

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

**September 11, 2013**

**A. CLOSED SESSION**

**B. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Kronenberg called the Public Session to order at 6:32 P.M.

**B.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Kronenberg led the pledge of allegiance.

**B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures**

President Kronenberg offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting.

**B.3 Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Randall Enos, Todd Groves, Madeline Kronenberg, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Ramsey

**Staff Present:** Magdy Abdalla, Engineering Officer; Martin Coyne, Executive Director Bond Finance; Linda Delgado, Coordinator Education Services; Bill Fay, Associate Superintendent Operations; Luis Freese, Executive Director Maintenance and Operations; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent for Business Services; Phil Gonsalves, Senior Director; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Josh Herrera, Electronics Technician; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer, Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Reyna Touriel, Translator; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

**B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from Middle College High School**

Ms. Ivette Alejandra provided a report of activities at Middle College High School. **two**

**Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Mr. Ramsey, and Student Representative all voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the agenda for the September 11, 2013 meeting. Mr. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative, and Madeline Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

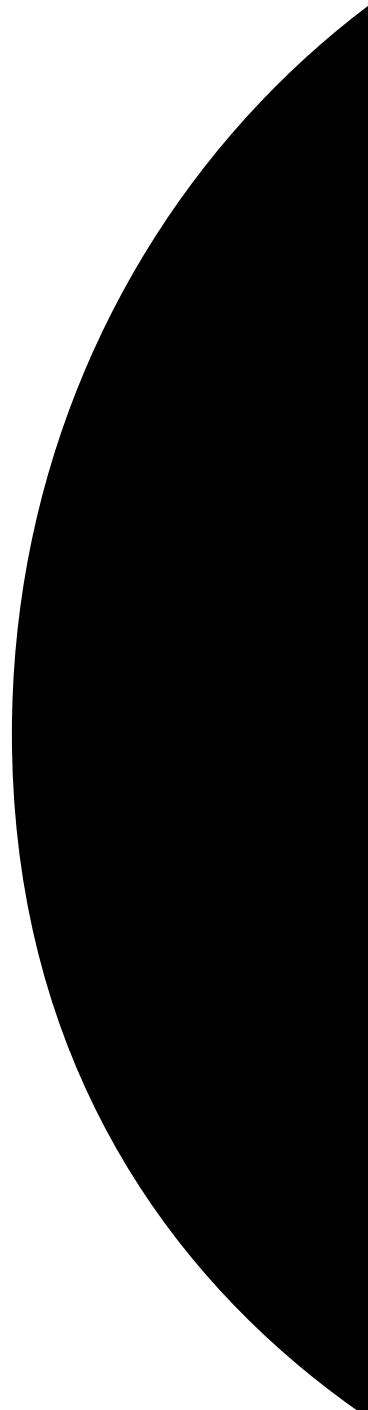
**B.7 Minutes: August 5, 2013; August 7, 2013; August 12, 2013**

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the minutes for the August 5, 2013; August 7, 2013; and August 12, 2013 meetings. Mr. Groves seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, Student Representative, and Madeline Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

**B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment**

Orlandus Waters, Betty Burrus-Wright, Thomas B. Burt, Bobbie Dowling, Karen VanWinkle





**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey had a question regarding the ending fund balance for Schedule 6 Building Funds. Ms. Gamba responded with information regarding cash and fund balances.

**MOTION: Mr. Ramsey moved approval of the 2012-2013 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Mr. Ramsey, and President Kronenberg voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.**

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**G.1 Project Status Report**

Mr. Abdalla provided an update of construction projects in the District.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Ramsey expressed concerned about the Downer and Pinole Middle fields projects. Mr. Abdalla responded. Mr. Ramsey also questioned the Coronado bidding process. Mr. Fay explained that the several bidders had questions regarding the drawings and that staff wanted to respond before going under contract to avoid change orders after construction begins. President Kronenberg asked whether there was an unusual set of questions that would inform the comprehensive check list. Mr. Fay responded that this is an opportunity to improve the program by adding a new level of detail in response to unanticipated questions.

Ms. Merriweather asked about the Gompers Leadership project schedule. Mr. Abdalla reported that construction is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Ramsey remarked about dedicating some of the buildings to people who have been an important part of the District.

**G.2 Bond Finance – Bond Sale Planning and Review of Outstanding Bonds and Refunding Analysis**

Dave Olson of KNN Public Finance provided a report on the anticipated sale of series 2013 bonds in October. He provided details of the financing of the plan, the increase in interest rates, and the program as a whole. There was consensus that the biggest threat to the bond program is the decline in assessed property values. Mr. Olson explained that long term assessed valuation growth is an important factor in setting up the bond construction program and moving forward.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Comment:**

President Kronenberg had questions regarding the recent Richmond City Council's decision regarding eminent domain action. Mr. Jeff Barratta of Piper Jaffrey & Company Investment Bankers responded. He said that he felt the District has a very good story to share with potential investors as well as those that the District has

**I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Ramsey said that he felt the school year was off to a good start and wished everyone great school year.

Mr. Groves said the busy summer will pay off this year and hopes to see real academic growth for students.

Ms. Merriweather agreed that staff worked hard over the summer in support of the District. She said she attended Back to School Night at several schools.

President Kronenberg announced a celebration planned for September 22nd at El Cerrito's dance studio to honor retired teacher Jacqueline Burgess and her 40 years of teaching.

**J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Lovonya DeJean Middle School – September 25, 2013

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Kronenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:52 P.M.

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

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Approved 9/25/13