

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

January 4, 2012

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 passed the gavel to Clerk Antonio Medrano in order to call the Public Session to order at 6:35 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Medrano led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Clerk Medrano offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Steve Collins SELPA Director; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator Education Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Charles Johnson, Campus Security Officer; Liz Lonsdale, Principal Ohlone Elementary; Joe Mayes, Maintenance Manager; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Lyn Potter, Director Categorical and Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Vince Rhea, Executive Director; Mike Wasilchin, Coordinator Disaster Preparedness and Safety

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Hercules School

None

President Ramsey assumed the gavel and continued the meeting.

B.6 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the appointment of Keith Holtslander as Director of Facilities.

Motion: Mr. Medrano moved to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the appointment of Mr. Keith Holtslander as Director of Facilities. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Tony Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with Ms. Merriweather abstaining and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0.

B.7 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda and moving items F. 1 and F.2 to follow item D.1. Mr. Thurmond seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Tony Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.8 Minutes: December 7, 2011; December 12, 2011

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2011 and December 12, 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.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements**
- C.2 Acceptance of Donations**
- C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities**
- C.4 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports**
- C.5 Contracted Services**
- C.6 Notice of Completions: Bid J068299 Hanna Ranch Elementary School Roof Repairs Phase I, Bid J068270 Portola Middle School Temp Campus Site Work**
- C.7 Notification of Claims Rejected**
- C.8 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44285.3**
- C.9 Routine Personnel Changes -Certificated**
- C.10 Routine Personnel Changes -Classified**
- C.11 Approval of Board Members Attending 2012 Conferences**
- C.12 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.13 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.14 Joint Use Agreement between the District and the City of El Cerrito for the use of Recreational Facilities for Portola Middle School**
- C.15 Nystrom Elementary School Temporary Campus Modularity Award of Contract**
- C.16 Pinole Middle School Interim Housing Demolition Project**
- C.17 Richmond High School Fiber Optics Project**
- C.18 Approval of Increase in District Allocation for Maritime Center Renovations Project**

MOTION: Ms. Merriweather moved approval of Consent Items C.1 –C.18. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Tony Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

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- D.1 Report on the Advanced Placement program in West Contra Costa Unified School District**
Mr. Wendell Greer provided background about the Advanced Placement program including the requirements for course development and teacher training. He spoke about the various designations for student achievement; the National AP Scholar, Scholar with Honor, Scholar with Distinction, and Scholar. He said that 105 students received these distinctions having taken exams over the past year. Sixty-six teachers currently teach 76 sections of AP courses with a college level curriculum. Mr. Rhea individually acknowledged the teachers and students who were in attendance. Certificates of acknowledgement will be provided to all. Mr. Greer continued to speak about the commitment

D.3 Standing Reports

Safety Committee. Mr. Thurmond announced the next meeting to be held at Pinole Valley High School on Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. Discussion items will include safety concerns, emergency preparedness, and school attendance.

High School Select Committee. President Ramsey spoke about the upcoming meeting to be held at Richmond High. Mr. Medrano announced that the meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, on Thursday, January 12 at Richmond High.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi talked about the last meeting held on December 13 where math services and results of the academic town hall meetings were discussed. The next meeting is planned for January 10th.

Ivy League Connection. Don Gosney spoke about recent presentations at local high schools for the coming summer programs. He said that interviews will begin in late January and hopes to offer 40 scholarships. He asked the public to take a look at the new website, www.ivyleagueconnection.org. He continued to speak about school site and district support for the program. Mr. Ramsey said the committee is compiling a database for college campuses that ILC students are applying to in order to track the impact and diversity in their college choices.

United Teachers of Richmond. Diane Brown spoke about data regarding the number of students in PE classes and the concern for safety.

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba said the next meeting is planned for January 19 and is waiting for members to respond in order to determine a quorum.

Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Medrano announced the next meeting for Wednesday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. at the Facilities Operations Center.

D.4 Budget Update for 2011-2012

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Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 6 X S H U L Q W H Q G H Q W ¶ V 5 H S R U W
Superintendent Harter provided a report of events in the District.

E.2 WCCUSD Public Comment
This item was moved to follow item D.2.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Fiscal Systems Sufficiency Audit - Conditions for State Loan Payoff
This item was moved to follow item D.1.

F.2 Public Hearing for Resolution No. 74-1112 for SB 293
This item was moved to follow item F.1.

F.3 Presentation and Public Hearing of Initial Bargaining Proposal –Public Employees Union, Local One
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One.

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the Initial Bargaining Proposal –West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Tony Thurmond, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report –Facilities Planning and Construction

Mr. Abdalla provided an update of the facilities and construction projects in the district.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Fay to bring back a proposed staffing plan for the Facilities Construction Department. He also asked for schedules for several projects including the Peres dental project, Helms field, El Cerrito stadiums, and Montalvin. Discussion continued about the construction timeline for Montalvin.

Mr. Medrano asked for a date for the Ford move in to the new facility. Mr. Fay said that the proposed date is set for the February Presidents Week recess.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thurmond wished the audience a Happy New Year.

Ms. Merriweather spoke of the rewards and challenges of the past year. She thanked her colleagues for the challenges.

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about attending the Tara Hills Nutcracker presentation in December and how wonderful it was. She said she also attended the 180 Degrees facilitator program. She said it was a very interesting experience.