

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

September 1, 2010

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Audrey Miles, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

Staff Present:

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Standing Reports

United Teachers of Richmond. President Diane Brown recognized teachers and introduced UTR's new Executive Board:

Mel Collins, State Council Representative
Robert Ellis, Treasurer
Lucy Giusto, State Council Representative
Amanda Henderson, Vice President
Christine Nordstrom, Area 3 Director
Thomas Prather, Area 2 Director
Michael Rossi, Area 1 Director
Holly Ruff, Elementary Director
Karen VanWinkle, Secretary
Greg Wahling, Senior High Director
Pallop Wilairat, Jr. High/Middle School Director

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Robert Studdiford gave an update of the recent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

Facilities Sub Committee. Mr. Medrano gave an update from the last meeting where discussion included the lighting at Helms Middle School, a recommendation of turf for the Helms field projects, as well as a recommendation of new hiring and local capacity building program.

Ivy League Connection. Mr. Ramsey announced that Dartmouth would host a Bay Area information session at El Cerrito High in October. He also mentioned that the University of Chicago and North Western University will host information sessions in the District.

Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba reported on the last meeting where financial reports were reviewed. She said that the next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2010.

D.2 Report on the Teach for American History (TAH) Grant Award by the Department of Education

Ms. Bell shared information about the American History Grant that has been awarded to the District. Ms. Bell introduced Natalie Wojinski, teacher at Hercules High School, who will coordinate the program. Ms. Wojinski provided information on how the funds will be used and program implementation. She expressed excitement for the program and

Board Comment:

Ms. Miles commended Ms. Blake for her work with students and noted a decrease with expulsion rates within the last three years.

Mr. Medrano thanked Ms. Blake for the information provided.

Mr. Ramsey also thanked Ms. Blake.

Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification about the term “recommendation for expulsion”. Ms. Blake offered clarification.

Mr. Thurmond asked about the percentage of appeals of expulsions. Ms. Blake responded that since she has been handling expulsion hearings there

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