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

# November 12, 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 6:34 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:** Elizabeth Carmody, Director Community Engagement; Jeff Carter, MIS Production Supervisor; Steve Collins, SELPA Director;

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

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint the following administrators:

Jackie Kim, Internal Auditor Mark Bonnet, Executive Director Bond Finance

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators Jackie Kim and Mark Bonnet. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve the Superintendent's evaluation and approve a one year extension to his contract to June 30, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve the Superintendent's

C.20 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Dr. Harlan-Ogbeide

This item was pulled for separate action.

C.21 Independent Legal Counsel for CBOC

This item was pulled for separate action.

- C.22 Adoption of Resolution No. 40-1415: Support of Applications For Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associated Documents
- C.23 Acceptance of Contra Costa County Office of Education Annual Report for Williams Settlement Legislation

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 - C.3, C.5 - C.16, C.18, C22 and C.23. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

# C.21 Independent Legal Counsel for CBOC

Superintendent Harter provided background regarding the request from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee leadership to approve legal counsel. If approved, a Request for Qualifications will be developed and the Committee Chairperson will be involved in the selection process for legal firms.

#### **Public Comment:**

Anton Jungherr

#### **Board Comment:**

None

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of Consent Item C. 21 Independent Legal Counsel for CBOC. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

# C.20 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Dr. Harlan-Ogbeide

Superintendent Harter explained that this was a recommendation from the City of San Pablo.

# **Public Comment:**

Anton Jungherr

#### **Board Comment:**

None

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved approval of Consent Item C. 20 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Dr. Harlan-Ogbeide. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

C.19 Approve Measure J and D 2010, Measure E 2012, Bond Program Budget Expenditure Authorization

### **Public Comment:**

Anton Jungherr

#### **Board Comment:**

President Ramsey explained that the item Mr. Jungherr referred to was an adjustment of funding already set aside for the DeAnza project, a reconciliation item.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Consent Item C. 19 Approve Measure J and D 2010, Measure E 2012, Bond Program Budget Expenditure Authorization. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

#### C.17 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

## **Public Comment:**

Alex Aliferis

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Ms. Kronenberg asked about details of the contract to which Ms. Gamba said that this was an estimate provided by the firm of Ramsey & Ehrlich. Ms. Gamba explained that a letter of engagement had been provided detailing the services and hourly rate along with an estimate of overall cost.

Ms. Kronenberg continued the discussion wit

**Academic Subcommittee**. Ms. Rashidchi announced the next meeting scheduled for November 18 at DeAnza High School. The agenda will include discussion on STEM initiatives and review of homework from academic teachers.

**Safety and School Climate Committee**. Ms. Merriweather announced the upcoming meeting for November 13 at Pinole Valley High School. She said that everyone is welcome to attend.

Technology Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg announced the next meeting for November 17, 2014.

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

Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

Mr. Enos left the dais.

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

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

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

None

#### F. ACTION ITEMS

# F.1 Resolution No. 37-1415: Resolution Directing Superintendent and Staff to Seek a Waiver of Education Code section 47605(b) from the State Board of Education

This item was tabled from the agenda.

# F.2 Amended Resolution No. 38-1415: Credential Assignment Options

Mr. Whittemore explained this was an annual action required of the Board regarding teachers with emergency or limited assignment credentials. He explained that this was an updated from the last action of May 28, 2014.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Board Comment:**

Clerk Groves asked how many teachers were covered by the Declaration of Need. Mr. Whittemore responded with clarification regarding the various categories of needed teachers.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Amended Resolution No. 38-1415: Credential Assignment Options. Ms. Merriweather seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Groves, Ms. Kronenberg, Ms. Merriweather, voting yes, with no abstentions, and Mr. Enos and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 3-0-0-2.

Mr. Enos returned to the dais.

# F.3 Resolution 29–1415: Resolution directing certain actions in connection with the Continuing Disclosure Obligations of the West Contra Costa Unified School District under its General Obligation Bond Program Ms. Gamba introduced Disclosure Counsel Attorneys Rudy Salo and Graham Beck from Nixon Peabody LLC. Mr. Salo explained requirements from the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding municipalities self-reporting and disclosure obligations.

#### **Public Comment:**

Anton Jungherr

President Ramsey returned to the dais and resumed the gavel.

#### **Board Comment:**

Ms. Kronenberg asked Mr. Salo for an example of continuing disclosure obligations. Mr. Salo provided an example regarding disclosure statements a five year period. He detailed the new requirements set forth.

Ms. Merriweather asked whether the policies, once developed, will come to the Board for approval. Mr. Salo affirmed and Ms. Gamba emphasized the development of policies and procedures.

Mr. Groves asked about primary responsibility for disclosure information. Ms. Gamba provided clarification.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of Resolutionn29PBMC /PP<20M5ID17eH)t4(nan)(vnlp2np0x4340U30)JTd-ip(0)70(0)01sSId2H0JJJ0(

# **Board Comment:**

President Ramsey thanked the fiscal office and facilities team, commending their work to complete construction projects giving the District the

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Motion vote count order: Yelso-Abstain-Absent

BH:dh

TAG Approved 12/4/14