

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

January 19, 2011

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Th-7(at)8(5)--ed(cn)4(t s)5he min TJ-5(r)-3(d)-Cor e mSe()-sS

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment

Public Comment:

Thorsten Bach, Julie Budd, Pamela Fields, Louise Flynn, Cole Harless, Joseph Harless, Dean Lundholm, Cesar Munoz, Jessica Pletroski, Kristen Porsley, Laura Ramos, Ken Ryan, Carolyn Sherry, Robert Studdford, Eric Swabeck, Samuel Thuthseeker

Board Comments:

President Ramsey thanked the public for their comments.

A brief recess was taken.

F.3 Shining Crescent Charter School Petition

Superintendent Harter introduced Linda Jackson, Executive Director, who presented the findings regarding the Shining Crescent Charter School Petition. She said a District panel reviewed the petition and developed specific findings and recommendations. Ms. Jackson read the recommendations and asked that the Board deny the charter petition.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jawaid Ijaz, representing Shining Crescent Charter School, shared the research done to put the charter school petition model together.

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked Ms. Jackson if the areas that were found deficient were presented to the applicant and if the applicant came back with an

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification about the legislative rules and whether there are proposed changes in the legislation that would change the type of intervention required. Ms. Rashidchi explained that the District would follow the same scenario that was followed with Lincoln Elementary School using available QEIA and Title 1 funding.

Mr. Thurmond expressed concerns about the turnover of staff and principal and meeting requirements. Ms. Rashidchi clarified the competency interview process related to improving student learning.

Mr. Thurmond asked about community involvement. Ms. Rashidchi referred that question to both principals. Mr. DeLeon, Helms Principal, responded that several parent meetings were held where information was presented on what a persistently low performing school is and all four models were presented. Helms parents also recommended the Transformation Model. Mr. DeLeon explained that the parents like the extended day, extra teacher training, and adding extra periods for enrichment activities. Mr. Evans, DeAnza Principal, shared that they have held parent meetings at DeAnza, where they recommend the Turnaround Model.

Ms. Rashidchi pointed out that Lincoln was on the agenda to talk about the Turnaround Model at that school and that the Lincoln presentation would provide information about how the Turnaround Model was working there.

Mr. Thurmond asked Ms. Melodia, Lincoln Principal, about her perception of the Turnaround Model. Ms. Melodia said there is nothing that is not working. Staff members have been able to adapt as they go to make the model work better. Ms. Melodia shared that Lincoln's data show that attendance has improved, improvement in Dibels scores compared to last year, and kindergarten data shows the majority of kindergartens as proficient and advanced.

Ms. Merriweather asked Ms. Rashidchi whether Helms and DeAnza can have different intervention models. Ms. Rashidchi responded that it is possible that each school have a different model but that some model needs to be implemented. Ms. Merriweather expressed concern about the QEIA funding and how it would impact applying for the grant. Ms. Rashidchi explained the difference between the funding and gave examples of what QEIA funds. Ms. Rashidchi further explained that staff has looked at all the data

Improvements, J068190 Kennedy HS Fire Alarm Replacement, J068199 Richmond HS Security Fencing and Gates, E068234 Grant Elementary General Building Improvements ERP, E068235 Stege Elementary General Building Improvements ERP, W068183 Crespi Fire Reconstruction

C.6 Acceptance of Contracts for Placement of Student Teachers

C.7 Certificated Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request(s)

This item was pulled for discussion.

C.8 Resolution No. 43-1011: African-American History Month - February 2011

C.9 Resolution No. 44-

Ms. Kronenberg also thanked the City of San Pablo for understanding that we are all together and that their young

Mr. Thurmond asked for clarification about an earlier comment regarding staff reductions. Ms. Gamba reconfirmed the March 15 deadline to notify certificated staff.

D.4 Standing Reports

Bayside Council Parent Teacher Association.

Public Comment:

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Helms Middle School and DeAnza High School: Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools and the School Improvement Process

This item was moved to follow item F.3.

F.2 El Cerrito High School Fields Phase I Construction Award of Contract

Mr. Fay gave a report on the bids for the El Cerrito Fields Phase I construction. He is asking the Board to approve the base bid as well as the alternate bid.

Public Comment:

Robert Studdiford

Board Comment:

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