

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

March 18, 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 6:00 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

President Groves offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting

B.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present: Liz Block, Valerie Cuevas, Todd Groves, Madeline Kenberg
Board Members Absent: Randall Enos

Staff Present: Mark Bonnett, Executive Director Bond Finance; Magdalen Brown, Translator; Elizabeth Carmody, Coordinator Community Engagement; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Patty Cuevas, Translator; Rose DeLeon, Richmond High Principal; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician;

The next meeting

B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment
CynthiaPardinaşAngelina Quilici, Mark Quilici, Jonathan Dumas, Pamela Fields, Fasihia Ravaiz, Tom Panais, Kan
Anderson,MacDaniel Miesel, PwintPhyn NandařDavid Far, Lorraine Humes, Gracielaæthon, Bll y Alexander,
Jordan Mason, Quinton Taylor, JuzaPara, Ariel Vega Sand Brown

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Contracts

C.5 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.6 Selection of Financial Auditor

C.7 Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3

C.8 Routine Personnel Changes Classified

C.9 Resolutions (157) C Var W G T O E od 534 (b) (1) 2 (4) (V) E M 258 e 3 e 5 (E) 253 T (p) T U T C D O O T v U (s) T U W 1 2 - U d 2 O n T (w) T j 2

Project completion is anticipated June 2015.

Recommendation:

Award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder GEICO, Inc.

Public Comment:

Lorraine Humes

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg responded to Ms. Hume's questions regarding the Fabrication Laboratory and access to the technology by District students and the public. She also spoke about the mobile lab that will travel throughout the District sharing technology.

Ms. Block asked about the funding through the Chevron and MIT partnership. Ms. Rashidchi spoke about the \$1 million Chevron donation to fund the equipment and staff. Funding professional development, mobile lab accessible to schools, as well as a lab to be located at Juan Crespi Middle School. All of this is a part of the District's STEM initiative and STEM centers to support the Fab Lab locations.

Ms. Cuevas asked about staff review and recommendation for this contract award. Ms. Freese provided information regarding the evaluation of bidders, interviews with contractors, and the recommendation to award to the lowest responsive bidder.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the T(e)-8(v Tw Tc [t]7(d Tw PT)TjITd a 08 .

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of the Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent Motion carried 4-

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked about the criteria for the report. Ms. Bonnett clarified with information about the purpose of the audit and the process used to verify accuracy.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E General Obligation Bonds Financial Statements June 30, 2014. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with Ms. Cuevas abstaining and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 3-0-1-1.

F.5 February 26, 2015 Bond Sale Report: 2010 Election Series C, 2012 Election Series B and February 2015 General Obligation Bonds Cost of Issuance

Mr. Blake Boehm of KNN Public Finance provided a presentation on the recent successful bond sale which closed on March 12, 2015. Mr. Boehm illustrated the connection for the proceeds from the sale to trigger picture of the overall bond construction program. He also provided information regarding the structure of the bonds sold to include terms ranging from one to 39 years with the majority of the bonds sold for terms of less than 30 years. His presentation included information regarding cost of issuance, timing, and market conditions that contributed to the success of bond sale.

Jon Armstrong of KNN Public Finance and Isel Wells of the legal firm Nixon Peabody were available as members of the financial consulting team.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block had questions about premium bond proceeds. Mr. Boehm clarified.

President Groves commended the team for their hard work in securing the successful bond sale.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the February 26, 2015 Bond Sale Report: 2010 Election Series C, 2012 Election Series B and February 2015 General Obligation Bonds Cost of Issuance. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.6 Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Amethod Public Schools

Ms. LeBlanc provided details of the staff recommendation made to offer the Leadership Public Schools temporary site Amethod Public School for the 2015-2016 school year. She said that staff is working with Amethod to finalize details prior to a facilities use agreement coming to the Board for acceptance.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg asked whether the Amethod School was happy with the site offered. Ms. LeBlanc remarked that Amethod has additionally requested for space for their middle school off site before the Board was for the elementary and high school. She said that staff was analyzing the request and determining the cost per square footage. District would work with Amethod to move the middle school. The Board will have the option to consider the facilities use agreement for acceptance in April.

Ms. Block asked how a site is determined for a particular school. Ms. LeBlanc said that staff looks at the availability of classrooms, challenges in the District, availability of contiguous sites. Estimated enrollment of the charter school also a consideration in determining a location.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Amethod Public Schools. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and Mr. Enos absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

F.7 Proposition 39 Final Offer of Facilities to Caliber Beta Academy
This item was moved to follow item D.2.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Project Status Report
This item was tabled due to the lateness of the hour.

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

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT
Ms. Cuevas spoke about procedures and framing a vote in the context of limited choices due to deadlines. She expressed concern.