

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Education
Special Joint Meeting of
City Councils of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond,
San Pablo, County Supervisors John Gioia and Gayle Uilkema
Luzerne De Jesus Middle School

3400 McDonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805

January 10, 2009

A. **Welcome and Introductions**

President Miles called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

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Judith Long said she felt that student achievement is better in small schools and she is willing to release city to

provide what support they can. She would like a clear picture of what ongoing costs would be to keep neighborhood schools open for the future.

D. Public Comment

Mike Peritz spoke about the need for action items to move forward.

Nicholas Zoffel said that he believed the data is inconclusive regarding a benefit in the consolidation of small schools.

Greg Chang spoke about short and long term solutions, gap funding achievability, and structural reforms.

Brent Fetter offered a solution for Coronado and asked that the closure criteria be reexamined.

Jennifer Zoffel said that the discussion addressed short term needs, ignoring the long-term impacts of costs that impact cities and communities.

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Rachel McLachlan said it is important to listen to the ideas that came from the table and to continue working on behalf of students.

Roosevelt McKindley said the issue of school closure started long ago and that people need to consider restructuring in order to return to the important task of educating the children.

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