

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

**January 20, 2010**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:40 PM.

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

President Kronenberg welcomed the public to the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, ~~Trudy~~ Jackson, Executive Director; Harlan Kerr, Principal Vista High; Barbara Mallon, Director Curriculum and Instruction; Ken McDaniel, Electronics Supervisor; Raul Ramirez, Assistant Principal Adult Education; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Jessica Romeo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement

**B.4**

- C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
- C.4 Contracted Services**
- C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**
- C.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 64-0910: Replacement of Outdated Warrant**
- C.7 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers**
- C.8 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated**
- C.9**

Mr. Thurmond asked further questions about statements made about mediation of the legal challenge. Mr. Fay responded that legal proceedings are matters for closed session discussion. He said that the legal situation is running parallel with building plans for the Castro site and currently is not causing delays. Mr. Fay further spoke about the

**D.1 Report on Parental Involvement Efforts in WCCUSD**

Ms. Rashidchi invited Marin Trujillo, Barbara Mallon, Susan Dunlap and Raul Ramirez to present information about parental involvement in the District. A presentation was provided regarding parental involvement being a key for successful students and schools.

**Public Comment:**

Kristen Pursley

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Medrano asked for details of the Parent Leadership Retreat planned for January 22 and 23. Mr. Trujillo provided details.

Mr. Thurmond commended staff and parent groups for their work, and parent organizations throughout District. He said he would like to challenge the District to maximize parent involvement regarding safety, addressing the achievement gap and truancy issues in order to reduce negative challenges that have faced the District.

Ms. Rashidchi responded with information about opportunities for closing the achievement gap and the best areas of work on which to focus.

Ms. Miles said that the academic subcommittee has developed the process for promoting volunteerism and providing specific opportunities to help within the school and community. She said that the ultimate goal is to engage parents as partners. She mentioned several community partners who provided funding for fingerprinting to assist a large number of volunteers. She hopes that District partners will continue to support a strong sustainable program.

Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the review of obstacles that might prevent parent involvement and making the system more user-friendly to encourage further participation.

Mr. Medrano announced Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) training at the Nevin Community Center in Richmond.

President Kronenberg said she saw two values - volunteering in schools and parenting training.



**Public Comment:** none

**Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg, as a subcommittee member, spoke about the g