

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

**March 18, 2009**

- A. CLOSED SESSION**
- B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

- C.6 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers**
- C.7 Notification of Claims Rejected**
- C.9 Certificated Personnel Changes**
- C.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.11 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.12 Ratification of Prev**

Mr. Medrano inquired about advance placement programs and high school exit exam instructional support and services.

Ms. Gamba said that student achievement and safety are the District's top priority and commented on constructing alternative funding models for those items with federal funds if necessary.

#### **D.4 Standing Reports**

##### **Public Comment:**

Robbert Studdiford, Vice President of Bayside Council PTA, spoke about supporting the upcoming state PTA convention April 30 to May 3.

**Facilities Subcommittee:** Mr. Medrano provided an update from the March 11 Board Subcommittee meeting.

**Ivy League Connection:** Mr. Ramsey reported on students in the program who are progressing on to college including the Ivy League schools.

#### **D.5 In Memory of Members of the School Community**

Superintendent Harter recognized community members who recently passed away.

##### **Public Comment:**

Francie Kunanec spoke in remembrance of former teacher Oline Floe.

#### **E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

##### **E.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

##### **E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Elle Marder, Rick Alexander, Sarah Creeley, Al Kirkman, Julie Maier, Marilyn Gonzalez, Margaret Browne, Peg Dabel, Elizabeth Brooking, Diane Browne, Christina Slamon, Jill Wolkenfeld, Linda Ruiz-Lozito, Justin Rodriguez, Eduardo Cuevas, Eduardo Martinez, Robert Studdiford.

##### **C.8 Resolution No. 75-0809 Directing Preparation of Annual Report - MRAD**

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the importance of this funding and said it is critical that we have the \$5.2 million in allocations to fund positions in the district.

**C.16 Resolution No. 77-0809: Day of Recognition of César Chávez, March 31, 2009**

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Medrano spoke about the history of the Farmworker movement and his experience living in the Central Valley in 1965. He urged everyone to seek social reform through peaceful and nonviolent solutions.

Mr. Ramsey commented that the state courts are now closed in recognition of this day.

Ms. Kronenberg said that her school district is closed this day and indicated that Hayward has many activities to support recognition of Mr. Chávez. She recalled her experiences demonstrating in the 1960s and being a part of the Farmworker movement. She spoke of the importance of honoring everything Mr. Chávez stood for and for all social justice.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about the importance of the impact of Mr. Chávez's work. He acknowledged Mr. Medrano and his family for their personal contribution and commented on the impressive students at the District school named after Mr. Chávez.

President Miles said this was an opportunity for teachers to find creative ways to integrate opportunities for students to read about the history of Mr. Chávez, even at the kindergarten level.

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to approve Item C.16 Resolution No. 77-0809 Day of Recognition for César Chávez. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Mia Montemayor (advisory vote only) and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 Charter Facilities Assignments – Proposition 39 Final Offer to Leadership Public Schools Richmond Charter School**

Mr. Fay said that Leadership Charter School expressed the desire to stay another year at their present location, which was the District's preference as well.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve Item F.1. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Mia Montemayor (advisory vote only) and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**F.2 Charter Facilities Assignments – Proposition 39 Final Offer to Manzanita Charter School**

Mr. Fay commented on the request from Manzanita to be separated from DeJean students, and said there would be a meeting on March 19 to further discuss the issues. He said although the District and Manzanita were still in discussion regarding the requirements, he asked the Board for approval as this was an offer that was subject to negotiation.

**Public Comment:**

Linda Ruiz-Lozito, Board Chair for Manzanita Charter School, commented on a problem communicating with the District regarding the terms in the offer. She requested the Board put over this item for a future date and said Manzanita would be willing to extend the District's legal time to pr 50.39w(d)4( sai)e6M-4( )6(p)-4( f2(per) )TJETEMC P MCID 1

Superintendent Harter described the Prop 39 process and asked the Board to move forward with the offer of six classrooms and administrative space as described in the offer before the Board.

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to approve Item F.2. Mr. Ramsey seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, and President Miles voted yes, Mr. Thurmond and Student Representative Mia Montemayor (advisory vote only) voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.**

**F.3 Charter Facilities Assignments – Proposition 39 Final Offer to Richmond College Preparatory K-5 Charter School (Richmond College Prep)**

Mr. Fay introduced this item and asked for Board approval of the Proposition 39 offer to Richmond College Prep.

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to approve Item F.3. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Mia Montemayor (advisory vote only) and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)**

None

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Ramsey provided additional information from the Facilities Subcommittee regarding solar roof panels, price