

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

April 25, 2012

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Clerk Antonio Medrano called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.

Clerk Medrano called the Public Session to order at 6:30 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, Tony Thurmond. Charles Ramsey arrived at 6:50 PM.

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Olanrewaju Ajay, Principal Olinda Elementary School; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Bill Fay; Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese,

Mr. Ramsey left the dais. Mr. Medrano assumed the gavel for this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Ramsey returned and resumed presiding over the meeting.

Mr. Thurmond asked staff for clarification about the concerns raised regarding Vista Independent Study. Mr. Greer responded by saying that the academic subcommittee reviewed the concept of regionalizing the Independent Study program with teachers assigned to high school families while leaving a core group at the current location. The intent is to better meet the needs of students throughout the District. The committee agreed with the process. President Ramsey said he will agendaize this item for discussion at the May 9 meeting.

Mr. Thurmond asked the Board to consider moving item G.1 up on the agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Thurmond moved approval of moving item G.1 up on the agenda. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Edgar Rosales (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no abstentions. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G.1 Leadership Public High Schools Petition Renewal

Superintendent Harter introduced Superintendent Louise Waters, Principal Shawn Benjamin, and Director of Operations Soo Zee Park, who presented the Leadership Public High School (LPS) charter petition renewal. The presentation reflected the growth and performance over the last five years as well as plans for the next five.

Public Comment:

Claudia Rios, Aaron Williams

Board Comment:

President Ramsey said the District is supportive and has an investment in facilities to be provided for LPS. Mr. Thurmond asked questions about the implementation of 7th and 8th grades and about any parent involvement requirement. Ms. Benjamin reported that students are required to perform 30 hours of community involvement but that there is no parent involvement requirement. Ms. Merriweather asked questions about the curriculum for 7th and 8th grades and the ethnic breakdown of the LPS students. Ms. Waters responded. Student representative Edgar Rosales spoke about his freshman year at LPS and remarked about his brother and friends graduating from the school.

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 Resolution No. 102-1112: California “Day of the Teacher”

C.7 Resolution No. 101-1112: National “Day of the School Nurse”

C.8 Approval of Sabbatical Leave Requests for 2012-2013

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

This item was pulled for discussion.

C.10 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.11 Coronado Elementary School Interim Campus at Kennedy High School Award of Contract

This item was pulled for 0 0 1 164.9 ool Awar

C.15 Resolution No. 98-1112: To Support the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act 2012

C.16 Naming Peres Dental Clinic for Dr. Dan Tanita

This item was pulled for discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Item C.8, C.9, and C.10. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond, Student Representative Edgar Rosales (advisory vote only) and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.9 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

President Ramsey added information for clarification regarding deferred maintenance funds used for Lake, Grant, and Collins Elementary.

~~MOTION:~~ Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Item C.9 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. .

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G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Leadership Public High Schools Petition Renewal

Item moved to follow item E.2.

G.2 Project Status Report – Facilities Planning and Construction

Item moved to follow item F.2.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Kronenberg spoke about attending the Chevron 2012 grant award ceremony and the commitment to STEM education. She read the list of award winners in Richmond.

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