

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

March 4, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:38 P.M.

Public Comment Prior to Recess to Closed Session

Public Comment:
Tana Monteiro

Board Comment:

Chief Executive Officer Peppina Chang and RCP Chairperson David Rosenthal were present to address questions of the Board.

Ms. Block asked about benchmark assessments being used. Principal Allie Welch spoke of using the Illuminate program and Smarter Balance. Ms. Block also asked about teacher collaboration to which Ms. Welch responded with detail.

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- C.19 Resolution No. 57-1415: In Support of the Implementation of the Common Core State Standards**
- C.20 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Appointment: Antonio Medrano**

MOTION: Ms. Block moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – C.12, C.14, C.16 and C. 18-C.20. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Kao Saephan (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

- D.1 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification Recognition**
This item was moved to follow item B.8.

- D.2 Update on District After School Programs**

Mr. Greer introduced Katharine Sullivan, Coordinator of After School Programs, who reported on services provided to students in the District as well as key findings from the 2013-2014 evaluation report.

and the District matches support as appropriate to those sites. Ms. Block said she was glad that the District is supporting this because she has seen how the services are needed by students.

Mr. Enos asked how the program was funded. Mr. Greer said that Local Control Accountability Funds, District general funds, as well as financial support from community partners estimates to approximately \$10 per child.

Ms. Cuevas asked how the District evaluates the work leading to higher learning outcomes. Ms. Carmody spoke of indicators to assess achievement and attendance using LCAP indicators for baseline measures. Mr. Greer added that the Healthy Kids survey data reviewed by the School and Climate Safety Committee, as well as WestEd's review of middle school suspension rates are sample indicators.

President Groves spoke about the importance to support children with real needs they grow. He commended staff and said he thought the District could excel and lead outcomes.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Chairperson Ivette Ricco spoke about Ms. LeBlanc's recent report on framing next steps presenting a picture of the current state of the bond program. The report addressed the prioritization, manage and budget for the remaining \$592 Million in bond funds. Ms. Ricco applauded Ms. LeBlanc and her team for setting stringent standards. As chairperson, she offered her support, as well as that of the committee to work cooperatively with Ms. LeBlanc and staff.

Academic Subcommittee. Ms. Rashidchi reported that the next meeting will be March 10, in the DeAnza media center. The meeting will be a collaboration of the Common Core working group o

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 Groves asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence.

C.13 Upgrade Infrastructure at Kennedy HS, Crespi MS and Richmond HS

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas had questionp 28cjK26r1 ud6nd ngab2t-1126aegT46a12(m29r)-(a)231.egT4h32valip35060--16()-c, M-476 5o15060--1

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Richmond College Preparatory (RCP) School Renewal Hearing

This item was moved to follow item D.1 earlier on the agenda.

F.2 2015 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Superintendent Harter provided information about voting for delegates for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for Subregion 7-A which is Contra Costa County. He detailed the terms of office and the request for a motion to vote for the three vacancies.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Groves asked the Board to discuss forwarding the names of Ms. Cuevas and Ms. Kronenberg and possibility a third candidate.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of voting for Ms. Cuevas and Ms. Kronenberg for the 2015 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Kao Saephan (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Manzanita Charter Middle School Renewal Hearing

This item was moved to follow item B.7.

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (continued from Item E)

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

President Groves spoke about a request from the Richmond City Council to hold a joint meeting regarding facilities and budgeting. He said this would be an opportunity for the Board to highlight items of interest regarding the relationship between the two entities. He expressed interest in discussing student residency and attending Richmond schools. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about the importance of the Richmond Promise initiative. Ms. Cuevas also added potential partnerships with education committees as a topic of discussion.

Ms. Kronenberg asked Board members to think about also holding a joint meeting with community college trustees. She spoke about Arts Education month and the arts calendar detailing performing arts events on the District website. She reported on visiting the Pinole City Council and their recognition of the Pinole Valley Girls Varsity Soccer Team for their success this season. She also highlighted the Battle of the Books event at DeAnza. She concluded with information about upcoming events; the Youth Empowerment Symposium in April, the African American Achievement Celebration in May, and the Efficacy Institute Training for African American Parents also in April.

Ms. Block spoke about attending a Life Skills for Peace class lead by local law enforcement officers. She also shared that she attended a bond conference and heard discussion about evaluation tools for setting criteria for facilities projects. Finally she asked about an evaluation of the ROTC program in the spring to learn more about the program.

Mr. Enos spoke about Read Across America and reading to a third grade class at Washington Elementary.

Ms. Cuevas said she read *Dog Days of School* to Bayview Elementary students as a Read Across America event. She offered congratulations of the Richmond High Boys Soccer team for their recent championship and their success both on the field and in the classroom. She related having a pleasant visit to El Cerrito High with Security Officer Mr. Otheree Christian. Ms. Cuevas spoke about Ms. MontesNations as the District's new Coordinator for Disaster Preparedness. She concluded by commending Ms. LeBlanc's efforts to move the construction program forward.

Student Representative Kao Saephan thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the meeting. He said he thought this gave him insight about working in politics.

President Groves spoke about attending the California Association of the Gifted conference recently and developments from the State of California to offer rich learning opportunities. He also spoke about the Hechinger Report's recent article regarding Universal Design for Learning and a middle school reading program. He mentioned Disability Awareness Month and the effort to mitigate the effect of disability in the classroom while tending to the personal needs of each learner. President Groves concluded with remarks about the Battle of the Books, led by District librarians who put together a program about middle school novels. Juan Cre66 -tfnTw 25.265Tft