

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

December 7, 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 6:31 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.4 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Madeline Kronenberg, Antonio Medrano, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey, Tony Thurmond

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Sandi Brown, Food Service Supervisor; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Lisa Erwin, Executive Director Business Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Wendy Forrest, Principal Montalvin Elementary; Julio Franco, Principal Richmond High; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Chris Hanna, Network Operations and Data Center Manager; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Linda Jackson, Retired Executive Director; Marcella McClinton-Jamerson, Teacher; Barbara Jellison, Director Food Service; Sue Kahn, Pinole Valley Principal; Cecilia Mendoza, Executive Director; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical and Instructional Support Services;

Mr. Thurmond seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and Mr. Ramsey voting yes, Mr. Medrano voting no, and no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 4 -1-0-0.

Election of Clerk

Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and Mr. Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

President Ramsey asked for a motion to approve committee assignments:

High School Family Assignments

El Cerrito High School – Charles Ramsey
Hercules High School – Tony Thurmond
Kennedy High School – Madeline Kronenberg
Pinole Valley High School – Charles Ramsey
Richmond High School – Antonio Medrano
DeAnza High School – Elaine Merriweather

Committee Assignments

Academic – Madeline Kronenberg, Chair; Elaine Merriweather
Citizens Bond Oversight – Madeline Kronenberg
Community Budget Advisory – Antonio Medrano, Charles Ramsey
Facilities – Antonio Medrano, Chair; Charles Ramsey
Linked Learning – Antonio Medrano, Chair; Madeline Kronenberg
Safety – Tony Thurmond, Chair; Elaine Merriweather
Youth Commission – Tony Thurmond, Chair; Madeline Kronenberg
Select Committee on High Schools – Charles Ramsey, Chair; Antonio Medrano

Liaison to Five City Councils

El Cerrito – Madeline Kronenberg
Hercules – Tony Thurmond
Pinole – Charles Ramsey
Richmond – Elaine Merriweather
San Pablo – Antonio Medrano

Mr. Lopez spoke about a January date for submission of charter school grant funding applications.

President Ramsey asked to amend the agenda to hear item D.6 in order to accommodate Local 1 members in the audience. Board members were in agreement.

D.6 Standing Reports

Local One. Scott Brown introduced Vickie Vargas who spoke about a personal experience. Mr. Brown continued to speak about respect and dignity, and asked for District representatives to return to the negotiating table. Ms. Reinhagen reported that the Board gave direction to set up a date to return to negotiations.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi said that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 6:30 p.m. at Helms Middle School.

. Robert Studdiford thanked committee members for their work over the busy year. He spoke about the growing membership with 16 members. He also said that minutes for the current year have been posted on website and spoke about approval of administrative regulations allowing the committee to develop bylaws. He thanked Alex Gomez for his service over the last 4 years and welcomed new members Joe Fisher and Gerard Boulanger. The next meeting is scheduled in January 2012.

School Supervisors Association. Sandra Falk, Executive Director, distributed information regarding employee costs for health insurance. She spoke about the meaning of appreciation and that current employees feeling depreciated because of the impact of lost benefits.

United Teachers of Richmond. Diane Brown spoke about appreciation of employees. She said that UTR supports Local One and all workers of the District. She spoke about the language arts textbook adoption and the process outlined in the contract agreement with the teachers' union.

Select Committee on High Schools. Mr. Greer spoke about the special Board session s

