

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

**September 16, 2009**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Audrey Miles called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Miles called the Public Session to order at 6:45 PM.

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

President Miles offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

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

**Staff Present:** Ora Anderson, Director Special Education; Doris Avalos, Executive Director; Andre Bell, Senior Director Bond Finance; Yolanda Bulls, Assistant Principal DeAnza High School; Martin Coyne, Director Accounting/Audits; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator EL Support Services; Lisa Erwin, Sr. Director Fiscal; 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; Marco Gonzales, Principal Downer Elementary; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Nicole Joyner, Grant Writer; Harlan Kerr, Principal/Coordinator of Educational Services; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Bev Morsony, Teacher Hercules High; Leticia Oregon, Interpreter; Lynn Potter, Coordinator State and Federal Programs; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bill Savidge, Engineering Officer; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement.

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative Imaobong (Ima) Etim, DeAnza High School**

Ms. Etim spoke about activities with the opening of school at DeAnza.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the vote taken in Closed Session to approve an agreement with Kinsell, Newcomb, and DeDios to repurchase optional redemption rights for bonds from the 2000 election of Measure M Series A and B.

Item E. 3 was tabled at the request of the speaker.

**MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda with the tabling of item F.6 Benefit Cap for Board Members. Mr. Ramsey seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Thurmond and Student Representative Etim (advisory vote only) voting yes, President Miles voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.**

**B.7 Minutes: September 2, 2009**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the minutes of September 2, 2009. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Etim (advisory vote only) and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**C.1 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**  
*This item was pulled for public comment.*

**C.2 Grants/Awards/Agreements**

**C.3 Acceptance of Donations**

**C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**

**C.5 Notice of Completions: Bid J068161 Pinole Middle Demolition-**

Youth Commission – Mr. Thurmond announced the upcoming meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 PM at the RYSE Youth Center in Richmond. He recognized Ms. Briana, DeAnza student, who has been an active participant with the planning work of the Youth Commission.

Safety Committee – Mr. Thurmond announced that the Safety Committee will meet at Mira Vista School on September 23, 6:00 PM. A tour will be provided and discussion will include review of the district cell phone policy.

Academic Subcommittee – Ms. Rashidchi said that the next meeting will be held September 23 at Vista Hills, 6:30 PM.

Mr. Thurmond referred to comments made by Local One representatives about use of district vehicles for personal use, asking Superintendent Harter to look into the matter.

Facilities Subcommittee – Mr. Medrano reported on the committee's recent meeting and discussion of digital cameras, plans for Coronado, opening date for Helms, and other topics.

Ivy League Connection – Ms. Kronenberg spoke of students visiting college fairs in the area and meeting admissions officers. She continued by saying that 135 students planned to go to Sacramento for college presentations. Mr. Ramsey spoke about additional college information nights coming to the district. Mr. Medrano asked how high schools receive notice about the various information nights at other campuses and whether the

Mr. Thurmond asked where the needs exist and commended Mr. Medrano's advocacy for AP classes. Mr. Greer responded that current funding has made a solid impact with the six year grant and the district will continue to seek further funding and ways to supplement costs of exam fees for students.

Mr. Ramsey thanked everyone for their hard work as it changes the culture and helps focus on college.

President Miles asked questions about the increased number of students taking AP exams and the

**MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved to table item C. 11 Pinole Middle School Building A Modernization Project Award of Contract. The motion failed for the lack of a second.**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Item C.11 Pinole Middle School Building A Modernization Project Award of Contract.**

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey asked for clarification for family coverage under this agreement. Ms. Romeo clarified the tiered benefit rate, elimination of vision coverage and the reduced work year. She will provide additional information to Board members.

**Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators' Association WCCAA / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the WCCAA. 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.**

**F.5 Reduced Work Year for Unrepresented Management, Cabinet and Confidential Employees**

Ms. Romeo provided a presentation of information.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** None

**Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Reduced Work Year for Unrepresented Management, Cabinet and Confidential Employees. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond**