

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

March 6, 2013

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session.
President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:42 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Kronenberg led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Kronenberg offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

President Kronenberg asked the Board to consider moving E.2 Public Comment to follow B.7.

C.15 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Kennedy High School Temporary Science Classroom Project

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey made a motion to reject all bids to item C.15, Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Kennedy High School Temporary Science Classroom Project

MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of Consent Items C.1 – C.14, and C.16 – C.19. Ms. Merriweather seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Board Representative Alyssa Balarbar (advisory vote only) and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Letters of Intent

Mr. Greer introduced Executive Director Adam Taylor and Athletic Coordinator Darrin Zaragoza who have been working with student athletes to raise academic standards. Mr. Taylor introduced the student scholar athletes. Board members personally congratulated each student.

Raephel Jackson Jr., Stephanie Munoz, Marcellus Pippins, Stephane Lin, Sydney Shipley, Takkarists McKinley

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey offered congratulations to the scholar athletes for their academic achievement. He commented that they are part of only 3% of all high school student athletes in the country to receive Division I scholarships. He concluded by acknowledging their parents and family support.

Mr. Enos spoke of the opportunity for these students to be role models to others and offered congratulations.

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Mr. Groves offered congratulations and urged the students to remember where they came from. He spoke of the hard work ahead and the opportunity to do great things.

Mr. Ramsey commented about Ms. Merriweather being the parent of a Division I athlete who attended college in Arizona.ETBT95 462.91 Tm6

President Kronenberg added her congratulations to the students and their families saying their college experiences will define their future. She said this is important to everyone in their community and hoped they would come back and share their experiences with other students.

D.2 Report on the Full Service Community Schools

Superintendent Harter reported on the resolution to develop Full

service schools. He related the group's experiences in a conference held in New York where they learned a great deal. This experience also reinforced the good work already in place in the district. The implementation team has developed best practices and will relate the process for moving forward.

Dr. Jennifer Lyle of Building Block for Kids Collaborative spoke of their work focused on

children as a responsibility of the larger community in support of schools. He said the group's work was div

Equity Partnership is actively involved with the Community Team. The team has a goal to efficiently deploy services and incorporate new partners coming to Richmond.

Chavez Principal Jeanette Ramirez talked about the community need to see that children are socially and academically healthy for educational success. Principals are responsible to encourage community partnerships to participate. While this work will take a great deal of effort, it is important.

Mr. Merriweather concluded by saying that the work is moving forward in the right direction. He provided copies of the Community Schools newsletter detailing progress made with the initiative.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Ramsey thanked staff for the comprehensive presentation saying he was mindful of the collaboration work toward success for children.

Mr. Enos to bring students to a higher competitive level. He encouraged them

Student Representative Alyssa Balarbar left for evening.

Ms. Merriweather spoke of the stages of development knowing that this initiative is maturing toward benefitting all children with improved achievement.

Mr. Groves spoke of the hard work ahead saying the Board is a facilitation partner so that there are no gaps between schools and the community.

President Kronenberg said she had no doubt that this is a model for the future of the District. She commented on the work and looked forward to future reports.

D.3 Report on Health Advisory – Student Bill of Rights

Mr. Greer introduced representatives from the advisory board for the six school based health centers. The students spoke about their Student Bill of Rights for the D and student expectations.

Ms. Josephine Leiva, a Contra Costa College student and graduate of Kennedy High School spoke about working as a youth advocate consultant at the Kennedy health center. She told of her experiences as a student and her involvement with the youth advisory board that developed the Student Bill of Rights.

Hercules Junior Tiffany Farmer spoke about how the health based center at Hercules has helped students. She said the Bill of Rights is posted in all District health centers opinions and suggestions taken seriously and to be treated as equals.

El Cerrito Senior Louisa Jackson spoke about the James Morehouse Project Health Center. She told about her participation in the Ladies of Literature program where students recited poems based on personal experiences. She said the health coalition

Cynthia Leon, Youth Coordinator for the California School Health Center Association spoke of working with the students from the District. She is helping to facilitate the collaboration for the six school based health centers coalition. She invited the Board Members to visit any of the school health centers.

Mr. Greer recognized DeAnza Health Coordinator Deb Espinoza, seated in the audience.

President Kronenberg was happy to have opportunity to celebrate students at this meeting. She also spoke about the JETBT1 0 0 1 542.38 715.92 Tm(h)D5356IE 105.5 737.52 Tm<