West Contra Costa Unified School District Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting This item was pulled for discussion.

- C.11 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- **C.12** Approval of Board Member Attending Conferences
- C.13 Masonic Lodge Request to Lay Symbolic Cornerstone at DeAnza High School
- C.14 Resolution No. 15-1213: Resolution in Support of Propositions 30 and 38
- C.15 Resolution 19-1213: Special Exemptions Act Resolution Proposition 32

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.1 ó C.9 and C.11 ó C15. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and Ms. Merriweather absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

# C.10 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

Mr. Medrano asked Mr. Fay for a report regarding J. Majors and Associates, LLC, and their success in the outreach program and groups they have spoken to in the community for the next Board meeting.

Ms. Merriweather arrived at the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Medrano moved approval of Consent Items C.10. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Thurmond and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

## D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

President Ramsey introduced Nancy Schiff, representative with the Center for Youth Development Through Law. The summer program graduation ceremony will be held August 17, 2012 at the UC Berkeley Law School. Judge Henry Ramsey will be assisting in the new program at El Cerrito High School working with the students.

## **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

Mr. Thurmond asked about the weekly hours for interns and the retention rate. Ms. Schiff responded.

# E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

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

## **E.3** WCCUSD Public Comment

Evelia Villa, James Graggs

#### **Board Comment:**

Superintendent Harter reported that an error was made by officials at Kennedy High School regarding the Steelers football program. The program has been reinstated on the site.

## D.1 Recognition of Seville Group for 10 Years of Service

Superintendent Harter recognized the long standing partnership with The Seville Group as the program manager of the bond program for the past ten years. Superintendent Harter presented Lance Jackson, Senior Vice President of Seville Group, with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Karim Nassab, Bond Program Manager.

# **Public Comment:**

None

## **Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg commented on the numerous opportunities to evaluate The Seville Group in annual performance audits.

Mr. Thurmond spoke of the smooth partnership with the District. Many of The Seville Groups' employees have relocated to the ar

## **Board Comment:**

President Ramsey asked KNN representative Dave Olson and bond attorney Nick Heuer for clarifications. Mr. Heuer explained.

President Ramsey asked why the list of remaining schools was not listed for Exhibit B. Superintendent Harter responded that specific projects were not listed as a specific project list because the voters will be asked to approve the types of projects the District may apply across the board at schools, rather than to narrow the list to specific schools which might very well change over the life the bond measure, which is expected to be at least ten years

President Ramsey asked clarification of statement on page B-3 "as well as the refinancing of outstanding general obligation bond debt of the District." Mr. Olsen responded that this would make sure for old programs that were built in a time of a better economy and pushed payments to the back are able to remain within their tax rate targets over the long term. This will allow the District to spend the new bond monies to pay down the tax rate, so it keeps the

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# **Public Comment:**

Cheryl King

# **Board Comment:**

None

# I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thurmond reported he attended a meeting with Ms. KronenTr 1 56.76 646.7. Thurmond rt359.836(r)-15(m)19 1 0 86.4, S(o)-1