

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

June 24, 2009

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Audrey Miles called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Miles called the Public Session to order at 6:50 PM.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Miles led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Agenda ~~Medrano, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond~~

Staff Present: Joe Abrego, Executive Director, Information and Technology; Leticia Mejia, Interpreter; Andre Bell, Senior Director Bond Finance; Pamala Blake, Director of Adult and Alternative Education; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Lisa Erwin, Executive Director Business Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Employees; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Linda Jackson, Executive Director; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Raul Ramirez, Principal of Adult Education; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Vince Rhea, Executive Director; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Phyllis Rosen, Legal Assistant; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer; Liz Torio, Director Academic Intervention, After-School Programs, Promotion-Retention; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement.

B.4 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to expel nine (9) students and

appointment for Principals and Instructional Specialists, to rescind previous reassignment notices to Principals and to transfer a number of Principals.

Subsequently, the following appointments were noted:

Ramona Stokes - Principal Bayview
Jessica Smith - Principal Chavez
Sonja Bell - Principal Sheldon
Jamersina Preston - IS at DeJean
Latoya Williams - IS DeAnza
Debbie Narasaki - IS at Lake (Interim)
Harlan Kerr - Principal Vista Hills and Coordinator Ed Services
Hadee Foust - Principal North
Christina McCoy - AP at North / Harbour Way
Terry Ismael - AP Hercules
David Luongo - AP Kennedy
Hector Franco-Marina - AP at Pinole Valley
Eless Baptiste - VP at Helms
James Ellis - IS at Helms

Instructional Specialists:

Jennifer Bender - RHS
Sewellyn Kaplan - PVHS
Humphrey Kiuruwi - ECHS
Christina Lambie - Bayview
Tracie Manipis - Dover
David Ranch - Downer
Lyda Butler - King
Darlene Almeida - Lincoln
Kim Moses - Nystrom

The Board rescinded the notice of reassignments for AP:

Yolanda Bulls - DAHS
Gabriel Chilcott - PVHS
Jose DeLeon - RHS
Nancy Ivey - RHS
Carolyn Mosley - HHS
LaDonna Williams - HHS
Jennifer Crowell - Interim PA at Middle College
Matt Burham - Portola
Sylvia Greenwood - Crespi
Pat Martin - DeJean
Jerrold Scheidt - Pinole Middle

Other Admin – Coordinator:

Susan Dunlap
Rene Franklin
Marilyn Potter
Brenda King-Randel
Janice Thompson

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve the administrative appointment for Principals and Instructional Specialists, to rescind previous reassignment notices to Principals and to transfer a number of Principals. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.5 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to amend the agenda by placing Items E.1 and E.4 to follow D.1 and approve as amended. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Public Comment: Kathleen Erwin

B.6 Minutes: June 3, 2009; June 6, 2009

Mr. Thurmond requested to amend the minutes of June 6, 2009, to reflect that Jill Wolkenfeld attended.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the minutes of June 3 and June 6, 2009, as amended by Mr. Thurmond. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond and President Miles voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Contracted Services

C.2 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.3 Acceptance of Donations

C.4 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.14 Crespi Fire Reconstruction Construction Management Services Award of Contract

Public Comment: Doug Barrows of McCarthy Building Company asked the Board to reconsider the decision of the Facilities Subcommittee that initially selected then rejected his bid for this project.

E.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2009-10 Budget

Ms. Gamba presented an overview of the proposed 2009-10 budget commenting on the unprecedented economic times in our nation and state. She said the District's response has been excellent in working toward a balanced budget and closing the budget gap as it stood prior to the May Revise, but that the District is still facing a huge setback based upon the May 19 ballot initiative failure. She summarized the plan for fiscal recovery in light of the 08-09 fund balances and reductions in revenue limits by the state. She requested that the Board open a public hearing and move to adopt the 2009-10 budget.

President Miles opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: Charles Cowens, Eduardo Martinez, Malaika Parker

President Miles closed the public hearing.

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked for discussion about the impact of the budget regarding changes to class size reduction, restrictions being placed on Adult Education, and schools now open as a result of funding provided by the cities of Richmond and San Pablo. Ms. Gamba responded.

Mr. Thurmond asked for the information to be restated publicly. Ms. Gamba responded.

Mr. Thurmond inquired about the schools listed on the closure list for 2010-11 which are suspended pending additional funding. Ms. Gamba referenced the board resolution that pertains to school closures.

Mr. Thurmond asked for an amendment to the resolution that identified which schools would be closed in 2010-11, allowing the schools to remain unnamed at this time.

Mr. Ramsey said there was a need to adopt the budget at this time, and that the schools designated for closure in 2010-11 could be reevaluated at a later date.

Mr. Medrano inquired whether Kennedy High School, if closed, would become an education center in 2010-11. Ms. Gamba responded.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about San Pablo and Richmond predicating their decisions for funding on the designation of schools, and she did not agree to change the resolution which she said would violate the Board's relationships with the cities.

Mr. Thurmond spoke about sending a message that was not a predetermined decision that identified specific schools, that would leave options open.

Mr. Ramsey said the budget was predicated on the cities identifying what schools they are funding and that could not be removed at this time.

Mr. Medrano said he saw no reason to modify his motion.

Mr. Thurmond made an alternative motion to delay the vote on the budget using the June 30 deadline to give negotiations a final deadline to come to some resolution and closure.

F.8 Resolution No. 97-0809: Resolution to Decrease the Number of Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services

Ms. Romeo noted a revised précis and backup has been provided. She said that pursuant to the Ed. Code §44955.5, the Board is authorized to take action to decrease the number of probationary or certificated employees by August 15, if it determines that its total revenue limit per ADA has not increased by at least 2%, and indicated this is the case per the 2009-10 adopted budget. She explained the rationale for the removal of counselors, the decreased number due to attrition

President Miles asked Ms. Gamba whether any portion of the \$85,000 savings was included in the 09-10 budget just passed. Ms. Gamba responded that it included the staffing reductions only, and if not approved staff will need to determine how to operate two campuses within the budget that has been adopted.

Mr. Ramsey proposed tabling this item.

Mr. Medrano said he favored working out something within the present budget reductions and bringing this item back next year. He said there was insufficient data regarding transportation to make a decision.

Ms. Kronenberg said she agrees with Mr. Medrano and Mr. Ramsey. She said Adult Education needs to look at alternatives if Serra is closed and have different conversations with students.

Ms. Romeo offered clarification.

The Board, by consensus, agreed to table this item.

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I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

None

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – July 8, 2009

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Miles adjourned the meeting at 11:35 PM.

Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

BH:pr