

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

November 4, 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 6:45 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: Michael Aaronian, Coordinator Ed. Services Multipathways; Arlene Bell, Sr. Director Bond Finance; Martin Coyne, Director Accounting/Audits; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Rhonda Haney, Coordinator Youth Development Programs; Wendell Gross, Associate Superintendent K

Public Comment:

Robert Brower requested that F.3, Ratification of Local One Contract, be scheduled to the next meeting due to revisions of information and allowing for public review. He also suggested an additional agenda item in support of Richmond High School victim of violence.

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the agenda as requested with the tabling of item F.3 until the November 18 meeting Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yaquelin Valencia (advisory vote only), and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B.7 Minutes: October 21, 2009

Motion: Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2009. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yaquelin Valencia (advisory vote only), and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

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Ms. Kronenberg asked Ms. James about services her organization provides. Ms. James spoke about working with young men and women curriculum and a commitment of resources to young men and women. Mr. Medrano said he had similar responses at various community gatherings over the past week and that the district needs this kind of resource for young people. Mr. Ramsey also agreed.

Ms. Valencia recommended expanding services to middle and elementary school students.

Ms. Miles invited Ms. James to attend the next academic subcommittee meeting on November 24 to discuss potential programs and funding sources. She also discussed including teachers as part of the process to determine

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of Item 1. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yaquelin Valencia (advisory vote only), and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- 8. Refer to the Facilities Subcommittee the consideration of providing additional lighting at school campuses.
- 9. Invite the City Council members from the five cities in West Contra Costa, along with representatives from the County and Legislature, to meet to discuss safety enhancement efforts throughout West County.

Mr. Ramsey suggested that Board members were in agreement with items 8 and 9.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of Items 8 and 9. Mr. Ramsey seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Yaquelin Valencia (advisory vote only), and President Miles voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 6-0-0.

President Miles set the date for a community round table on Saturday, November 14, in reference to increasing collaboration to curb violence in West County.

- 3. Enlist local legislators in an effort to accelerate the approval process at the Division of State Architect so that the planned fencing of Richmond High School can proceed as quickly as possible.

Mr. Myrick, representative of Assembly Member Nancy Skinner, spoke about proactive efforts to approach the Division of State Architect in order to move forward the planned fencing of Richmond High

- 7. Refer to the Academic Subcommittee a recommendation to develop and implement a district-wide K-12 program to promote civility, respect and other character traits. The Academic Subcommittee would create a process to include schools and community in determining the content and implementation in the schools with costs and timeline to be determined.

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Items 3 and 7. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano seconded. c proceosd.2s-4(o)-8to( a)-8( r)-4(e)(f ))TJ -0 06 Tc -0.2 c1 -2 ToTc



with input from site administrators and Safety Resource Officers from the Richmond Police Department. Maxut Engineering has provided completed plans and specifications which include full interior and exterior coverage. In addition, the web-based system components will allow for remote access and event monitoring by the District and Richmond Police.

*The District conducted a public bid process for this project. Bids were opened on November 3, 2009. Five Contractors submitted bids. They are as follows: Stanley Security \$828,500; Electronic Innovations \$720,360; Aeko Consulting \$433,956; AT&T \$424,720; and, Walsh Electronic Systems \$338,988. Walsh Electronic Systems is the lowest apparent responsive, responsible bidder.*

This item is being presented prior to the expiration of the five working day Bid Protest period. In consideration of this timing, and in order to expedite the project, the Board's action will be to authorize staff to issue the Notice of Award effective at the end of the Bid Protest period to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. This award by staff will then be brought back for ratification at a future meeting.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to issue Notice of Award upon successful completion of the Bid Protest period, to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder

Fiscal Impact: Total for this action: \$338,988. Funded by the Measure J Bond.

Public Comment:  
Robert Brower

Board Comment:  
Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification of the time line of installation of cameras when the contract is awarded.

Ivy League Connection- Mr. Ramsey spoke about Princeton information night dinner with Vanderbilt University representatives and a potential weekend partnership. He reported University and Meharry Medical School. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about Pinole Valley High School student attending a Women Leadership program at Brown University. Ms. Kronenberg said she is also working with Kennedy High principal to seek student participation in the Ivy League program.

Youth Commission- Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting will be held November 16, 6:00 PM at RYSE Center in Richmond, inviting students from other high schools to join the meeting. He reported that the Commission is concerned and is working on ways to engage other students to raise awareness in reducing and preventing violence.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Harter provided a report of events in District schools.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Robert Brower, Thomas Prather, Charles Cowens, Pinole Mayor Maria Alegria

Public Comment:  
None

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked about any substantial changes. Ms. Gamba clarified changes regarding parcel tax highlighted in the document as well as stricken language.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of the institutionalization of the committee by passage of the parcel tax oversight language

Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification of specific areas of the proposed charter. Ms.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Lovonya DeJean Middle School November 18, 2009

K. ADJOURNMENT  
President Miles adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM.

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

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