

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

September 17, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

Staff Present: Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Carol Butcher, Executive Director K-12; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-12 Operations; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Barbara Jellison, Director Food Service; Nicole Joyner, Director Data & Accountability; Cecilia Mendoza, Executive Director Linked Learning; Mimi Melodia, Coordinator EL Services; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Lynn Potter, Director Educational Services; Leticia Oregon, Translator; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Regina Webber, Director Business Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from El Cerrito High School

Mr. Nadir Morgan provided a report of activities at El Cerrito High School

Board Comment

President Ramsey said that there is always someone that students can talk to and suicide does

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment

Raul Valencia, Valeria Valencia, Nidia Yamira Garcia, Herlinda Hernandez, Silvia Avila, Elóira Henderson, Ana Viera, Maria Magdaleno, Cruz Leon, Marcella Cota, George Vincent

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.4 Notice of Completion: Bid 154122393 Shannon Elementary Miscellaneous Repairs

C.5 Bond Finance Team for Potential Bond Issuance 2015

This item was pulled for separate action.

C.6 Routine Personnel Changes/Certificated

C.7 Approve the following New Job Descriptions: School Community Outreach Worker, and School Community Outreach Worker, Bilingual

C.8 Revisions to Board Policies 6162.5 “Student Assessment”, 6162.51 “Standardized Testing and Reporting Program”, and 6162.54 “Test Integrity/Test Preparation”

C.9 Board Policy 3513.3 “Tobacco-Free Schools”

C.10 Resolution No. 301415: Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2014 October 15, 2014

C.11 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.12 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.13 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Component 7: Building 10 Linked Learning

Superintendent Harter read a revision to this item into the agenda which included ratifying the award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder BHM Construction, Inc.

C.14 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Information Technology Center

Superintendent Harter read a revision to this item into the agenda which included ratifying to award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder JUV, Inc. and correction to the Fiscal Impact as being funded from Fund 40.

C.15 Valley View Elementary School Portable Lease

C.16 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment [(H)-2s4(C)3(o)-2(m)6(m)18(i)(C.)-2(e6 0 Td o)14(1.da(1.313 C

with the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority, provided information regarding proposed pedestrian bridge. He said the project is in final stages of getting the necessary approvals.

Public Comment

Sally Swanson

Board Comment

President Ramsey said that the Facilities Subcommittee had reviewed the project. He said that he struggled with the project landing on the Riverside School campus and that he did not support it. b7 0 0 Td [(e)4(d)o 0 Td [(o)-2 Tw ()Tjd01 Tw o

Ivy League Connection. Superintendent Harter reported on the principal meeting and orientation held this week. He thanked Mr. Gosney for coordinating the information.

Facilities Subcommittee President Ramsey reported on the Valley View lease approval on portable classrooms. He also described the proposed renaming of the DeAnza law academy after Judge Henry Ramsey. The committee also reviewed the structure and schedule for the bond program and an upcoming sale in 2015. The next meeting is planned for October 14, 2014 at the Facilities Operations Center. nd

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C.5 Bond Finance Team

Superintendent Harter spoke of the consent item for approval of the proposed bond finance team. Ms. Gamba invited David Leifer of KNN Public to introduce the members of the financing team for the Board’s consideration. He introduced Lisel Wells and Graham Beck of Nixon Peabody, Jeff Baratta of Piper Jaffrey, Leonard Berry of Backstrom, McCarley, Berry & Co. and Ralph Holmes from Stifel.

Board Comment:

President Ramsey had remarks and asked Ms. Gamba to describe the work of the team. She explained that the team will prepare documentation to move forward with a \$130 million bond sale in 2015. She detailed resolutions to come before the Board as well as behind the scenes construction information for investor outreach, care to stay within legal ramifications, and work with internal staff. This will take place within weekly meetings and a detailed process.

Board Comment:

Board members had several questions to which members of the finance team responded.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the proposed Bond Counsel Nixon Peabody. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the proposed Disclosure Counsel Nixon Peabody. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the proposed Financial Advisor KNN Public Finance. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the proposed Senior Manager, Underwriter Piper Jaffray. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of the proposed Co-Manager Underwriter Backstrom, McCarley, Berry & Co. and Stifel. Mr. Enos seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Ms. Merriweather commented on the 2014-2015 high school football season for players and cheerleaders.

President Ramsey spoke of the upcoming Board of Education Candidates Forums. He adjourned the meeting in the names of former Board Members Antonio Medrano and Tony Thurmond.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School – October 1, 2014

K. ADJOURNMENT
President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

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<p><u>TAG</u> Approved 10/1/14</p>
