

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

June 24, 2015

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

President Groves called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:33 P.M.

B.1

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Mark Bonnett, Executive Director Bond Finance; Patty Cuevas, Translator; Steve Collins, SELPA Director; Rachelle Forrest, Electronic Communications Coordinator; Luis Freese, District Engineer; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Philip Gonsalves, Senior Director; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Joshua Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtslander, Director Facilities & Construction; Nicole Joyner, Director Accountability; Drew Kravin, Project Assistant; Kim Moses, Stege Principal; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent M & O/Bond Program; Vince Meyer, Executive Director Maintenance / Operations; Leticia Oregon, Translator; Daniela Parasidis, Executive Director Business Services; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Ennis Pool, Desktop Support Technician; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Janice Thompson, Preschool Coordinator; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Regina Webber, Director Business Services; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block had questions about high school data and subgroups. Ms. Joyner provided information for clarification. Ms. Block asked for further information regarding STAR achievement. Ms. Rashidchi provided information regarding STAR Early Literacy and STAR Reading assessments.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about networking with other schools and how they are using dashboards. Ms. Joyner said that staff is networking with Haas School of Business and Oakland Unified School District. Ms. Kronenberg said that she saw this tool as a best practice to aid parents in accessing information.

Mr. Enos said he was heartened by the access available to teachers.

Ms. Cuevas asked how teachers were

Mr. Gonsalves provided a report about STEM initiatives and the Chevron / MIT partnership that supports the Kennedy Fabrication Laboratory, mobile fab lab, and hybrid fab lab at Crespi Middle School. He explained added value along with support of Common Core models. He shared how manufacturing in the lab is connected to the classroom, particularly with math content. He announced the September 29, 2015 grand opening at Kennedy High School as well as the Summer Institute during the week of July 13. Mr. Gonsalves commended Superintendent Harter and Cabinet for the support and leadership to get institute in place and opening.

Mr. Gonsalves shared some of his experiences while attending the White House Maker Nation Faire. He presented the Board with President Obama's proclamation regarding the National Week of Making, 2015.

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the progress of the lab set up. Mr. Gonsalves provided clarification. He spoke with pride of the state of the art lab for the Kennedy community. Ms. Kronenberg spoke about sharing the lab with the City of Richmond. She said she was appreciative and excited to see the lab's future.

Ms. Block asked about staffing for the labs. Mr. Gonsalves explained that MIT & the Fab Lab foundation were providing resources for lab manager. He also explained how the Fab Lab came to the District. She thanked Mr. Gonsalves and his staff for their work.

Mr. Enos said he looked forward to seeing what students will do with this opportunity.

President Groves thanked Mr. Gonsalves for the contributions to the District and commended him on the recognitions he has received while at the White House.

Public Comment:

None

D.3 Early Learning Report

Dr. Janice Thompson shared information regarding the Early Learning and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs. She introduced Ms. Olanra Ajay, who will take over the position upon Dr. Thompson's retirement. Dr. Thompson spoke

Ms. Cuevas said it was important to include the LCFF base dollars as well in the LCAP. She asked about items removed from current revision. Superintendent Harter explained that staff had hoped to incorporate priorities from the District's strategic plan into the 2014-15 LCAP which resulted in a source of confusion. He continued to explain that the LCAP x

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Discussion took place regarding the CBOC Resolution 15-1.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved to accept CBOC Resolution 15-1 without adopting. Ms. Block 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.

D.4 Demonstration of Agenda Online, a product of the California School Boards Association

Mr. Walton provided a demonstration of the electronic meeting agenda document system used by 213 school districts in California. He explained that the District was making use of a free one year trial subscription received by Ms. Block at the California School Boards Association

support of STEM education and academy pathways. Mr. Walton responded with information and clarification regarding expansion of the partnership.

Ms. Block had questions about direct benefits for students from this campus. Mr. Walton spoke of the same conversations coming from the community. He said that he looked for Board direction to pass on to working group.

Mr. Enos asked to what extent the University would work to expand the academic relationship with students over the 40 year time frame of the agreement. Mr. Walton responded with clarification.

President Groves, asked about jobs associated with the agreement and the need for deep reflection to transfer tacit knowledge to academic knowledge.

Ms. Cuevas said she felt it was premature to accept and vote on a resolution. She preferred to ask the Board's consideration for public engagement before conversation of a binding commitment.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved to table Resolution No. 78-1415 in Support of a Partnership with the University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the City of Richmond in the Development of the Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay for further discussion and input. Mr. Enos 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 to table the item.

F.5 Process to Address Clay Allegations

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