B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey offered welcome and provided instructions to the public. President Ramsey then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Roll Call

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

City Council Members Present: Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Leonard R. McNeil, Paul V. Morris,

City Council Members Absent: Mayor Cecilia Valdez

City Manager Present: Matt Rodriguez

B. Public Comment

Eric Swabeck, Brenda Surgers

C. Study Session

C-1. Presentations in Recognition of César Chávez Day

Students of Downer Elementary School performed.

C-2. Report on programs and services provided to schools and youth by the City of San Pablo

Mr. Rodriguez provided presentations and led discussion regarding:
After

Mr. Abdalla provided a presentation of bond construction updates at schools in San Pablo. The discussion included joint use agreement and access to school facilities.

C-4. Partnership Opportunities

Mr. Rodriguez led dialogue regarding:

Expansion and support for Full Service Schools and the Helms Community Partnership Childhood Obesity Prevention

Summer Learning

Helms Recreation Complex / Community Center

Communications and future meetings and

C-

Closing Comments:

President Ramsey spoke in recognition of Mayor Cecilia Valdez and former City Council Member Arturo Cruz.

Ms. Calloway thanked all who attended, saying this was a productive meeting and urged continuing the discussion.

Mr. Morris said he was excited that this meeting was held and would like to see regular and continued collaboration.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board for opportunity to share in a joint meeting, hopeful that both will continue collaboration and communication. He was supportive of joint meetings in the future.

Vice Mayor McNeil spoke of going forward with regularly scheduled meetings and follow up with individual Council Members and Board Members.

Mr. Thurmond invited Council Members to attend the next safety committee meeting to be held at Helms Middle School. He spoke with appreciation of the partnership with San Pablo and their support for students over the years.

D. Adjournment

President Ramsey adjourned this portion of the meeting at 8:17 PM.

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 8:27 P.M.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Ramsey 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; Pat Calvert, Director Certificated Personnel; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Business Services; Susan Dunlap, Coordinator State and Federal Programs; Lisa Erwin, Executive Director Business Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Erin Fleming, Director Classified Personnel; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Marco Gonzales, Downer Principal; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Keith Holtslander, Director of Facilities and Construction; Ken McDaniel, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Ann Reinhagen, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Reyna Ortiz de Toureil, Translator; Janice Thompson, Coordinator Preschool; Marin Trujillo, Community Engagement Coordinator

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Pinole Valley High School

Mr. Yoordy Aguilar Lepe provided a report of activities involving the academies at Pinole Valley High.

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify the action taken in Closed Session regarding the March 21, 2012 recommendation to approve expulsion cases #001 - 003 and suspend those expulsions for placement within the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Motion: Mr. Medrano

Board Comment:

Ms. Merriweather addressed areas of concern. Mr. Thurmond asked for the recommendation to be restated. Ms. Jackson clarified that the recommendation is for conditional approval of the charter based upon the petitioner correcting the conditions of the finding within sixty days. Ms. Merriweather continued with questions based upon the petitioner meeting conditions. Ms. Jackson responded.

Mr. Thurmond asked

Youth Commission. Mr. Thurmond said the next meeting will be held March 26 at the Pinole Round Table Pizza.

United Teachers of Richmond. President Diane Brown spoke of continuing concerns at Lupine Elementary.

Student Representative Yoordy Aguilar Lepe left the meeting for the evening.

E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

E.1 Superintendent's Report

This item was not presented due to the lateness of the hour.

E.2

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg thanked City of San Pablo for joining the meeting. She spoke highly of their support for children.

Ms. Merriweather also thanked San Pablo's City Council and said she admires their commitment to the youth of their city.

Mr. Thurmond echoed the thoughts about partnering with San Pablo. He also thanked the student performers here this evening. He congratulated his third grade daughter, Maya, for her 1st place ribbon received for her science fair entry.

Clerk Medrano also thanked the City of San Pablo for their work and collaboration. He reminded the audience about the SB 540 conference to be held at Los Medanos College.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – April 4, 2012

K. ADJOURNMENT