

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

May 12, 2010

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:34 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 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: André Bell, Senior Director Bond Finance; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator EL Services; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-

Recommendation: Approve contract with Young Office Solutions for Crespi Admin furniture, setup and installation.

Fiscal Impact: \$173,860.25. *Funded from fire insurance proceeds.*

C.19 Coronado Elementary school Multi-Purpose Building Demolition Contract Award
C.20 Portola Middle School Temporary Campus Utilities and Sitework Award of Contract

Mr. Fay read the changes to the revised précis as follows (changes in italics):

Background Information: The Board approved a Temporary Campus at the Portola Lower Pad at its meeting of February 10, 2010. Staff has been working to complete preliminary planning on the project with HY Architects. The next step in executing the project is to award a contract for utilities connections and sitework. This project includes sewer, storm sewer, electrical, low-voltage, fire water service connections. The work also includes interior connections and preparation of all buildings for occupancy.

D.4 Multilingual District Advisory Committee Report (MDAC)

Susan Dunlap introduced the Chairperson of the MDAC, Raul Morales. Mr. Morales presented an overview of the committee speaking about the growth of the English Learners program in the District and providing information on trends in the English Learner population.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

D.5 Third Interim Report 2009-10

Sheri Gamba provided a brief report on the Third Interim as required by Ed Code 42131.

Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting of the Citizens' Budget Advisory C

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey moved to approve the charter petition with all staff recommendations and conditions. He said that the Charter Board should be consistent with how the District Board is governed, not allowing a staff member to sit on the Board.

Ms. Miles asked Ms. Romeo how the conflict could be later addressed should the Board approve this item tonight.

Ms. Romeo said she would recommend that the Board move forward as Mr. Ramsey said, with all of the conditions, and if after talking with staff and counsel if it is determined the requirement is not a condition, it can always come back before the Board.

Mr. Ramsey said he opposes any conditional language or further negotiations. He said that Board approval should include all the recommendations and move forward according to the established timelines.

Mr. Medrano commented on the course content in the Manzanita petition on ancient civilizations asking that the Americas be mentioned.

Ms. Romeo reiterated she is recommending the Board approve the recommendation as is with the conditions as presented.

Mr. Thurmond said he seconded the motion because he wants to see the petition approved, but added he would encourage the Board to seek additional legal review as to the request that was made by the applicant.

Mr. Ramsey said he did not agree with spending additional legal fees.

President Kronenberg said it appears there is a compliance issue with how the Charter has operated in the past.

Ms. Jackson spoke of the need for the Charter Schools to follow the Brown Act.

Ms. Gamba added that in spite of the fact that the current practice might have been in place originally, there has been more recent legal opinion developed around the cha

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