

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

September 15, 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 6:33 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

Staff Present: Andre Bell, Executive Director Bonds/Capital Projects; Katie Brady, Principal Lupine Elementary; Linda Cohen, Principal Coronado Elementary; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Cheryl Cotton, Principal Madera Elementary; Martin Coyne, Director; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator Ed Services; Lisa Erwin, Executive Director Business Services; Otilia Espinosa, Interpreter; Bob Evans, DeAnza Principal; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Marco Gonzales, Principal Downer Elementary; Sylvia Greenwood, Principal DeJean Middle School; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Josh Herrera, Electronics Technician; David Johnston, Director of General Services; Susana Lowery, Principal Grant Elementary; Rosemary Mauldin, Principal Verde Elementary; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; David Ranch, Principal Highland Elementary; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Judith Sanders, Principal Kensington Elementary; Bill Savidge, District Engineering Officer; April Scott, Principal Valley View Elementary; Anne Shin, Principal Collins Elementary; Hattie Smith, Principal Middle College; Denise VanHook, Principal Portola Middle School; Denise Weis, Principal Tara Hills Elementary

B.4 Presentation of Megan Robb, Student Representative from DeAnza High School.

Ms. Robb provided amen(MCID11lin)-7(s1B2.MCID 26J5w (M-15(n(r7(s1B3(l)-3(ip)-7(a)-31ip)i-7(a)-31(R)-3(e/2(v7(k)(R)-3(

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles,

D.2 National Education Association's (NEA) Priority Schools Campaign

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Dr. Sheila Simmons of the National Education Association, who shared information about one of its initiatives called Priority Schools and work to transform the nation's persistently low performing, priority schools into great schools for all students. This collaborative effort is supported by the United Teacher of Richmond, California Teachers Association and NEA.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board members thanked Dr. Simmons for her presentation and also asked for further information about the campaign, including questions about tools to measure and evaluate sustainable changes, financial support for the six year campaign, and required commitment.

Dr. Simmons responded with information about external evaluators, length of time for changes to be implemented, and the need for collaboration from the community at large. She also spoke about working toward the district's sustainability and infrastructure so that those elements will be in place at 3(n)-4(g)8.vu2MCID 1 5.92(e)-8(d2lpTj 0o(o)-4(nm(MC

D.4 2010 Academic Performance Index Growth (API) Targets – Recognition of Schools
2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Recognition of Schools
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Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification about funding the QEIA funding that the Helms teachers spoke about under Public Comment. Mr. Ramsey reminded the Board about agenda items for discussion as directed by the Brown Act. Ms. Gamba gave an opinion about direction for providing a statement of fact or scheduling on a future agenda.

Ms. Gamba provided information about the QEIA funding for 2009-10 and state withholding of funds until late in the school year. She said that although funds have been allocated, the state has not yet passed a budget for this year and that funding for QEIA has not been appropriated. Ms. Rashidchi spoke about multiple meetings with Helms staff regarding QEIA targets and funding to meet all targets including API and waivers for class size reduction in secondary schools.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Adoption of a Mandatory Local Business Capacity Utilization Program for the District's Bond Construction Projects

Mr. Lance Jackson, SGI Program Manager, provided a presentation about recommendations from the Facilities Subcommittee, to adopt an enhanced local capacity building program and attracting workers who live either in or closest to the school district and enhancing the participation of small local business in district bond projects. He said this approach was used in the construction of Helms Middle School with success as a voluntary program. The adoption of the new local utilization program will assure a mandatory level of involvement on each construction job. Each job will be analyzed by staff for a customized level of participation and focus within the local geographic area, distinguishing between a local business and a small local business to assure more local engagement.

Public Comment:

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Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked questions about goal for percentages of local business participation, specifics if local hiring does not take place, as well as determination if compliance is not met. Mr. Jackson responded with clarification.

Ms. Miles asked about legal concerns of the issues. Mr. Jackson responded that counsel has reviewed the recommendation which was modeled with the small business administration's regulations in mind and similar to a program in Oakland.

Mr. Medrano spoke about the Facilities Subcommittee vetting the details with local labor, legal counsel, and business organizations.

Mr. Ramsey said he was comfortable with the legalities, implementation, and enforcement and monitoring.

Mr. Jake Sloan spoke in support of the local business capacity program.

Superintendent Harter said that contractor capacity recommendationsgalilr-12(t)-5(-)Tj 0.002 Tc2 Tc 0.976 6.88 0 Tron

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the 2009-2010 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

F.3 Resolution No. 20-1011: Adoption of Gann Limit, 2010-2011

Ms. Gamba provided information about the required resolution that accompanies the unaudited actuals report.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Resolution No. 20-1011: Adoption of Gann Limit, 2010-2011. Mr. Medrano seconded. Mr. Medrano, Ms. Miles, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thurmond, and President Kronenberg voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ramsey thanked the Richmond City Council for its benevolence to commit funds to support Kennedy, Grant and Olinda schools. He further commented about the demolition of the old Helms building under contract. He concluded by saying that he received a request to agendaize an item about adding a sixth grade class at Madera elementary for action at a future meeting.

Mr. Medrano spoke about attending the West County Business Development Center where he reported on schools in San Pablo as well as the local capacity building program. He further said that he attended a meeting of the North Richmond Young Adult Empowerment Center doing exciting work