

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

April 22, 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 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, Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Knickerbocker

Staff Present: Patty Cuevas, Translator; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Linda Delgado, Charter School Liaison; Otilia Espinoza, Translator; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sari Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Hayne, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Programs; Vince Meyer, Executive Director Maintenance & Operations; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Pinole Valley High School

Mr. Alonso Saravia provided a report of activities regarding Pinole Valley High School

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

None

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

The following changes were recommended to modify the agenda:
Items D.1 and F.1

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Minutes of April 1, 2015. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonso Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B.8 Request to Address the Board – Dr. Fatima Alleyne
Dr. Alleyne spoke about experiences for her family at Washington Elementary School and herself as a School Site Council member.

D.1 Bay Area Science Fair Winners
Science Fair Coordinator Mr. John Iwawaki shared information about the Science Fair process and the nineteen winners whose entries went on to the Bay Area Science Fair. He introduced two of the winners who described their projects: Nicholas Tran, Hercules High School, and Samantha Sze, Pinole Valley High School. Mr. Iwawaki recognized the award winners with certificate and Board Members personally congratulated each student.

The following students were the 2015 Bay Area Science Fair winners:

Nicholas Tran, Hercules High
Hoa Yang He, El Cerrito High
Samantha Sze, Pinole Valley High
Nanthaya Verweij, Pinole Middle School
Aaron Moore, Korematsu Middle School
Ariel Tonesi Berenyi, Pinole Valley High
Esmeralda Aguilar, Pinole Valley High
Grecia Ortiz, Pinole Valley High
Nicole Douangdara, Pinole Valley High
Loan Chung, Pinole Valley High
Kevin Mahoney, El Cerrito High
Niklas Datta, Korematsu Middle
Isabel Arias, Korematsu Middle
Zoe Harwood, Korematsu Middle
Audrey Dowling, Korematsu Middle
Max Mueller, Korematsu Middle
Cloe Coscoy, Korematsu Middle
Manvir Sambhi, Hercules High
Kelly Doungdara, Pinole Valley High

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of modifying the agenda by moving up items D.2 and D.3. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alonso Saravia (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.2 Recognition of Hercules High School Academy of Hospitality and International Tourism
Mr. Greer introduced Hercules High School Principal Paul Mansingh and commended the staff for their recent WASC accreditation approval. Mr. Mansingh spoke about students of the Hospitality and International Tourism Academy representing the District in Washington, D.C. He introduced the advisor

Brent Knapp, Special Education, Lupine Hills Elementary
Maribel Lopez, 2nd Grade, Dover Elementary
Molly Salyk, 2nd Grade, Coronado Elementary
Andre Shie, 7th Grade Pre-Algebra, Helms Middle School
Keith Valdez, Kindergarten, Hanna Ranch Elementary

Mr. Mackey said the teachers will be acknowledged at next week's To Excellence event at Cerrito High School. They symbolically represent teachers everywhere who make a significant difference in the lives of students. He was gratified to make a difference for teachers who contribute to the wellness of the community and enrich lives of students. Mr. Mackey also acknowledged Ms. Roz Plishner for her work with EdUF and her work with the selection process. Ms. Plishner shared about the selection process and reported that Mr. Valdez and Ms. Lopez also represent their District at the county level for Teacher of the Year.

F.1 Manzanita Charter Middle School Renewal Decision Hearing

Ms. Linda Delgado presented information about the Manzanita Charter School and its inception in 2000 with charter renewals in 2005 and 2010. She said the staff report findings supports the recommendation to renew the petition. Manzanita staff was available to address questions of the Board. Executive Director Jim Tronzo introduced Math teacher Patricia Spillandato to reflect on the academic results for math, reading and language arts used by the school.

Public Comment:

Nicole Williams, Arturo Armendais, Rodrigo Torres, Emily Martinez, Angel Rachel Rodriguez, Utsha Raj, Eli S.M., Kimyatta Newby, Jennifer Quivoz, Terra Wilson, Toni Matullo, Audra Williams

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked about the standard of measurement for test scores. Manzanita staff responded with clarification. Ms. Block commended the school on their growth.

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B.9 WCCUSD Public Comment
Betty Brown, Madeleine Jen Ken, Margaret Brown, Nicole Williams, Susan Whrle, Judith VanHoorn, Monique Swain, NatalieWalchuck, Ron Beller, Deante James, Mary Alice Harris, Elizabeth Jimenez, Abadesa Rolon, Mason Salvador, Yolanda Lopez, Rosa Martinez, Yvonne Vasquez, Cara Houser, Dennis Cop, Dalia Garcia, Monzerrat Ledesma, Juanita Dixon, Leticia Hernandez, Leticia Acevedo

C. BUSINESS ITEM
This item was moved to follow item E. 3.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Bay Area Science Fair Winners
This item was moved to follow item B.8.

D.2 Recognition of Hercules High School Academy of Hospitality and International Tourism
This item was moved earlier on the agenda.

D.3 2014-15 Teaching Excellence Award Winner Recognition
This item was moved earlier on the agenda.

F.1 Manzanita Charter Middle School Renewal Decision Hearing
This item was moved to follow item D.3

Student Representative Alonso Saravia left the meeting for the evening.

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Academic Subcommittee Ms. Rashidchi provided a report on the Collaboration Colloquium held on April 21. She said there was great participation from teachers, board members and parents. The next meeting will be held May 12

Community Budget Advisory Committee. Ms. Gamba announced the next meeting for April 30 at the Alvarado Adult School Campus

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Block said the committee received information on a number of project updates. Ms. Kronenberg also said that change orders were reviewed. The next meeting will be held May 12. Ms. Cuevas asked about changes in the procedures for review of changes orders. Ms. Kronenberg elaborated on the discussion held detailing reasons for change orders.

Ivy League Connection. Ms. Kronenberg reported that 3 students have been selected to go with chaperones. Alumni dinners with each group will be held soon and will include students, alumni, parents, and fund raisers. She commended Mr. Ramsey for his fund raising efforts to cover tuition costs for students. She also commended the support of funders over the years.

Safety and School Climate Committee. Mr. Enos said that the next meeting would be held April 23rd at San Pablo Community Center adjacent to Helms Middle School. Td [(o)-7(h)-2(li)-12(m)-2(ad)-ISid0 Td [(o)-. 3c -0.d0 Tw ()Tj 0t(l C)-2(li)-12(

- E.2 Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Harter provide a report of activities in the District.
- E.3 In Memory of Members of the School Community

President Groves asked about any intent to rebid. Ms. Gamba explained that the recommendation to the Board was a request for proposal, not the same as a formal bid. The intent would be for staff to investigate the options available in piggybackable bids.

Ms. Cuevas asked about the vendor having opportunity to rebid. Ms. Gamba responded with information about vendors having piggybackable bid awards and considered. Ms. Gamba was not aware whether this vendor had this status.

Ms. Kronenberg asked if this process had been used previously. Ms. Gamba talked about both processes used to seek bids by the District in order to get the best value for the dollar while adhering to particular product standards.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved Approval of Consent Item C. 14 Coronado Elementary School Furniture, Fixture and Equipment Project Rejection of Bid including the deletion of the earlier mentioned paragraph. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted **yes**

G.2 Addressing the Need to Keep Board Meetings to a Reasonable Length of Time

Ms. Block said she thought keeping meetings a reasonable hour a good idea. She said it was not fair to the interest of the public and staff participation when meetings are lengthy.

Mr. Enos supported implementation on a trial basis in order to make a determination. He recognized the need to do something and suggested starting with the current procedure outlined in the agenda and possibly adopt after a test basis.

Superintendent Harter said that the items referenced are already in the Bylaws. The question was whether the Board wanted to adhere to them. He heard a consensus of the Board to go further and implement those procedures with the option to modify as necessary at each meeting.

President Groves said staff and the public are not best served with long meetings and his pledge was to be adherent to standing policies that facilitate the business of the Board.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
None

G.3 Local Plan Policies

Mr. Steve Collins reported on Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) assurances required by the State with accompanying policies. In reviewing the current policies it was determined that the State has added an additional criteria regarding disproportionality. As a single district SELPA board is asked to consider this addition. He said that District staff has

Ms. Cuevas commended the students and teachers of the Linked Learning Academy at Hercules. She also commended the Science Fair winners saying she was impressed by their success. She also commended the Collaboration Colloquium on instruction. She said she was excited to work with the Board on issues facing the District in the effort to continue to build trust with the community. She also looked forward to joining her colleagues at the Cinco de Mayo parade.

President Groves commended the recent colloquium where the thinkers in education presented. He commended the sharing of talent by the District's hardest working group of people. He said he saw the efforts resulting in change.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School May 6, 2015

K. ADJOURNMENT
President Groves adjourned the meeting at 10:PM.

Motion vote count order: Yes-Abstain-Absent

BH:dh

R. Enos