

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Board of Education
Meeting Agenda
April 13, 2011

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B. OPENING PROCEDURES

- B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**
- B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**
- B.3 Roll Call**
- B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from DeAnza High School**

Comment:

A Student Board Representative from DeAnza High School will attend the Board of Education on April 13, 2011. We would like to recognize and commend their participation.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

- B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**
- * **B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption (Public Comment)**
- * **B.7 Minutes: March 16, 2011**

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

CONSENT ITEMS (Routine Matters)

Consent Calendar Items deuki pcvgf"d{"öEö"ctg"eqpukfgtgf"tqwvkpg"cpf" yknn"dg"gpcevgf."crrtqxgf"cpf"

Recommendation:

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Ratify and approve contracts as noted

Fiscal Impact:

Total for this action: **\$931,644**. Funding sources as noted

***CI C.26 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**

Comment:

Staff is seeking ratification of change orders on the following current District construction projects: Ford Elementary New School; Kennedy High School Restroom Improvements; Chavez Elementary Waterproofing Project; Helms Middle School New Construction; DeAnza High School New Campus; and Pinole Middle School Modernization Phase 2. Change orders are fully executed by the District upon Board ratification is the final step required under state law in order to complete payment and contract adjustment.

Recommendation:

Ratify negotiated Change Orders as noted

Fiscal Impact:

Total ratification and approval by this action: \$201,458.65

***CI C.27 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report**

Comment:

The Williams Lawsuit requires that a quarterly report be brought before the Board of Education reflecting the number of complaints filed with any school in the district during a particular quarter. This report reflects the time period from January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

***CI C.28 Resolution 60**

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 60-1011: In Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (SCA) to Reduce the Two-Thirds Vote Requirement on Parcel Taxes

Fiscal Impact:

None

***CI C.29 Resolution No. 66-1011: SB 810 California Universal Health Care Act**

Comment:

West Contra Costa Unified School District strongly supports SB 810, the California Universal Healthcare Act, which will cover every Californian with comprehensive, affordable health insurance and allow every Californian to choose his or her own physician.

At some time each year, at least one in five Californians does not have health insurance. As health insurance costs continue to skyrocket, employers are reducing coverage and dropping benefits altogether. Half of all bankruptcies in the United States are now related to medical costs and ¾ of those bankrupted families *had health insurance at the time they became ill or injured*. The simple truth is that average Californians can no longer rely on their health insurance when they become ill or injured.

The United States spends twice as much per person as every other industrialized country on health care, yet we are the only industrialized nation where people go bankrupt because of medical costs. We have fewer physicians per capita than many other industrialized countries, and fewer hospital visits. Most importantly, our health care system ranks at the bottom of industrialized nations, according to the World Health Organization.

SB 810 will affordably cover every Californian with comprehensive benefits. Every Californian will be covered by a single plan that provides medical, dental, vision and prescription drug coverage, as well as hospitalization, emergency room care and transportation, laboratory work, skilled nursing care, mental health care, drug addiction rehabilitation, and chiropractic care.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 66-1011 in Support of SB 810

Fiscal Impact:

Board resolution will have no fiscal impact. Passage of SB 810, however, will significantly reduce health care costs for the District. Exact impact on the cost of health benefits will need to be determined.

***CI C.30 Resolution No. 67-1011: In Appreciation of Be A Mentor and Contra Costa Interfaith Council**

Comment:

The District would like to recognize and commend Be A Mentor, Inc. and the Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition for their dedication to the mentoring program at Kennedy High School.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:
None

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

*** D.1 Presentation of certificates to the first, second and third place WCCUSD Spelling Bee Winners**

Comment:

Tonight we are honoring the winners of the WCCUSD Middle School Spelling Bee. These honorees as well as other top spellers in our District represented WCCUSD at the Contra Costa County Spelling Bee.

The students being honored tonight are:

1st Place ó Brian Nguyen ó DeJean Middle School

2nd Place ó Ursula Lockner Bravo ó Portola Middle School

3rd Place ó Sina Al Krizy ó DeJean Middle School

The District congratulates these students for their outstanding achievement.

Recommendation:

Congratulate students

Fiscal Impact:

None

*** D.2 Teacher of the Year Recipients**

Comment:

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Teacher of the Year recognition. There were many fine candidates nominated. All do an outstanding job meeting the

Antonieta Franco, Third Grade, Downer Elementary School
JP de Oliveira, Counselor, Richmond High School
Eric Verprauskus, sixth Grade, Lincoln Elementary School
Kain Saecha-Bit, Third Grade, Ford Elementary School
Wendy Gonzalez, Third Grade Ford Elementary School
Pat Simon and Beth Levine, Fourth Grade, Montalvin Elementary School
Brent Knapp, Special Education, Ellerhorst Elementary School
Patricia Cassady, Special Education, Pinole Middle School
Cindy Lee, First Grade, Murphy Elementary School
Paula Raj, Spanish, De Anza High School
Elisabeth Whitson, Algebra, DeJean Middle School
Tory Cox, Special Education, Ohlone Elementary School
Eric Danysh, Sixth Grade, Shannon Elementary School
Valerie Kimmel-Oliva, Special Education, Lupine Hills Elementary School
Jessica Steinberg, English, Hercules Middle High School

Recommendation:

Congratulate Teachers of the Year

Fiscal Impact:

None

* **D.3 The Ed. Fund Excellence in Education Award Winner Recognition**

Comment:

Tonight we congratulate the Ed. Fund Excellence in Education Award Winners. There are six WCCUSD teachers, one classified staff member, and one volunteer.

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Sharing the honors with the Teaching Excellence Awards winners are the 2011 Distinguished Staff Award Winner Michael Driscoll and 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award Winner Robert Studdiford.

Michael Driscoll has been an amazing asset to Richmond High School.

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tireless and distinguished.

We want to recognize and congratulate these honorees for all the wonderful work they carry out with our students on a daily basis.

Recommendation:
Congratulate honorees

Fiscal Impact:
None

* **D.4**

Valerie Camilli passed away on March 7, 2011. Ms. Camilli attended District schools and graduated from Richmond High. She worked for the District from 1986 to 2009, starting at Ford Elementary and retiring as Senior Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

Anne Golson passed away March 1, 2011. She worked 25 years in the

F. ACTION ITEMS

* **F.1 Resolution No. 61-1011: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees**

Comment:

A lack of work and/or funds necessitates the elimination of classified positions.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

\$279,976 Related to school closure (reflected in savings already projected)

\$146,139 General Fund

\$43,521 Food Service Fund

\$54,306 Special Education ó reduces contribution needed from the general fund

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

* **G.1 Community Roots Academy**

Comment:

Community Roots Academy submitted a petition to West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) on March 14, to establish an independent charter school. Pursuant to the Charter School Act qh'3 ; ;4"*vjg"õCevö+. "Gfwecvkqp"Eqfg"Ugevkqp"69822"gv"ugsö. the Legislature has charged local school boards with the responsibility of reviewing and acting on petitions for charter schools.

Education Code section 47605(b) requires the Board, within 30 days of submission of the petition, to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Petition. That is the purpose of this agenda item.

The Act also requires the Board to either grant or deny the Petition within 60 days of submission. Staff and legal counsel are receiving and analyzing information related to the Petition, as well as the operation and potential effects of the proposed charter school, and will make a recommendation as to the petition at a subsequent board meeting.

Recommendation:

Public hearing only at this time

Fiscal Impact:

To be determined

* **G.2 Bond Finance**

Comment:

Dave Olson, Financial Advisor from KNN, and Jeff Barrata, Managing Director from Piper Jaffray, will present information on the bond finance program. This will include information regarding the recent

Lovonya DeJean Middle School ó May 4, 2011

K. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention will be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another or the following Board meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

The public may address items which are marked with an asterisk (*).

A. CLOSED SESSION

A.1 CALL TO ORDER

A.2 DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
(Government Code 54957.7)

A.3 RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AS SCHEDULED

See Exhibit A

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

The **Open Session** will resume at the end of the **Closed Session** in the Multi-Purpose Room at approximately **6:30 PM**.

EXHIBIT A

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

April 13, 2011

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

WCCUSD v. Orrick

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED/POTENTIAL LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]

Four cases

4. LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.95)

5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

a. Superintendent/Dr. Bruce Harter

- Confidential and Management

6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

8. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code Section 35146)

Expulsions

9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/COMPLAINT
(Government Code Section 54957)

Certificated Employee Dismissal

10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS