS
Ja'Mes Williams- Middle College

The students provided background to the beginnings of the Commission, the changes they've seen at schools and the positive impact.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked what hot topics students have addressed this year. Francisco Ortiz spoke about lack of a college and career center at North Campus. He said that in his opinion, it would make a difference for students. Ja'Mes Williams spoke about self-motivation by learning their voice was heard by Board members. The students spoke about people being unaware of what was happening at other schools and what could be done to gain knowledge and make a difference. The students said they felt it important for students to feel that they matter, that adults talk with them and know them.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about touring other schools and what the students learned. The commissioners said that they gained insight at other campuses about the differences; they saw serious students, students who didn't care, as well as students who try but are challenged to learn.

Ms. Cuevas commended the students' presentation and asked how they worked together. The commissioners said there was lots of communication between themselves and adults. At one meeting they had a free discussion about ideas, and then refined to the presentation.

President Groves said the commissioners are his "think tank" about things going on in schools.

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held March 23, at Helms Middle School, 6:30 PM. The Commission will be hosting an upcoming LCAP event on April 16. The students detailed their plans for the structure of the event and sharing information with the student community.

F.7 Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Caliber Beta Academy

Ms. LeBlanc presented information regarding the facilities offer to Caliber Beta Academy for the 2015-2016 school year and the timeline for Proposition 39 facilities requests and offers.

Public comment:

Yolanda Lopez, Marjorie Mendez, Pablo Ramirez, Yasmin Barraza, Kathleen Hogan, Ama Kmerow, Monzarraz Ledesma, Natalie Walchuck, Dennis Cody, Flor Castro

Board Comment:

Ms. Block thanked the families for coming to the meeting and spoke of the importance of a permanent location for the school. She spoke of her frustration and recommendations provided by staff, saying the Board worked under constraints.

Ms. Cuevas had questions about the considerations made for charters schools and the upcoming facilities master plan. Ms. LeBlanc said charter school facilities will be incorporated into a long term solution. Ms. LeBlanc spoke of background work, cost estimates and bringing recommendations to the Facilities Subcommittee for consideration. Ms. Cuevas asked about any rationale for not offering the Adams site. Ms. LeBlanc spoke about the CEQA evaluation, impact on neighborhood, and assessment of improvement needed for the site. Ms. Cuevas suggested more communication for both parties and urged creation of a master plan for long term facilities use.

Ms. Gamba provided additional information regarding Adams and criteria for the school closure regarding seismic concerns for student safety. She said it was important for the community to understand the hurdles as there are no vacant whole school sites in the District that are seismically safe, adhering to CEQA standards.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of meetings with Caliber families and remaining committed to all children in District. She spoke of the conversation involving embarking on a master facilities plan, timelines, review of requests, Board consideration and decision making.

Ms. Block asked about a consultant for a long range facilities master plan. Ms. Block said that she did not feel the District met Proposition 39 facilities requirements and said that seismic safety regulations were different for charter schools.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Caliber Beta Academy. Student Representative Astrid Flores seconded the motion. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Astrid Flores (vote only), and President Groves voted yes, Ms. Cuevas voted no, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 3-1-0-1.

B.7 Minutes: February 25, 2015

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2015. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Astrid Flores (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.8 Request to Address the Board regarding the WCCAA Executive Board

Co-Executive Director Sara Danielson introduced the new members of the WCCAA Executive Board who make up the administrative body. She said they represent over 100 years of combined experience. The representatives serve on various committees and participate in a collective bargaining union using the interest based bargaining process.

Student Representative Astrid Flores left the meeting for the evening.

B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment

Cynthia Pardinias, Angelina Quilici, Mark Quilici, Jonathan Dumas, Pamela Fields, Fasihia Ravaiz, Tom Panas, Kanai Anderson, MacDaniel Maisel, PwintPhyn Nandar, David Farr, Lorraine Humes, Graciela Lechon, Billy Alexander, Jordan Mason, Quinton Taylor, Juana Parra, Ariel Vega, Sandi Brown

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Contracts

C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.6 Selection of Financial Auditor

C.7 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3

C.8 Routine Personnel Changes – Classified

C.9 Resolution No. 63-1415: Day of Recognition for César Chávez - March 31, 2015

C.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

This item was pulled for separate action.

C.11 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

This item pulled for separate action.

C.12 Kennedy High School Digital Fabrication Laboratory Award of Contract

This item pulled for separate action.

C.13 Approval of Board Member Travel

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.9, and C.13. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Richmond High School Soccer Team

This item was moved to follow item B.6.

D.2 Report on WCCUSD Youth Commission

This item was moved earlier on the agenda.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

United Teacher of Richmond. Vice President Amanda Henderson read a resignation letter from President Robert Mann, effective March 31st, due to health reasons. As Vice President, Ms. Henderson will assume the office of President and said she looked forward to working with the Board and the District.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Chairperson Ivette Ricco introduced new member Anton Jungherr. She said that the committee was pleased with staff's commitment to collaborate and communicate, and was excited to hear about developments for a new master plan. She summarized activities since February. She said there are now 18 citizens on committee and a cost savings subcommittee was established. Progress with website development has been made. The draft performance audit was reviewed and independent counsel has been identified to represent the committee. Mr. Jungherr reported on review of the performance audit report by the subcommittee with recommendations that the item on this agenda be tabled for completion of work.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported on the recent meeting where the Common Core teacher leaders provided great feedback tools for a vetting process in reviewing supplemental materials. The also reviewed areas of Common Core focus and assessing implementation progress. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st and will include a Collaboration Colloquium to be held at DeJean where teachers, parents and students will present the program.

College and Career Readiness. Ms. Rashidchi spoke about DeAnza High School recently hosting Rochester City Schools for a school study visit to learn how academies work and see one in action. Ms. Kronenberg added that she attended and met people from Rochester. They were very impressed with the DeAnza community and systems in place at DeAnza. They connected with people who spoke of the implementation of the linked learning initiative. Mr. Greer spoke about counselors completing the fifth year of SPARC reports. He said that DeAnza also participated in a gold ribbon event where Assembly member Tony Thurmond attended in recognition of this comprehensive high school. Mr. Greer concluded by recognizing the hard work of assistant principals at Richmond High.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting for March 26 at Alvarado Adult Education Center. She remarked on the improved online agenda providing links to presentation documents. She also said that the committee currently has a full roster of members.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg reported on the recent meeting where the committee heard a report on the recent bond sale and a report on gardens from West County Diggs. They also heard presentations regarding an overview of the Valley View construction schedule, the Lincoln Elementary water damage, the Ohlone construction project, and the facilities master plan. Ms. Block said the committee also heard about the proposal high school rebuilding project.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg said that all the cohorts were chosen and that chaperones will be selected next.

Safety and School Climate Committee. Ms. Cuevas reported on the recent meeting where Ms. Libby MontesNations was introduced as the new Director of Emergency Preparedness, school site leaders talked about important issues including serving special education students and Office for Civil Rights requirements. Mr. Greer said the next meeting will be March 26, 9:00 AM at North Campus.

Technology Subcommittee. President Groves said next meeting was scheduled for April 9, 4:00 at the Information Technology Center.

Youth Commission. Ms. Cuevas said the Commission met last week and that an update was provided earlier on agenda. She said that the students are currently planning the upcoming LCAP event. The next meeting will be March 23, 6:30 PM at Helms Middle School.

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 everyone to stand for a moment of silence.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

A brief recess was taken at this time.

C.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

Public Comment:

Tom Panas

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked to review some of the contracts under this item. She expressed an opinion that contracts over a certain percentage threshold should be returned to the CBOC or Facilities Subcommittee for review and consideration. She had specific questions regarding the SGI Construction Management contracts to which Ms. LeBlanc provided clarification. Superintendent Harter provided additional information regarding the 2013 selection process seeking proposals for Construction Manager from various construction management firms, resulting in a review and

recommendation by the Facilities Subcommittee to the Board selecting SGI. He said that SGI has been the program manager since prior to 2004 as well as reviewed and renewed in 2013. Ms. LeBlanc explained the quarterly estimated rates for various areas of the contract after review by staff.

Ms. Cuevas also had questions regarding the SGI contract expiration. Superintendent Harter responded that the five year contract would expire in 2018. She continued to ask about the staff recommendation for the SGI proposal. Superintendent Harter said that staff recommended to the Facilities Subcommittee the use of SGI as well as other construction management firms for services. Ms. Cuevas asked Ms. Kronenberg about rationale for awarding the contract to SGI. Ms. Kronenberg responded that the recommendation was based on performance levels as noted in performance audits, as well as the firm's institutional memory from previous work with the program. She said the Facilities Subcommittee approved renewal of the contract, contrary to staff's recommendation, and forwarded the recommendation to the Board for approval.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Kronenberg asked the impact if items are not approved. Ms. LeBlanc responded that this could impact some of the construction projects but she would need to confer with legal counsel to determine the extent. Ms. Cuevas asked for descriptions of SGI program services contracts. Ms. LeBlanc provided clarification regarding the Measures D and E program projects.

Superintendent Harter asked whether the Board would consider approval of the other non SGI contracts rather than hold all contract work.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts with the exception of the SGI contracts. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

Ms. LeBlanc said that due to the delay, she will consult with legal counsel regarding the previously approved contract and estimates for services for the next quarter. Superintendent Harter recommended bringing additional information to Board about the SGI contracts to the April 1, 2015 meeting for consideration. He also heard an interest from the Board regarding a process for the Facilities Subcommittee to review these types of contracts. A discussion could be agendaized at that time as well.

There was an agreement by consensus of the Board.

C.11 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

Public Comment:
Tom Panas

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked for additional explanation about change orders for the Ohlone project. Ms. LeBlanc spoke about the largest change order for soil removal work. Mr. Luis Freese provided additional information regarding the previous phase of the construction of the main campus and timing to open the campus. This portion of the project was moved to a second phase of the project. He detailed what was involved in removal of class 2 hazardous soil to a controlled site.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Negotiated Change Orders. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, Ms. Block and Ms. Cuevas voted no, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion failed 2-2-0-1.

C.12 Kennedy High School Digital Fabrication Laboratory Award of Contract

Ms. LeBlanc read a revision into the record regarding the award and lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The District conducted a public bid process for the project. Bids were opened on March 12, 2015. Four contractors submitted a bid: GECCO, Inc. \$893,000; EVRA Construction Inc., \$936,000; AM Woo Construction, Inc., \$969,000; B Bros Construction Inc., \$975,350. The apparent lowest responsive, responsible bidder is GECCO, Inc.

Project completion is anticipated June 2015.

Recommendation:

Award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder GEICO, Inc.

Public Comment:

Lorraine Humes

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg responded to Ms. Hume's questions regarding the Fabrication Laboratory and access to the technology by District students and the public. She also spoke about the mobile lab that will travel throughout the District sharing technology.

Ms. Block asked about the funding through the Chevron and the MIT partnership. Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the \$1 million Chevron donation to fund the equipment and staff Fab Lab, including professional development, mobile lab accessible to schools, as well as a hybrid lab to be located at Juan Crespi Middle School. All of this is a part of the District's STEM initiative and STEM centers to support the Fab Lab locations.

Ms. Cuevas asked about staff review and recommendation for this contract award. Ms. Freese provided information regarding the evaluation of bidders, interviews with contractors, and the recommendation to award to the lowest responsive, responsive bidder.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Kennedy High School Digital Fabrication Laboratory Award of Contract. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs)

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Ms. Lyn Potter who detailed the process and procedures for the schools Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) in alignment with the District's LCAP plan. She spoke about the involvement of each school's School Site Council. Administrators from Richmond High and Montalvin Elementary shared their experiences in working through the process. Ms. Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus, Montalvin principal spoke, about the English language development plan component of the SPSA. Ms. Summer Sigler, Richmond High Assistant Principal, detailed the component regarding goals for student discourse and writing.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block commended Montalvin for their work to increase writing skills. She reviewed some of the schools' rigor and goals for success.

President Groves also commended the target on writing and extra effort on behalf of students.

Ms. Sigler spoke of items reflected in a handout developed by their instructional leadership team regarding mission and goals to anchor the school's work. Ms. Cuevas had questions regarding student completion of A-G requirements. Ms. Sigler responded with information about the academy structure, honor roll, individual student interventions, and quarterly advisories with students for transcript review.

Ms. Block offered congratulations to Richmond High for its growth in writing. Ms. Sigler spoke about the process used by staff to regularly review data and dialog about improvement.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the wall-to-wall academy school and what recognitions do students receive? Sigler responded. Richmond High Assistant Principal William McGee provided information about multimedia academy and industry recognized certification.

Board members continued to commend the work by schools.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of the Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs). Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.2 Second Interim Report, 2014-15 / Financial Update

Ms. Gamba presented information regarding January 31st Second Interim Budget Report.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Board discussion included questions regarding Proposition 30 funds and parcel tax expiration in 2018-2019. Ms. Gamba provided information regarding three year planning cycles of budget planning, parcel tax expiration and the effects of declining enrollment.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of the Second Interim Report, 2014-15. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.3 Receive the Building Fund (Measure D and Measure E) Performance Audit for Year Ended June 30, 2014

Ms. Gamba provided information regarding the proposed Bond Performance Audit. She introduced Certified Public Account Xiupin Guillaume who was available to take questions. Ms. Gamba said that the report was provided in the Board packet for consideration.

Public Comment:
Anton Jungherr

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas asked about the comments and recommendations of the CBOC Audit Committee to consider this report as a draft report and bring it back at a later date as a final report with agreed upon procedures. Ms. Gamba said the document presented by the audit firm Vavrinek, Trine & Day is the legally required report and added that the enhanced aspects of the report will be incorporated into this report. She did not characterize the report presented for approval as draft form.

Ms. Kronenberg recapped the Facilities Subcommittee review where they heard public comment and accepted the report.

Superintendent Harter recapped the objective of the audit to determine whether expenditures charged to the building fund were made in accordance with the bond project list approved by voters with the approval of Measure D and E, and determine whether salary transactions charged to the bond were supported by Measures D and E and not for the general operations. He said this was the content of the audit report as required by law. He added that the Board, in September 2014, approved a much larger scope of services, including audit of contracts and change orders, report of local hire and wage conditions, compliance with state regulations and district policies and guidelines. This was a very detailed report with more details still to come as the result of a local choice to incorporate the additional information.

Ms. Gamba invited Attorney Lisel Wells of Nixon Peabody to give an opinion regarding acceptance of the performance audit. Ms. Wells affirmed that Board approval of the report presented would fulfill the legal requirement.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval to receive the Building Fund (Measure D and Measure E) Performance Audit for Year Ended June 30, 2014. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, Ms. Cuevas voted no, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 3-1-0-1.

F.4 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E General Obligation Bonds Financial Statements June 30, 2014

Ms. Gamba recapped financial statements performed by Crowe Horwath and Company as part of other financial statements received by the Board in January 2015. She summarized the more in depth subset report by bond authorization for acceptance into the public record. Executive Director Bond Finance Mark Bonnet pointed out details regarding the financial statements broken down by 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked about the criteria for the report. Ms. Bonnett clarified with information about the purpose of the audit and the process used to verify accuracy.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E General Obligation Bonds Financial Statements June 30, 2014. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with Ms. Cuevas abstaining and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 3-0-1-1.

F.5 February 26, 2015 Bond Sale Report: 2010 Election Series C, 2012 Election Series B and February 2015 General Obligation Bonds Cost of Issuance

Mr. Blake Boehm of KNN Public Finance provided a presentation on the recent successful bond sale which closed on March 12, 2015. Mr. Boehm illustrated the connection for the proceeds from the sale into the bigger picture of the overall bond construction program. He also provided information regarding the structure of the bonds sold to include terms ranging from one to 39 years with the majority of the bonds sold for terms of less than 30 years. His presentation included information regarding cost of issuance, timing, and market conditions that contributed to the success of bond sale.

Jon Armstrong of KNN Public Finance and Lisel Wells of the legal firm Nixon Peabody were available as members of the financial consulting team.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block had questions about premium bond proceeds. Mr. Boehm clarified.

President Groves commended the team for their hard work in securing the successful bond sale.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the February 26, 2015 Bond Sale Report: 2010 Election Series C, 2012 Election Series B and February 2015 General Obligation Bonds Cost of Issuance. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.6 Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Amethod Public Schools

Ms. LeBlanc provided details of the staff recommendation made to offer the Leadership Public Schools temporary site to Amethod Public Schools for the 2015-2016 school year. She said that staff is working with Amethod to finalize details prior to a facilities use agreement coming to the Board for acceptance.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg asked whether the Amethod School was happy with the site offered. Ms. LeBlanc remarked that Amethod has additionally requested for space for their middle school. The offer before the Board was for the elementary and high school. She said that staff was analyzing the request and determining the cost per square footage. District would work with Amethod to move the middle school. The Board will have the option to consider the facilities use agreement for acceptance in April.

Ms. Block asked how a site is determined for a particular school. Ms. LeBlanc said that staff looks at the availability of classrooms, challenges in the District, availability of contiguous sites. Estimated enrollment of the charter school is also a consideration in determining a location.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Amethod Public Schools. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.7 Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Caliber Beta Academy

This item was moved to follow item D.2.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report

This item was tabled due to the lateness of the hour.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Cuevas spoke about procedures and framing her vote in the context of limited choices due to deadlines. She expressed concern about the timing for considerations feeling that additional preparation by staff is required.

Ms. Block said compliance deadlines cause her to feel trapped without adequate information. She said that she would like to develop a handbook for protocol. She enjoyed honoring the Richmond High Boys Soccer Team honored and welcomed opportunity to honor academic teams as well. Separately she suggested that information regarding employee matters be provide at a meeting prior to decisions at a subsequent meeting, allowing time for consideration. She also spoke about working toward a student evaluation of teachers.

Ms. Kronenberg acknowledged many student successes such as the El Cerrito Symphonic Band invited to Carnegie Hall. She announced a dance performance for March 20th at El Cerrito High. Ms. Kronenberg concluded by expressing her full support of Superintendent Harter, remarking on the opportunity to evaluate him over the last nine years, saying that he serves community incredibly well.

President Groves spoke of an extraordinary two years of working with the Superintendent and Cabinet. He commended staff for the pace of the organization. He gave his full support and admiration for amount of work put forth by the Superintendent and staff.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – April 1, 2015

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Groves adjourned the meeting at 12:20 AM.

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

BH:dh

<p><i>R. Enos</i> Approved 4/1/15</p>
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