

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday
February 23, 2011
6:30 PM

Lovonya DeJean Middle School
Multipurpose Room
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805

MEETING AGENDA

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A.1 Pledge of Allegiance**
- A.2 Roll Call**

B. ACTION ITEM

*** B.1 Helms Middle School Fields Master Plan Approval and Architectural Services Contract**

Comment:

The next step in completing the full reconstruction of Helms Middle School is to construct the fields and hard-court areas. The District has engaged in a master planning process on this project, which included community and school site input through a design charette. The proposed project includes a full size soccer field in artificial turf and a new all-weather track. The project also includes hard-court areas for the school's Physical Education program and a practice field area. The work includes associated site work, utilities, grading, site paving, fencing, gates, lighting upgrades, and site furnishings. In addition, the Board's Facilities Subcommittee has recommended that the project include all site work, utilities and landscaping adjacent to the proposed City of San Pablo Community Center.

Baker Vilar Architects is the Architect of Record for Helms Middle School. They will present the proposed master plan.

In order to complete the work in a timely fashion it is recommended that the Architectural Services contract for the project be awarded at this time to Baker Vilar Architects. The firm's scope will include architectural and engineering services for Construction Documents, Division of State Architect approval, Bid and Award, and Construction Administration.

Recommendation:

Approve proposed Helms Fields Master Plan and Architectural Services contract with Baker Vilar Architects.

Fiscal Impact:

\$625,134. Funded by the Measure J Bond, under the Helms Middle School Project budget.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM

*** C.1 Budget Discussion and Planning 2011-12**

Comment:

There is great uncertainty regarding school funding for the 2011-12 year. The Governor’s budget report issued in mid-January indicates that the district may have an estimated \$11.6 million deficit in the 2011-12 school year. This would occur if the Legislature fails to place the measure to extend existing taxes on the State Ballot in June or if the voters fail to pass that measure. Should the Legislature fail to act on placing the extension of taxes and fail to make cuts the status of school funding is unknown. John Gray from School Services of California will present information on the State budget and staff will provide a report on budgeting parameters for the district.

Recommendation:

For Information and Discussion

Fiscal Impact:

None

D. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – March 2, 2011

E. ADJOURNMENT

* The public may only address items which are marked with an asterisk (*).

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Office of the Superintendent

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION---BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Board of Education

Meeting Date: February 23, 2011

From: Bill Fay

Agenda Item: B.1

Subject: Helms Middle School Fields Master Plan Approval and Architectural Services Contract

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Office of Superintendent of Schools

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION...BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Board of Education

Meeting Date: February 23, 2011

From: Sheri Gamba
Associate Superintendent Business Services

Agenda Item: C.1

Subject: Budget Discussion and Planning 2011-12

Background Information:

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