

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Board of Education
Meeting Agenda
February 12, 2014

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Attending Board Meetings:

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all WCCUSD Board of Education meetings.

Location: **LOVONYA DEJEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**
3400 MACDONALD AVENUE
RICHMOND, CA 94805

in an open session to address the regular agenda on February 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM. and reconvene

Order of Business: **ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE**

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“of children be more careful than anything.”
e.e. cummings

B.

***CI C.6 Approve the following revised new job description: Director, Accountability/ Chief Data Officer**

Comment:

This job classification is being created to oversee the comprehensive data needs for the District. Specific focus will center around compilation and determination of data needs to comply with Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) guidelines.

This job classification was approved at the January 29, 2014 Board of Education meeting. This is an update to the job description.

This job classification will support Strategy 5, Objectives 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.4 of the Strategic Plan in improving internal data collection and management systems.

Recommendation:

Approve update

Fiscal Impact:

Salary and Benefits \$135,000 – General Fund

***CI C.7 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**

Comment:

Contracts have been initiated by staff using previously qualified consulting, engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural firms to assist in completion of the referenced projects. Many of the firms are already under contract and the staff-

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Recommendation:

Ratify the award to Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc.

Fiscal Impact:

\$317,317. Project will be funded from Fund 40.

***CI C.11 Resolution No. 59-1314: Read Across America - March 2, 2014**

Comment:

The West Contra Costa Unified School District and the Board of Education join with the United Teachers of Richmond in calling on the citizens of West Contra Costa to assure that every child is in a safe place reading with a caring adult on March 2, 2014.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

***CI C.12 Resolution No. 55-1314: Disabilities Awareness Month March 2014**

Comment:

This resolution proclaims the month of March 2014 as Disabilities Awareness Month and encourages all schools and educational communities to commemorate this occasion with meaningful student activities and programs that promote and demonstrate learning about and understanding individuals with disabilities.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

***CI C.13 Resolution No. 57- W -8, 2014**

Comment:

Administrators of California's public school are commended for their support of, and contribution to, quality education in the state.

Recommendation:

Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

None

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

* **D.1 African-American History Month School Presentations and Celebrations**

Comment:

The State Board of Education has proclaimed February 2014 as African-American History Month.

The West Contra Costa Unified School District recognizes the contributions of African Americans and encourages schools to develop special instructional activities and celebrations.

Tonight, several WCCUSD schools will perform songs, speeches, and dances to celebrate African-American history, traditions, culture, contributions, and successes.

We will also honor community members who have made significant efforts to support the students and staff of West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Recommendation:

Enjoy the student presentations and celebration.

Fiscal Impact:

None

* **D.2 Plans to add a JROTC Program at DeAnza High School**

Comment:

The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a Federal program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces in high schools across the United States. The purpose of Junior ROTC is to instill in students in secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. Additional objectives are established by the service departments include:

Developing citizenship and self-reliance.

Improving the ability to communicate well both orally and in writing.

Developing an appreciation of the importance of physical fitness.

Developing knowledge of team building skills.

DeAnza High School has begun the application process to bring an Air Force JROTC to that the school as a way to engage more students and improve learning. The presentation tonight will include the rationale for the program at DeAnza, an estimate of the number of students to be served and a timeline for initiation.

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None at this time

* **D.3 Technology E-Rate Report**

Comment:

The universal service Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as “E-rate,” provides discounts of up to 90 percent to help eligible schools and libraries in the United States obtain affordable

* **F.3**

Comment:

The Quality Education Investment Act of 2006 (QEIA) was enacted as a result of the *CTA, at al. v. Schwarznegger, at al.* settlement. This settlement distributes the Proposition 98 funding of 2004-2006 in a targeted effort to increase the performance of schools with a 2005 Academic Performance Index (API) falling in the first and second deciles. These appropriations began in fiscal year 2007-08 and current information from the California Department of Education indicates that funding will continue through 2014-15 for schools that continue to meet all required targets.

One of the requirements of the grant is that all teachers are Highly Qualified (HQT). In 2012-13 one Special Education teacher at Helms was assigned to one class without the appropriate credential. As a result the California Department of Education determined that Helms was 97% HQT for that year and did not meet the requirement of 100%.

Failure to meet any target during the grant results in termination from the QEIA program and consequential loss of funding. The impact of losing funding is \$914,300 for Helms Middle School for the 2014-15 school year.

Upon approval by the WCCUSD Board of Education, a request will be submitted to the California State Board of Education asking for a waiver of the HQT requirement for Helms for 2012-2013. In the past few years waivers similar to this request have been approved by the State Board of Education.

Recommendation:

Public Hearing and Recommend Approval

Fiscal Impact:

Potential loss of \$914,300.00 for the 2014-15 school year

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

* **G.1 Project Status Report**

Comment:

The following are provided for review of Facilities Planning and Construction in the District's Bond Program and for information regarding individual projects:

Engineering Officer's Report
Construction Status Reports

Recommendation:

For Information Only

Fiscal Impact:

None

* **G.2**

K. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, any items remaining on the agenda that require immediate attention will be moved to this time. All other items will be tabled to another or the following Board meeting in order to make fair and attentive decisions. The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 PM. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

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

A. CLOSED SESSION

A.1 CALL TO ORDER

A.2 DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
(Government Code 54957.7)

A.3 RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AS SCHEDULED

See Exhibit A

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

The **Open Session** will resume at the end of the **Closed Session** in the Multi-Purpose Room at approximately **6:30 PM**.

EXHIBIT A

(Government Code Section 54954.5)

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a)]

- a. WCCUSD v. Orrick
- b. Palmer and Pollack v. WCCUSD

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED/POTENTIAL LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]

Four cases

4. LIABILITY CLAIMS (Government Code Section 54956.95)

5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

- a. Superintendent/Dr. Bruce Harter
- b. Employee Organizations
 - UTR
 - Local One
 - School Supervisors Association
 - WCCAA
- c. Unrepresented Employees

- Confidential and Management

6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

8. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code Section 35146)

Expulsions

9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/COMPLAINT
(Government Code Section 54957)

Certificated / Classified Employee Dismissal

10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS