

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Resolution on School Closures

RESOLUTION NO. XX-0809

February 11, 2009

Whereas the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) must address a structural deficit (spending in excess of revenue) and has adopted a budget that includes school closures for 2009-10 and 2010-11; and

Whereas the Contra Costa County Superintendent, as is required under state statute, approved the 2008-09 WCCUSD budget contingent upon school closures and other specified remedies for the WCCUSD structural deficit; and

Whereas on December 10, 2008 the WCCUSD Board approved the criteria, the process and the timeline for school closures as well as authorizing a contract for expert review and recommendation on school closures; and

Whereas the District has held 13 public meetings to follow the process for school closures and involve the community in the process; and

Whereas District staff have used public input and expert review in formulating a recommendation for school closures for 2009-10 and 2010-11; and

Whereas the City of Richmond on February 3, 2009 adopted a motion that specifies that the City would pay WCCUSD \$1.5 million to keep open two elementary schools (Olinda and Nystrom) and one secondary school (Kennedy High School) for 2010-11 when those schools would have closed according to the WCCUSD staff recommendation; and

Whereas the City of San Pablo has expressed an interest (but made no commitment) to keep one of the schools (Lake Elementary) open for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Therefore be it resolved that the WCCUSD Board adopts a closure plan as required by the County:

Schools / Facilities Closed for 2009-10:

El Sobrante Elementary
Castro Elementary
Shannon Elementary
Lake Elementary
Adams Middle School
Seaview Staff Development Center
Furniture Warehouse

Schools that are included in the Staff Recommendation for closure in 2010-11 and subject to an agreement between the City of Richmond and WCCUSD to remain open:

Olinda Elementary (would remain open for 2010-11 with funding from the City of Richmond and for longer if another external source of funding is forthcoming)
Nystrom Elementary (would remain open for 2010-11 with funding from the City of Richmond and for longer if another external source of funding is forthcoming)
Kennedy High School (would remain open for 2010-11 with funding from the City of Richmond and for longer if another external source of funding is forthcoming)

The following schools / operations will be consolidated into Kennedy High School if and when that school loses the external funding needed to stay open, or before that time if suitable alternative spaces can be identified and approved by the Board:

Gompers Continuation High School
North Campus Continuation High School/ Pupils Services Center
Serra Adult Education School
Alvarado Adult Education School

That District make the following grade level changes:

Mira Visa to K-7 for 2010-11 and K-8 for 2011-12
Chavez, Wilson, Coronado, King, Lincoln, Nystrom, Dover and Stege to K-6 for 2009-10

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2009, at a special meeting of the Board of Education by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the members of the Governing Board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District at the public meeting of said Board held on February 11, 2009.

Bruce Harter
Secretary, Board of Education