

**West Contra Costa Unified School District  
Board of Education  
Meeting Agenda  
August 18, 2010**

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**Attending Board Meetings:**

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all WCCUSD Board of Education meetings.

Location:

LOVONYA DEJEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3400 MACDONALD AVENUE

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**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- B.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures
- B.3 Roll Call
- B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session
- \* B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption (Public Comment)
- \* B.6 Minutes: July 28, 2010

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**CONSENT ITEMS (Routine Matters)**

Consent Calendar Items designated by “CI” are considered routine and will be enacted, approved and adopted by one motion, unless a request for removal, discussion or explanation is received.

Fiscal Impact:  
Additional revenue for schools

\*CI C.4



Recommendation:

Ratify and approve contracts as noted

Fiscal Impact:

Total for this action: \$328,615.25. Funding sources as noted

- \*CI C.11 Bond and Non-Bond Revised Change Order Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

Comment:

Staff is seeking ratification of change orders on the following current District construction projects. Change orders for bond expenditures are: Helms Middle School New Campus; Ford Elementary New Campus; DeAnza High School Baseball Field; King Elementary School Construction and Demolition; Pinole Middle School Renovations; and Dover Elementary New School. Change orders for Non-Bond expenditures are: Alameda Middle School Site Improvements (Emergency Repair Project); CchCI









F. ACTION ITEMS

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

\* G.1 Preventing School Closures in the City of Richmond

Comment:

In 2008, the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education was facing a certain return to bankruptcy without an aggressive financial recovery plan that included school closures, capping health benefits and phasing out lifetime benefits for future retirees. Like more than half the districts in the state, WCCUSD had experienced a sharp decline in student enrollment due to declining birth rate. With 5,000 fewer students than just five years earlier, the Board could no longer afford to operate all of the district's low enrollment schools.

At the December 2008 meeting, the Board approved a community involvement process to identify which schools would have to be closed. Over the next two months and with numerous opportunities for public input, a closure plan emerged. On February 9, 2009, the Board approved the closure of eight schools over a two year period. Four schools would be closed in June 2009, Castro, El Sobrante, Adams and Lake. The Board decided to close three others in June 2010, Olinda, Grant and Kennedy and in June 2011 to close Shannon as well. The City of San Pablo approved a resolution to provide funding to keep Lake School open for 2009-10 and 2010-11. The Richmond City Council agreed to provide \$1.5 million to keep Olinda, Grant

Fiscal Impact:  
Unknown at this time

\* G.2 Attendance Improvement

Comment:

During the budget adoption process, the Board discussed ways to improve the financial picture for the District by improving student attendance. As a follow up, staff agreed to bring back for Board discussion a summary of practices of other districts similar to WCCUSD that have a higher rate of attendance. Although WCCUSD's attendance rate is significantly higher than Oakland or San Francisco, and although the attendance rate in WCCUSD has improved over the past four years, there are other districts that have higher rates of attendance. The staff report will include practices that those districts use that have helped them achieve high attendance rates.

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

A. CLOSED SESSION

A.1 CALL TO ORDEP.C [(CAL)-5(L)-5( T)-d [(CAL)4/MCID 3 -6-14.39 8.59 0 Td ( )Tj EMC /P <5/M

- c. Unrepresented Employees
  - Confidential and Management
- 6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
  - a. Administrative Appointments for 2010-2011 School Year
- 7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)
- 8. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code Section 35146)
  - a. Expulsions
- 9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/COMPLAINT (Government Code Section 54957)
- 10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS