

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

May 6, 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 6:31 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 Kronenberg

Staff Present: Julio Arroyo, Energy Conservation Manager; Elizabeth Carmody, Director Community Engagement; Denise Cifelli, Senior Administrative Assistant; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Luis Freese, District Engineering Officer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Vincent Meyer, Executive Director M & O; ~~Erin B. Hill, Director of Special Services; Tj21. itte m64os s Sn5(te)-37nsnHrm64()-157nsoc at5545Re(g)5enSi frm mdn S c~~

B.7 Minutes: April 16, 2015; April 22, 2015; April 29, 2015

Public Comment:

Tom Panas, Ben Steinberg

Board Comment:

President Groves stated the comments from the public were correct and he did request an independent forensic examination.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved to amend the Minutes of April 29, 2015 for Item C.1. replacing the words “independent investigation” with “independent forensic examination”. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Amendment Approved May 20, 2015

“That we would hire an independent attorney who hasn’t worked with the district before to identify three or four forensic auditors who will then present their plan for the investigation to the Board. The Board will choose from that group an auditor that they feel best matches the investigation we want to do and then we will hire them to do the investigation.”

MOTION: Ms. Block moved to further amend the Minutes of April 29, 2015 for Item C.1. to include steps the Board had previously agreed to taking toward the independent investigation process which included hiring of an independent attorney not having worked with the district in the past and choosing a forensic auditor. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Block moved approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2015 and April 22, 2015 and amended Minutes of April 29, 2015. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.10 WCCUSD Public Comment

Sandi Brown, Amanda Henderson, Carlos Tobada, Bob Mandel

Due to the number of Public Comment speakers, the Board discussed lowering time limits.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved to limit Public Comment speakers to 1 minute each. Ms. Block seconded. Mr. Enos, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, Ms. Kronenberg voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

President Groves asked that Public Comment be delayed so that Items D.1 and D.2 could be heard in order to recognize student achievements.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved to hear items D.1 and D.2 then return to Public Comment. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

Board Comment:

President Groves congratulated the teams.

D.2 Class of 2015 Ed Fund Scholars Recognition

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Joel Mackey, Executive Director of West Contra Costa Education Fund, who presented certificates to the students receiving scholarships from the Ed Fund. The 66 scholars from 9 of WCCUSD's high schools were recognized. Pictures with the Board were taken after. The following students received certificates:

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<u>DeAnza High School</u>	<u>Leadership Public Schools - Richmond</u>
Jasmine Gill	Luis Ledesma
Alexander Hagan	Maria Nunez
Tareke James	Juliana Valencia
Jose Jimenez	
Alfred Machacon	<u>Middle College High School</u>
Linda Ngo	Eva Arias Ramirez
Cristina Pham	Matthew Chamberlain
Martin Ponce	Serena Saelee
Hero Vo	Kimiko Satterfield
Frederica Webster	Ashley Tejada
Brizjon Wilright	
<u>El Cerrito High School</u>	<u>Pinole Valley High School</u>
Lavonia Bobo	Quincy Chapple
Monet Boyd	Alexis Garcia
Lauren Darnell	William Garcia
Jay'La Donaville Smith	Tyler Ho
Maggie Li	Andrea Munoz
Kenyatta Marcelous	Yann Picouleau
Mareiana Pembrook	Brittany Tran
Justin Rodriguez	Jun Zhou
Jomoris Stewart	
Keith Thomas	<u>Richmond High School</u>
Daniella Vella	Saidy Brizuela
Akeilah Ward-Ha	Evelyn Corral Gonzales

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Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas questioned liability issues. Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Freese responded. Ms. Cuevas also asked about forming a partnership or selling real estate. Superintendent Harter outlined the process for surplus properties and reiterated the reasons for recommending demolition.

Ms. Block requested the Board find a way to accommodate Ujima Lodge #35's request for use. If not the Harmon Knolls location, possibly assist in finding a suitable location.

Ms. Kronenberg reiterated the complicated process surrounding Harmon Knolls and the need to look for other ways to partner with Ujima.

Mr. Enos stated his support for the Lodge but not wanting any child in an unsafe location. He also agreed the District should assist in looking for alternate locations.

President Groves stated he is a supporter of the Lodge and that staff and the Board support Ujima's work but are unable accommodate them at the Harmon Knolls site.

Ms. Cuevas also valued the work Ujima does in the community. She felt there was a lot more work to be done.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved Approval of Consent Item C.21 to continue with the demolition of the Harmon Knolls site. President Groves seconded. Ms. Block and President Groves voted yes. Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, and Ms. Kronenberg voted no. There were no abstentions and no absences. Motion failed 2-3-0-0.

C.22 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Coronado Elementary School Moving Services

Ms. LeBlanc read a revised item into the record.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved Approval of Consent Item C.22. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Alejandra Barragan Hidalgo (advisory vote only), and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

D.3 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Actions/Services Report #4

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Lyn Potter, Director Educational Services, Eric Peterson, Director Special Education and Elizabeth Carmody, Director Community Engagement who presented updated information on the thirteen of the LCAP Actions and Servi P y8-8(n08f02(ar)P136)at 8)801006(i)w 8-384(0)Fim(s)4(er)69z06TEv100(at)w 78.086.057(T)D(v4)P)20

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked whether LED lighting was being installed in new schools. Mr. Meyer and Mr. Freese responded stating they are looking into this for upcoming projects that have not yet been designed.

Mr. Groves questioned life of the lighting and Mr. Meyer explained lighting will significantly increase and lowes

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block raised concerns relating to the categories funded by the parcel tax versus the ballot language. Ms. Gamba provided history on the parcel tax explaining how programs listed came about and funding options. She also briefly explained the role of the CBAC.

Ms. Cuevas asked for clarification on unrestricted funds and usage, and ballot language. Ms. Gamba provided clarification.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) Report. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes. Ms. Block voted no. There were no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

F.6 Formation of a Subcommittee on Board Governance

Public Comment:

Tom Panas, Joanna Pace

Board Comment:

None

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of Formation of a Subcommittee on Board Governance. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1 Initial Public Hearing for Summit Schools

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

G.2 Project Status Report

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

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

None

I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Enos commented that there is only 5 ½ weeks left of the academic year and lots to accomplish.

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