

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Workshop of Education Meeting
Lovonya DeJean Middle School
Multipurpose Room
3400 Macdonald Ave.
Richmond, CA 94805**

December 19, 2012

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Madeline Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Kronenberg led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

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Public Comment:

- Peter Tiernan spoke on behalf of the Public Employees Union. Kimberly Chamberlain spoke on behalf of SSA.
- Maria Resendiz spoke about reducing class size.
- Janet Duckart and Kristen Pursely spoke in support of keeping adult education programs.
- David Sharples, Sharon Fogelson, Leslie Reckler, Felicia Robertson and Jennifer Loughrey spoke about funding priorities for the District.
- Jim Rogers, Richmond City Council Member, spoke about funding and collaboration of the city and the District.
- Eduardo Martinez spoke about parcel tax increases to provide more funding sources for the District.
- Demetria Saunders spoke about retaining good teachers.
- Cathy Garza spoke about setting priorities.
- Diane Brown spoke about working conditions in the district.
- Bobbie Dowling spoke about teacher quality, academic performance, and language in the curriculum.
- Tana Monteiro spoke about keeping good teachers, mental health, bullying and violence.
- Aja Dotson suggested training teachers with procedures for use of epinephrine auto-injector pens.

Board Comment:

Clerk Ramsey suggested holding a joint meeting with the Richmond City Council to discuss individualizing the city and community to address funding gaps. Council Member Rogers responded.

Clerk Ramsey asked Mr. Eduardo Martinez's opinion about tax hikes for more student programs. Mr. Martinez said he believed the tax hike would be supported because the community wants quality education. He said the District needs more funding for teachers and custodians. He said the District needs to allow teachers to have more of a voice in the classroom. Mr. Ramsey continued with questions about the increase in square footage of the newly constructed schools. Mr. Abdalla responded. Mr. Freese spoke of the new constructions requiring additional maintenance and technological training for the upkeep. Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Fay about ideas or concepts for discussion at an upcoming Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Faye responded.

Clerk Ramsey suggested looking at safety measures, the context of mental health services, reduction in truancy, and

President Kronenberg said she was grateful for the community input and the importance to look at possible ways to help the students.

C. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 9, 2013

D. ADJOURNMENT
President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

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