

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

April 23, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Ramsey called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Ramsey led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

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

B.3 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Steve Co, SELPA Director; Denise Cifelli, Confidential Secretary; Bob Evans, DeAnza Principal; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Will Greer, Associate Superintendent Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electric Technician; Cecilia Mendoza, Executive Director; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Bryna Touriel, Translator; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Vista High School

Student Representative Christian Piro provided a report of activities at Vista High School

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to take any action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators effective immediately: Jose DeLeon, Principal, Richmond High School

- F.1 Approval of Agreement with West Contra Costa Administrators Association / AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA

Public Comment:
Sara Danielson

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Board Clerk Groves moved approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with WCCAA. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Christian Prior (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted ~~yes~~, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

- F.2 Salary and Health Benefits Package for Unrepresented Management, Cabinet, Board Members and Confidential Employees / AB 1200 Public Disclosure

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

MOTION: Board Clerk Groves moved approval of the Salary and Health Benefits Package for Unrepresented Management, Cabinet, Board Members and Confidential Employees. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Christian Prior (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted ~~yes~~, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried ~~5~~0-0.

- F.3 Resolution No. 711314: Authorization to Eliminate Classified Positions and Layoff Classified Employees

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

Public Comment:
Sara Danielson

Board Comments:

President Ramsey clarified that a member of public have a right to say what they want to say at the podium. They will be asked to be polite and respectful while the Board will be sensitive to issues.

- C.14 Board Policy 5145.3 “Nondiscrimination/Harassment” and Policy 5145.9 “Hate Motivated Behavior”
- C.15 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts
- C.16 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders
- C.17 Approve Measure J and D 2010, Measure E 2012, Bond Program Budget Expenditure Authorization
- C.18 Award of Contract: Ohlone Elementary School Move Management Services
- C.19 Dover Elementary School Parking and Site Improvements Phase 2 Award of Contract
- C.20 Olinda & Shannon Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement Project Award of Contract
- C.21 Pinole Middle School Soccer and Football Fields Award of Contract
- C.22 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Downer Elementary School Playfield Renovations
- C.23 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: El Cerrito High School Air Conditioning for Dance Studios and Multi Use Classrooms
- C.24 Resolution No. 671314, Level I Developer Fees
- C.25 Resolution No.69-1314: School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week– May 5-9, 2014
- C.26 Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report
- C.27 Approval of District Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Committee Nominees
- C.28 Approval of Board Member Travel

Mr. Fay announced administrative revisions to the recommendations for items 10 – C.22 in order to provide clarity.

MOTION: Board Clerk Groves moved approval of Consent Items C. 1 –C.28. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Christian Prior (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

- D.1 WCCUSD Teachers of the Year and the Ed Fund Excellence in Education Recognition
Ms. Rashidchi invited Joel Mackey, Robert Bauer and Roz Plishner of Ed Fund to introduce the five teachers who have been selected to receive Teacher of the Year award: Ardis McCormick, Portola Middle School, Patricia Simon, Montalvin Elementary, Keith Johnson, El Cerrito High School, and Adam Quinter, DeJean Middle School. Mr. McCormick and Mr. Johnson have also been selected as district representatives for the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year competition.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

- D.2 Update on the Development of the Masterplan for English Learners
Ms. Rashidchi introduced Dr. Jose Lopez, California State University East Bay, who presented the update. Dr. Lopez discussed the data gathering process and the findings. The Plan will be completed by June and brought back to the Board for consideration with a plan in implementation process.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Mr. Groves said he appreciated the frank assessment and openness. He would like to see an overview of current research on major schools of thought on English Learner development.

Mr. Enos asked what could be done to bring classes to the appropriate levels.

Ms. Kronenberg said she was interested in long term student improvement strategies. She also asked about the impact of the Local Control Accountability Plan and budgeting.

Ms. Merriweather reiterated that everyone involved in the process had been very open, honest and hardworking providing the framework.

Student Representative Christi Prior left the meeting for the evening.

D.4 Update on Linked Learning

Superintendent Harter asked Ms. Mendoza to introduce Ben Crosby Internal Coach for Linked Learning, who presented the update. Pathway students Andre Monk, Iris Wong and Enrique Lara shared their stories. Ms. Mendoza also recognized DeAnza Adult Ed (H) - Site 6 (Thon

Board Comment:

President Ramsey had questions for the financial advisors and counsel regarding timelines and communications. Ms. Gamba provided information. Ms. Wells also provided additional clarity around processes and communications.

Ms. Kronenberg raised questions about timeliness and accuracy of documents to Ms. Wells and Mr. Boehm were able to respond.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Enos said he is looking forward to a spirited conversation about high school graduation.

Mr. Groves said he knows that everyone is working at a fast pace and thanked staff for their work and dedication.

Ms. Kronenberg