

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

**November 2, 2011
Corrected November 21, 2011**

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:37 P.M.

D.1 The Ed. Fund Grant Winners for 2011

Ms. Rashidchi invited Mr. Zuhair Saadat from the Ed Fund to talk about the mini grants. Mr. Saadat said that he was pleased to announce that they were able to award 74 grants totaling over \$54,000 to schools in the District. The focus this year was 23 of the grants are going to support music. Mr. Saadat announced and congratulated the winners. Board members joined in congratulating the awardees.

F.1 Naming the Gymnasium at John F. Kennedy High School in Memory of Dolly Felix

Superintendent Harter talked about the request received by the community to rename the John F Kennedy Gym in honor of Dolly Felix.

Public Comment:

Linda Felix-Lambie

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Thurm

Ms. Kronenberg asked if there have been any conversations with the archiving people to save anything from Portola before it is demolished. Mr. Hibser responded that Go Portola group will be addressing it. She also asked if they have brought this presentation to the City of El Cerrito. Mr. Hibser responded.

Mr. Thurmond asked about the traffic measures. Mr. Hibser explained that they worked with a traffic consultant and city staff. He explained where the students will be dropped off by public transit as well by parents. Mr. Ramsey asked about Special Education classrooms. Mr. Hibser responded that they have provided them with specialized facilities for severely disabled students. The Special Education classes have been integrated within the regular classroom buildings.

Kevin MacQuarrie and Sisi Meng of WLC Architects gave a presentation with an overview of the temporary housing at Kennedy for the Coronado project. President Ramsey asked whether there is a need for a geotechnical work. Mr. Brad Steen of Kleinfelder responded that requirements for portables are less stringent. The District has elected to do a geotechnical inve

Board Comment:

Mr. Medrano asked Mr. Abdalla why the marquee is not working at Helms. Ms. Abdalla assured Mr. Medrano that they are working on it. Mr. Fay also informed Mr. Medrano that the wiring is being redone.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thurmond thanked everyone who gave presentations. He also took the opportunity to thank President Ramsey for finding dollars that can support our operating cost and educating kids. Mr. Thurmond also thanked the citizens.

Ms. Merriweather congratulated the grant winners. She is also excited about the Academic Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Medrano talked about a youth meeting he attended last weekend in San Pablo Town Hall. He reminded everyone that the Ed Fund has scholarships for students.