

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

**April 10, 2013**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:31 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

**Staff Present:** Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Ora Anderson, Special Education Director; John Banister, Special Education Administrator; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance/Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business

Mr. Hector Quintana provided a report of activities at Vista High School.

**B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session**

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session regarding a settlement agreement in which MaxAmerica Insurance will be paying the District \$108,000 for the Nystrom vandalism incident of February 2012.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval to ratify the action taken in Closed Session to approve a settlement agreement. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg TJETBT1 0 0 1 86.424 195.**



**F.1 Scholar in Residence**

Superintendent Harter and Mr. Groves provided insight on the project and how other districts are benefiting from the Scholar in Residence program. Discussion included information about how this would provide a different approach to Professional Development. It was suggested to pilot the program with middle schools using the Universal Design for Learning program.

**Public Comment:**  
Mary Schmida



**E. PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**  
(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

**E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment**  
Giorgio Cosentino, Connie Calderon-Jensen

**E.1 6 X S H U L Q W H Q G H Q W ¶ V 5 H S R U W**  
Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

**E.2 Request to Address the Board on CALRTA Volunteer Hours**  
This item was moved to follow Consent Items.

**C.12 Middle School Physical Education Waiver**  
Superintendent Harter reported that at the March 27, 2013 special meeting about the Portola feeder pattern schools, the Board heard a staff report regarding modifications in practices that would allow middle school students to access a Physical Education Waiver similar to that allowed in high school.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**  
Mr. Groves had questions about how students will apply for the Physical Education Waiver. Mr. Greer replied with information about the physical fitness examination scores for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to test out for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Superintendent Harter elaborated with further detail.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of C.12 Middle School Physical Education Waiver. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**C.7 First Reading: BP 7214.4 Investor Relations and BP 7214.3 Bond Refunding**  
Ms. Gamba presented information regarding the board policies and also introduced the advisors for the bond finance program; Krishna Pettit of GCR LLP, Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance, Jeff Barratta of Piper Jaffrey, Scott Henry of De La Rosa and Company.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**  
Mr. Ramsey had questions regarding investors' perception of the District. Staff responded.

**E.3 WCCUSD Public Comment**  
This item was moved to follow item D. 5.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**F.1 Scholar in Residence**  
This item was moved to follow item E.2.

**F.2 Restoration of Elementary Instrumental Music**  
This item was moved to follow item F. 1 earlier on the agenda.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**G.1 Project Status Report**  
Mr. Abdalla provided a report of construction progress in the District.

**Public Comment:**  
None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey had questions about the Pinole Middle, Downer and Coronado projects. Mr. Abdalla stated they would be completed by summer.

**H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** (continued from Item E)  
None

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

Mr. Ramsey reported on attending the El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Committee meeting regarding the District's debt limit waiver application.

Mr. Enos thanked staff for everyone's hard work.

Mr. Groves remarked on the sincerity of tonight's speaker , Đ rk.