West Contra Costa Unified School District Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting **Facilities Subcommittee.** Mr. Ramsey reported on the January 8 meeting where agenda items included the time line the for Portola Middle School project as well as the Peres Dental Clinic. He announced a special meeting will be held January 22nd at 2:00 PM at the Facilities Operations Center where the agenda will include a report regarding the program budget. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013.

**Ivy League Connection.** Mr. Ramsey reported that student interviews for the Cornell, Brown, and Vanderbilt University programs have taken place. Next week interviews will continue for the Columbia summer programs. The Yale and Brown University mentor programs will begin later this month.

**College and Career Readiness Academies.** President Kronenberg said she recently visited DeAnza's health academy as it is going through its certification process. Teachers, parents and the business community joined in meeting with evaluators. She spoke highly of the program.

**Safety Committee:** Ms. Merriweather reported on the upcoming meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Richmond High, 9:00 AM. She said the agenda will include chronic absences and tardiness. She invited the public to attend.

#### **B.7 Minutes:** December 12, 2012

The Board inadvertently skipped over the approval of the minutes. The December 12, 2012 minutes will be placed on the January 23, 2013 agenda for approval.

## C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements
- **C.2** Acceptance of Donations
- **C.3** Approval of Fund-Raising Activities
- **C.4** Contracted Services
- C.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 57-1213: Replacement of Outdated Warrant
- C.6 Notige of Completion: Bid 1121341-01 Coronado Interim Campus at Kennedy High School
- C.7 Notification of Claim Rejected
- **C.8**

# D.1 Olinda Students Report on Fundraising Efforts

Student Gabrielle Carvallo introduced her classmates and told of their work to raise \$1,042.86 to donate to Red Cross for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Teacher John Ryder and Custodian Rick Alexander spoke of the compassion and

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Ms. Merriweather said she looks

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Mr. Groves had questions about the associated student body fund sighting and categorical funds. Mr. Raibley and Mr. Coyne responded.
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Board Representative Hannah Pablo left the meeting for the evening.

## **G.1** Project Status Report

Mr. Abdalla provided a report of construction progress in the District.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

## **Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey asked about progress of the DeAnza construction and Kennedy projects. Mr. Abdalla responded.

Ms. Merriweather asked for a copy of the report regarding security cameras.

Mr. Groves asked about grading and noise disrupting student learning at the Portola site. Mr. Abdalla responded.

Mr. Enos had questions about the elevator at Kennedy High. Mr. Abdalla said he will look into it and return with information.

## F.3 Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Request for Bond Waiver

President Kronenberg opened the public hearing.

#### **Public Comment:**

Aquacena Lopez

President Kronenberg closed the public hearing.

#### **Board Comment:**

None

## F.5 Authorization for Survey

This item was moved to follow item F.2.

#### G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## **G.1** Project Status Report

This item was moved to follow F.5.

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

None

## I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Groves invited the public to participate in the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. parade in El Cerrito which will march from the Department of Motor Vehicle parking lot to El Cerrito High School on Monday, January 21, 2013.

Ms. Merriweather spoke about the opportunity for the public to hear the Board's priorities. She said the Board is relying on the community to be engaged in the process of developing a new strategic plan.

President Kronenberg announced the El Cerrito High Gaucho dance company performance on Friday night.

## J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – January 23, 2013

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