

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

A. **CLOSED SESSION**

Clerk Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey and Tony Thurmond

Superintendent Harter administered the oath of office to Mr. Thurmond and Rosa Mena, Deputy, Contra Costa County, administered the Oath to Mr. Medrano in Spanish, which allowed the new Board members to attend Closed Session.

The Board recessed into Closed Session.

Mr. Thurmond [Redacted]

- President Miles called for nomination for Clerk.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond nominated Mr. Medrano to serve as Clerk.

B.8 Agenda Review and Adoption

Public Comment:

Robert Brower, Michael Srago, Valerie Snider, Sharon Farrell and Charles Schwarz requested that Item E.1 be postponed until the school closure issue is final.

Board Comment:

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Kwonberg discussed moving Item E.2 (School Consolidation / Closure

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Ms. Pineda left the dais at 8:10 PM.

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond inquired about a list of available surplus properties and Superintendent Harter responded.

D.3 WCCUSD Public Comment

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Carlos Taboada, Tammy Campbell, Charles Cowens.

E.2 School Consolidation / Closure – Criteria & Process

Mr. Ramsey asked Dr. Harter to outline the criteria as amended.

Superintendent Harter said in addition to the criteria as provided there would be a correction to number two, the criteria would include resale value of property as one of the criteria and the process would be the same with the

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey and Ms. Gamba commented on the selection/ratification process.

Mr. Thurmond raised the issue of using a finance committee to preview expenditures.

Mr. Ramsey asked that Item G.1 be tabled and brought back to a later meeting after following a different approval process.

Superintendent Harter commented on the urgency of obtaining the appraisal value of properties prior to the recommendations around school closure.

Ms. Gamba recommended using Integra Reality Resources until other appraisal firms could be identified.

responsive, responsible bidder.

Fiscal Impact: Total for this action: *\$77,000*. Measure J Bond funds.