

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

December 10, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Clerk Groves called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. Clerk Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

B.1 Swearing In Of New Board Members

Hercules Vice-Mayor Dan Romero administered the oath of office for re-elected Board member Madeline Kronenberg and the newly elected Board members Elizabeth Block, and Valerie Cuevas.

B.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B.3 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Clerk Groves congratulated the newly elected Board members upon taking their oath of office. He offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

B.4 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Steve Collins, SELPA Director;

Motion: Ms. Block moved to affirm the adopted Board meeting dates. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

A separate motion was taken to establish the Board calendar for 2015. Superintendent Harter pointed out a date correction of July 8, 2015.

Motion: Ms. Kronenberg moved to establish the Board calendar for 2015 and correct the date of July 8, 2015. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg and President Groves voted yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

B.6 Report/Ratification of Closed Session
None

B.7 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Middle College High School
Mr. Amrinder Singh provided a report of activities at Middle College High School.

B.8 Agenda Review and Adoption

Public Comment:
Anton Jungherr

Board Comment:
Board members Block and Cuevas commented in response to Mr. Jungherr's remarks, noting their desire to wait for the January 10 retreat and working collaboratively with their colleagues.

MOTION: Ms. Block moved approval of agenda, including removing item C.5 for separate discussion. 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.

B.9 Public Comment:
Natalie Walchuk, Dan Romero, Yolanda Lopez, David Calderon, Dennis Cody, Roberto Rolon, Abadesa Rolon, Anton Jungherr, Ron Beller, Tom Panas, Flor Castro, Monzerrat Ledesma, Tiffany Acevedo, Dalia Gomez

C. BUSINESS ITEM

C.1 Acceptance of Donations

C.2 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.3 Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

C.4 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.5 Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

This item was removed for separate discussion.

C.6 Approval of Board Member Travel

This item was removed for separate discussion.

MOTION: Ms. Cuevas moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 – 4. Mr. Enos seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Enos, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative Amrinder Singh (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 Ed Fund Arts & Music Impact Grant Awardees for 2014

Ms. Rashidchi introduced Joel Mackey, Executive Director of Ed Fund, to celebrate the Arts and Impact Grant award winners. Mr. Mackey reported that this was the Ed. Fund's thirty-first year to award grants to teachers and schools in District. He said that the Ed Fund received a bequest and endowment from Brad Bradley of El Cerrito to be used for art and music programs within the District. Mr. Mackey spoke of the nearly \$30,000 in awards this year to educators and hope to grow the endowment to provide more awards. He invited grantees to come forward and share information about their programs and use of the funds. Board members individually congratulated the recipients and took a moment for photographs.

Public Comment:
None

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

E.1 Standing Reports

Ivy League Connection. Mr. Don Gosney provided an update on the Ivy League Connection. He said that he had received numerous comments of support from community and financial supporters. He shared a reflective blog written by Magaly Rodriguez during her 2014 program at Brown University.

West Contra Costa Administrators Association. Co-executive Director Sara Danielson welcomed the new Board members. She said the newly installed WCCAA Board will be introduced in January. She spoke of the District's Solutions Team collaborative as an invaluable communication avenue for the various labor unions. She said the regular,

Public Comment:

Anton Jungherr

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas asked about the timeline for approval of the change orders. Superintendent Harter explained that this item was ratification of change orders that have previously been authorized and made, putting them into the public record.

Ms. Gamba offered additional clarification saying that many of the change orders over the original contract had been previously approved by Board. Discussion continued regarding the process that the CBOC uses for its review, oversight and annual performance audit.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Negotiated Chang

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Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

BH:dh

R. Enos
Approved 1/7/15