

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting
Study Session
DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Ave.
Richmond, CA 94805**

December 12, 2012

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Charles Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

A.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the 180° Program. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and with Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

D. High School Academic Performance Update: El Cerrito, Pinole Valley and Richmond High Schools

President Ramsey talked about the procedure of the meeting. He asked Ms. Kronenberg to join the El Cerrito High focus group, Mr. Medrano to join the Richmond High focus group, Ms. Merriweather to join the Pinole Valley High focus group and Mr. Thurmond to join the group of his choice.

Mr. Thurmond said he is hopeful to listen to ideas. He asked the Board to keep in mind ways to ensure supporting students.

The school groups, Board members, central staff and the public discussed the challenges at each school for approximately one hour. At about 7:30 p.m., President Ramsey reconvened the general meeting to allow the individual schools to report out.

David Luongo, El Cerrito High Principal, shared that their group conversation focused on differentiated instruction and professional development. They would like to see more than two professional development days in the school year. Secondly, they would like to work as a staff with an emphasis around conversations related to race and how race directly impacts the school climate and achievement. They would like to come up with strategies to specifically address the needs of African American students and Special Education students with in-house support and training.

President Ramsey asked what would be the cost of a one day professional development. Mr. Luongo responded. Mr. Ramsey asked if it would be a goal to have a professional development day in May. Mr. Luongo responded affirmatively. President Ramsey asked about their second goal. Mr. Luongo spoke of continuing support with the S3 Grant funding, and the school wide restorative justice

Mr. Medrano thanked all the parents that participated. He said he felt that the key is student intervention starting in middle school. He shared that a concerns of students at Richmond High was funds for fieldtrips to visit colleges. He said he was excited about the strategic intervention for ninth and tenth graders.

President Ramsey announced the dates of the next meetings for January 12 at Richmond High, February 9 at El Cerrito High and March 8 at Pinole Valley High. He thanked everyone who participated.

E. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM.

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