## D.1 Presentation from Jonathan Bernstein on "Not In Our Town" efforts to stop hate crimes

Ms. Merriweather introduced Mr. Jonathan Bernstein who provided background about the program to counter hatred, bigotry and bullying through the power of positive stories empowering communities.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

Ms. Merriweather said she is hopeful for a community viewing in the area.

#### D.2 Bond Sales

Ms. Gamba introduced Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance, Kris Vaca of GCR LLP, Richard Calabro and Christopher Bessette of Piper Jaffrey who all participated in a presentation. Mr. Olson reported on a very successful bond sale that took place the week of August 8, 2011 with the intent of issuing new bonds at lower interest rates in order to repay old bonds that have higher interest rates thereby saving taxpayer money and reducing taxpayer costs by \$7.35 million.

Discussion continued about improving the District outlook as compared to other districts where bond ratings are concerned.

Mr. Olson and Ms. Vaca were asked about the Teeter Plan f allocating for delinquent property tax revenues, disclosure for the next round of bond sales, and a way to persuade investors regarding information relevant to the District. Ms. Vaca responded.

President Ramsey asked Ms. Vaca for an opinion about payoff of the existing state loan in terms of disclosure requirements. Ms. Vaca responded.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the positive aspect of the financial history of the District with early repayment of the state debt.

President Ramsey spoke about the false illusion that the District is run by the Trustee and that Bp0 0N(n)6(d)-5i28.47 Tm(p0 0N(n)

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- C.16 Approval of updated District Standards for Elementary Renovations and Reconstructions
- C.17 Approval of Board Members to attend Conferences
- C.18 Manzanita Operating Memorandum of Understanding
- C.19 Special Education Memorandum of Understanding with Manzanita Charter School

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.10, C.12, C.13, and C15 - C.19. Ms. Kronenberg 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.

C.14 Richmond High School Art Building Fire Alarm & Security System Project Award of Contract

### **Public Comment:**

LaTonya Morris

### **Board Comment:**

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of C.14 Richmond High School Art Building Fire Alarm & Security System Project Award of Contract. Mr. Thurmond 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.

C.11 Facilities Consulting Services, Jack Schreder & Associates Contracts

# E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

# **E.1** Superintendent's Report

This item was moved to follow B items.

### **E.2** WCCUSD Public Comment

This item was moved to follow B items.

## F. ACTION ITEMS

# F.1 Contra Costa County School Boards Association Representative

Ms. Kronenberg has volunteered to be the District representative.

## **Public Comment:**

None

## **Board Comment:**

President Ramsey asked that this be re-agendize at the next meeting for Mr.