

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

May 23, 2012

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 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

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 arrived at 6:38 PM.

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Director Facilities Construction; Patricia Calvert, Director Human Resources Certificated Personnel; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Bill Fay; Associate Superintendent 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; Linda Jackson, Executive Director Emeritis; Nicole Joyner, Administrator Grants/Special Projects; Ken McDaniel; Maintenance Supervisor; Emily Millar, Director Employee Relations; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of the agenda including moving item F.3 to follow consent items. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Student Representative Amanda Calvo (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.7 Minutes: May 9, 2012
This item was moved to follow item G.1.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C.1 Acceptance of Donations**
- C.2 Acceptance of Fund-Raising Activities**
- C.3 Contracted Services**
- C.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 114-1112: Replacement of Outdated Warrant**
- C.5 Routine Personnel Changes - Certificated**
- C.6 Routine Personnel Changes ±Classified**
- C.7 Resolution No.105-1112: Credential Assignment Options**
- C.8 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts**
- C.9 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders**
- C.10 Harding Elementary CR Wing Envelope and Foundation Ventilation Repairs Project Award of Contract**
This item was withdrawn from the agenda by staff.
- C.11 Modification to Board Policies 5131 Conduct and 6163.4 Student Use of Technology**
- C.12 2012-2013 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to the League**
- C.13 Students from El Cerrito are attending the Heritage Music Festival-May 24-27, 2012**
- C.14 Approval of Board Members Attending Conferences**

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Items C.1 ±C.9, C.11 - C.10±BntBT1 C.13

D.1 Ivy League Summer Programs: Students from El Cerrito High School, Pinole Valley High School, Hercules High School, De Anza High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Richmond High School and Middle College High School will participate in college readiness programs offered at respective Ivy League Universities

Mr. Vince Rhea spoke about the opportunity to open new doors for students. presenting the various high school campuses were introduced; Sewellyn Kaplan, John Crosby, Jaclyn Timmes, Katherine Williams, Cheryl Lilhanand, Alfredo Chan-Law, Ian Lawrence, Mike Mannix, and Igor Litvin. Each chaperone introduced the students in their cohort groups.

Yale University sophomore and former Ivy League Connection (ILC) participant Austin Long spoke of the importance of the program and students bettering themselves. Ms. Ter

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Ms. Kronenberg recalled the relationship with Dartmouth University as the start of the She said she looked forward to the opportunity to visit a number of other schools during the summer.

Mr. Medrano said he was very proud of these students and that he enjoys telling people throughout the state about the ILC.

Mr. Thurmond offered congratulations, saying he is very impressed with the accomplishments. He thanked the sponsors who have made this program possible.

Ms. Merriweather offered congratulations to the students and spoke of the wonderful opportunity and state of the arts program.

President Ramsey

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President Ramsey thanked speakers and said this item will return to the Board for action following staff review.

B.7 Minutes: May 9, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Medra

President Ramsey asked questions about the resolution and payoff documents. Ms. Gamba provided clarified. Ms. Gamba spoke about the amount of principal and interested also owed by the State of California. Mr. Ramsey thanked staff for their hard work. He continued to speak about this being the last Board to deal with this debt. Ms. Kronenberg recalled her own children attending school in the District at the time of the initial loan that has hung over the District all these years. Ms. Merriweather recalled being a parent at Harding Elementary and how other parents felt. She said she was elated with the hard work that has been done to get the District to this point. Mr. Medrano echoed giving credit to the sacrifices made to keep the District afloat. He said it is a good feeling to finally accomplish this landmark event. President Ramsey said this is an exciting time. He thanked all the cities and families who have sacrificed. He gave special mention for the group March for Education that went to Sacramento to seek a lower interest rate in order to save the District millions of dollars.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of State Loan Payoff ±Resolution No. 115-1112. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Thurmond absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.5 Resolution No. 106-1112: Declaration to Hire 30-Day Substitutes on CBEST Waivers

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to _____ commendation which is something not used frequently, but necessary to have on file.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 10:37 P.M.

Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

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Approved 6/13/12