

B.7 Minutes: February 9, 2011

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the minutes of February 9, 2011. Mr. Medrano seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.1 Installation of Youth Commission

Public Comment:

Jerome Smith

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano read the resolution aloud.

- C.7 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.8 Portola Middle School Temporary Campus Additional Site Work Award of Contract**
- C.9 Approval of Pre-Qualified Hazardous Materials Consulting Firms for Measure D 2010 Projects**
- C.10 Resolution No. 57-1011: Read Across America – March 2, 2011**

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.10. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Danielle Drouillard (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Installation of Youth Commission

This item was moved to follow B.7.

D.2 More Inclusive Practices

SELPA Director Steve Collins and Special Education Director Ora Anderson joined other staff in providing an update on the more inclusive practices initiative in general education settings in the District. Michele Harrison, autistic spectrum disorder inclusion teacher; Cathy Sanchez-Corea, itinerant full inclusion teacher at Harding and El Cerrito High; and April Nicolas, DeJean RSP teacher provided an overview of services provided to students in the inclusion model.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Thurmond asked how special needs are supported around social skills building. Mr. Collins responded that psychologists and behaviorists work in classrooms with students regarding social skills training, as well as providing annual training for teachers. Ms. Harrison added that high students have a tutorial and work daily on social skills in the classroom. In addition, lunch bunch classes and groups at elementary, middle, and high schools during recess and lunch provide opportunity to work with individual students while interacting with general education students.

D.3 Budget Report Update

Ms. Gamba provided a presentation on budget planning and recapped direction from the Board at the February 23rd budget planning meeting. She said that staff was focusing on worst case scenar89 (s)3(t)-10(u)6(d)-8 255.89 Tm{ca)-3(s)3(145 Tm

Public Comment:

Diane Brown, Richard Leung, Marcus Mitchell, Mel Collins, Margaret Browne, Mary Flanagan, Karen VanWinkle, Thomas Prather, Amanda Henderson, Mary Flanagan, Eric Swabeck, Jennifer Peck, Jerome Smith

Ms. Prest addressed the Board and many of the public comments. She spoke of BELL being a non-profit organization that does not make money on partnerships. She explained that matching funds come from major foundations and philanthropic groups interested in assisting school systems. She said her organization is willing to spend as much time as needed to converse with interested parties to work toward a successful program to benefit children.

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather asked about the number of academic instructors to be hired. Ms. Prest spoke about a morning academic program and afternoon enrichment program with 100

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg retracted her original motion and moved to table this item until March 16, 2011. Mr. Medrano seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Thurmond voting yes, President Ramsey voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion to table the item carried 4-1-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Community Roots Academy Charter School

President Ramsey opened public hearing.

Public Comment:
None

President Ramsey closed public hearing.

G.2 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Savidge provided update to District construction projects.

President Ramsey had questions about Harding and the second phase. Mr. Savidge responded with information about moisture intrusion and repair work, architectural design. Mr. Ramsey also asked about restroom projects for Verde and Lupine Hills. Mr. Savidge offered details.

Mr. Medrano asked for a full schedule for the next facilities subcommittee meeting. He also asked about windows at Richmond High. Discussion continued regarding interim housing at Nystrom, ribbon cutting ceremonies, and the DeAnza industrial arts building. Mr. Savidge responded.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg spoke of the March for Peace at El Cerrito High School.

Mr. Medrano announced the dedication of Nevin Community Center.

Mr. Thurmond encouraged attendance for Assembly member Woman of the Year Program.

Mr. Ramsey thanked the city councils, bargaining groups and the community