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

September 3, 2014

# A. CLOSED SESSION

# B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey

# C.2 ContractsP

## **D.2** Sprint Project Connect Grant

Ms. Phillips provided background on the Project Connect Sprint Grant which awarded 65 Kennedy High students, currently without technology in their home, free laptops and internet access to use both at home and at school. Kennedy Principal Phil Johnson and Assistant Principal Allison Huie provided details on the program and criteria for selection. Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia congratulated the Board for forming the partnership with Sprint. Chris Brydon, Sprint Area Director of Northern California presented a check for \$100,000.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

None

#### E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

#### E.1 Standing Reports

**Community Bond Oversight Committee.** Chairperson Yvette Ricco reported on recent CBOC activities highlighting an electronic report and calendar now available in order to request information from the District and the addition of three new subcommittees: Training Subcommittee, Pinole Valley High School Subcommittee, and Change Order Subcommittee.

**Safety and School Climate Committee.** Ms. Merriweather stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 9 at DeAnza High School.

Youth Commission. Ms. Kronenberg advised the next meeting is September 15 at Hercules High School.

**Academic Subcommittee.** Ms. Merriweather reported the next meeting will be held on September 9 at DeAnza High School.

**Ivy League Connection.** President Ramsey reported that Yale University will be sponsoring an admissions essay workshop at El Cerrito High School on October 2 from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

**Facilities Subcommittee.** President Ramsey said the committee reviewed the upcoming auditor selection at the recent special meeting. The committee will begin working on the next bond issuance at future meetings.

## **E.2** Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

#### E.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

Superintendent Harter recognized the contributions of members of the community who have passed away. President Ramsey asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence.

# **Public Comment:**

None

### **Board Comment:**

None

## F. ACTION ITEMS

# F.1 Selection of the Independent Performance Auditor for the Bond Program

Superintendent Harter recapped the revision to item F.1 adding that the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee has requested the opportunity to review the scope and recommend amendments, and authorizing the Superintendent to finalize the scope of the audit after

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# **Board Comment:**

President Ramsey asked whether