

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
LOVONYA DEJEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
3400 MACDONALD AVENUE
RICHMOND, CA 94805**

October 18, 2017 6:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 6:39 PM:

Present:

Liz Block
Valerie Cuevas
Madeline Kronenberg
Tom Panas
Mister Phillips

A. CLOSED SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - (Government Code 54957.7)**
- 3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AS SCHEDULED**

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION/SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3)]**
- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION/INITIATION OF LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]**
- 4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
- 5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**
- 6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Minutes:

President Block called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Block called the Public Session to order at 6:39 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

President Block led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Minutes:

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

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Board Members Present: Liz Block, Valerie Cuevas, Madeline Kronenberg, Tom Panas, Mister Phillips

Student Representative Ryan Saechao was present. Student Representative Carlos Linares was absent.

Staff Present: Alicia Bowman, Executive Director Research, Accountability, Assessment and Data; Denise Cifelli, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Matthew Duffy, Superintendent; Juan Carlos Field, Translator; Luis Freese, Engineering Officer; Joshua Herrera, Maintenance Supervisor; Jackie Kim, Internal Auditor/Director; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent Facilities, M & O/Bond Program; Roxanne Molina, Translator; Chris Mount-Benites, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Reyna Ortiz De Touriel, Translator; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Associate Superintendent PreK-Adult Educational Operations; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Ken Whittimore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

4. Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to join the Amicus Curiae Briefing to be filed in the Regents of the University of California and Janet Napolitano vs. The United States Department of Homeland Security matter filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California challenging the rescission of the Deferred Action for childhood Arrivals program (DACA) and further approved being represented in the matter by Andra Donovan, General Counsel for the San Diego Unified School District.

The Board also approved the appointment of Kim Jordon as Assistant Principal for DeAnza High School.

5. Review of Number of Requests to Address the Board For Comment on Individual Agenda Items

Minutes:

President Block assessed the number of speakers signed up in consideration of adjusting the agenda.

6. Agenda Review and Adoption (Public Comment)

Minutes:

Mr. Panas requested Items D.4 and D.7 be pulled for discussion; Ms. Cuevas requested item D.8 be pulled and read aloud prior to public comment; Mr. Phillips requested items D.9 and D.11 be pulled for discussion.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Phillips seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Mister Phillips.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

7. Minutes: September 20, 2017; October 4, 2017

Mr. Panas requested the September 20, 2017 minutes be tabled until the next meeting to allow time to review the video.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of tabling the Minutes for September 20, 2017. Mr. Phillips seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Mister Phillips.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

Regarding the Minutes of October 4, 2017, Mr. Phillips clarified his remarks in Item F.2 to include the word "and" in the sentence "implementing a school of the arts and a technical education school".

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Minutes for October 4, 2017 as amended. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

8. WCCUSD Public Comment

Minutes:

Marie Issa Gil, Lucero Garcia, Joanna Pace

C. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Student Recognition: De Anza High School Air Force JROTC

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy recognized the students of the Junior ROTC Unit from De Anza High School for receipt of the AFJROTC Distinguished Unit Award with Merit for 2016-17 and noted it placed the cadets within the top 5% of units worldwide. Principal Sigler introduced Major Mark Sideno who provided a program update over the last four years. Group Commander Gladys Mendoza, student leader for the program, thanked the Board for its support. The Board stepped down to congratulate and take photos with the unit attendees.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

None

Superintendent Duffy announced that the students of former Harry Ells High School were celebrating their 50th anniversary and invited Margaret Maher to the podium to introduce herself and members of the organizing committee. She provided history on her time as a student and acknowledged her fellow students. A certificate was presented by Superintendent Duffy.

President Block requested Item D.4 follow the Consent Items instead of holding until the end of the meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Item D.4 following the Consent Items. Mr. Phillips seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Mister Phillips.

D. BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

2. Acceptance of Donations

3. Summary of Payroll and Vendor Warrant Reports

4. Contracts

This item was pulled for discussion

Minutes:

Mr. Panas requested additional information relating to measurable annual outcomes for the Reach Institute, High Expectations and Bright Futures contracts. Ms.

Rashidchi distributed the additional information to the Board and briefly went through the information provided. Mr. Panas had a follow-up question asking if a separate Parent University would be held for African-American parents. Ms. Rashidchi affirmed and said it would provide information on the differences in curriculum.

Ms. Cuevas questioned the Parent University model stating it should meet the needs of and be accepting of all. Ms. Rashidchi explained there were both culture and climate, and curriculum issues being worked on. There was continued discussion on meeting the needs of all parents through curriculum and a targeted program.

Ms. Kronenberg asked if there were efforts to connect achievement gap data. Ms. Rashidchi introduced Taneya Weller from High Expectations to who provided further detail on the relationship between curriculum and achievement.

Mr. Phillips questioned how they would be able to measure increased parental involvement. Ms. Weller noted avenues used.

Mr. Panas indicated that a page from the Kurieo contract was missing from the items posted with the agenda. Mr. Mount-Benites advised that a copy of the page was provided to members and would be updated in Agenda Online after the meeting.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Consent Item D.4, Contracts. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

Yes Liz Block

Yes Valerie Cuevas

Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas

Yes Mister Phillips

5. Classified Employee Ratification

6. West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (Ed Fund) Memorandum of Understanding

7. Resolution No. 42-1718: A Resolution to Affirm Our Commitment to Strategic Use of Data from Preschool through 12th Grade.

This item was pulled for discussion.

Minutes:

Mr. Panas said he approved of the resolution as written but had concern that approval would be for staff's recommendations.

Mr. Panas moved approval of Resolution 42-1718: A Resolution to Affirm Our Commitment to Strategic Use of Data from Preschool through 12th Grade as written. Mr. Phillips seconded. No vote was taken at this time.

President Block requested discussion. Ms. Cuevas also wanted discussion on staff's rationale for suggested changes.

Ms. Bowman, Executive Director of Research, Accountability, Assessment & Data, provided insight on the rationale of language and suggestions staff provided and advised the Board that staff was in agreement with the resolution as written.

10:04 pm Student Representative Ryan Saechao left the meeting for the evening.

President Block offered a friendly amendment to remove bullet 3 from staff recommendations. Mr. Panas was unclear as to the amendment President Block asked for and requested they vote on his original motion.

Mr. Phillips requested an amendment to the resolution to add wording "and district contractors" to paragraph 13 as staff had recommended. Mr. Panas agreed to accept this amendment his motion.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Resolution 42-1718: A Resolution to Affirm Our Commitment to Strategic Use of Data from Preschool through 12th Grade as amended. Mr. Phillips seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Mister Phillips.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

8. Resolution No. 43-1718 In Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Minutes:

Ms. Cuevas read the resolution aloud earlier on the agenda.

Public Comment

Douglas P. Sibley, Jerome Smith, Mike Raccoon Eyes Kinney, Courtney Cummings

Motion Passed: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Resolution No. 43-1718: In Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Mr. Phillips seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Valerie Cuevas and a second by Mister Phillips.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

9. Acceptance of Contra Costa County Office of Education Annual Report for Williams Settlement Legislation

Minutes:

This item was pulled for discussion.

Mr. Phillips said he felt the community should be apprised of the complaint listed in the item. Ms. LeBlanc stated the item did not have a complaint attached. Mr. Whittemore and Superintendent Duffy clarified the report process.

Ms. Cuevas asked about the status of Ombudsman and tracking process, saying she would like to see routine updates. Superintendent Duffy agreed.

Ms. Kronenberg requested information in a Friday memo. Mr. Whittemore agreed to.

Motion Passed: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Contra Costa County Office of Education Annual Report for Williams Settlement Legislation. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Valerie Cuevas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

10. Ratification of Negotiated Bond Program Change Orders

11. Ratification of Staff Awarded Contracts (CUPCAA): July 2017 September 2017

Minutes:

This item was pulled for discussion.

Mr. Phillips asked for clarification on people doing contracting work and whether work was taken away from employees.

Ms. LeBlanc explained that the work was specialized with expertise that did not lie within the District or due to lack of staff to perform the number of projects needing completion.

Ms. Kronenberg requested the District have processes in place to ensure utilizing employees prior to outsourcing.

Ms. Cuevas wanted to know if it was a problem of capacity or specialization. Ms. LeBlanc stated that there could be many reasons and issues are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Whittemore also reported conversations taking place with the union to help build capacity and clarity.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved to ratify the Staff Awarded Contract (CUPCCAA): July 2017-September 2017. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, and President Block voted yes, Mr. Phillips abstained, and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-1-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Abstain Mister Phillips

12. Williams Lawsuit Complaints Quarterly Report

Motion Passed: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of Consent Items D.1-3, 5-6, 11 and 12. Mrs. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Valerie Cuevas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

1. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy provided a report of activities and events in the District.

2. Standing Reports

Minutes:

Bayside Council of PTAs. Leslie Reckler reported on the 30th District PTA training held at Ford Elementary. The PTA will host the Future Teachers Club at Richmond High School and a Day of Dead Celebration is planned for early November. She noted the Mandarin School held its first charter meeting and touched on SB328. She concluded by encouraged donations for families in fire areas. Monetary donations could go through the Redwood Credit Union at www.redwoodcu.org/northbayfirerelief.

Governance Subcommittee. Ms. Cuevas said the next meeting was scheduled for November 8 and invited the public to join.

Safety & Climate Committee. Mr. Phillips noted the meeting was rescheduled to October 30 due to school closures.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg reported the recent meeting covered bond program financial report, forensic audit implementation plan, and update on long range facilities master plan. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017.

3. In Memory of Members of the School Community

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy recognized members of the community who have passed away and asked for a moment of silence.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

1. Workforce Housing

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy reported on a conversation with officials from Assemblyman Tony Thurmond's office stating interest in partnering with the District in this endeavor. Their office was also in discussion with CalHFA to determine how a partnership with the District might develop. Ms. LeBlanc presented information on workforce housing providing discussion points and options for Board consideration. Board direction to staff was to initiate an RFQ/P for a feasibility study.

Public Comment:

Leslie Reckler

Board Comment:

Ms. Kronenberg shared her thoughts on moving forward stating the District owed it to the workforce to explore options and believed the community was open to the project.

Ms. Cuevas stated she served on the housing board and advised everyone that discussions with cross-jurisdictional agencies had already begun. She questioned whether everyone was ready to stop discussing possibilities and move to the next phase engaging expertise to learn how to proceed.

Mr. Phillips commented that workforce housing was not just for teachers but classified and other employees as well. He asked whether the Board would need to choose one of the options laid out in the presentation prior to releasing an RFP. Ms. LeBlanc clarified that the feasibility study would assist in determining the best options and strategies for the Board to consider. Mr. Phillips stated his agreement in moving forward.

Mr. Panas agreed with the need to look into housing options for employees. He questioned the use of tax credit percentages and federal dollars available. Ms. LeBlanc stated that low income tax credits were difficult to get but was looking into it. She said she would check on federal funds and was not sure of the cost of a feasibility study. She was hoping to receive and review proposals to bring back to the Board in January. Mr. Panas also questioned the possibility of zoning. Ms. LeBlanc said that would be a part of the study, but felt a general plan amendment or re-zoning could be required.

President Block stated she supported affordable housing for staff and wanted to be part of a group effort but thought the District should not be responsible for housing. She felt there were other means available that the state or cities could look into and did not agree with putting forth an RPQ/P. Ms. LeBlanc felt an RFP would help identify possible partners for the District and reminded the group there was no action tonight, just opportunity for staff direction to obtain a feasibility study.

Ms. Cuevas clarified the feasibility study would assist with maximizing partnerships and reminded members that potential sites are unused properties. She encouraged thinking of multiple strategies.

President Block encouraged the community, city, and state to continue to work on the issue with the District.

Ms. Kronenberg wanted to bring the item back as an action item and receive public comment.

Ms. LeBlanc summarized the discussion consensus to move forward with the RFQ/P and bring back a recommendation for a feasibility study in the January timeframe.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve the Bond Program Site Budget Authorization for the Facilities Master Plan Project and Project Close-Outs

Minutes:

Ms. LeBlanc identified reasons for the requested approval of construction budget increases for Coronado and Lake Elementary schools. She also noted budget decreases for Lincoln, Helms, DeAnza, Greenwood/LPS and Vista. Ms. LeBlanc noted the increases and decreases had no effect on the fund balance of Fund 21. Demolition of Valley View and Harmon Knolls was included with no increase.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:

Ms. Cuevas asked for additional clarification on where the District spent more and less. Ms. LeBlanc provided the information.

Mr. Panas asked if adjustments included the portables at Lake. Ms. LeBlanc responded that portables came out of the general fund, not bond funds.

Mr. Phillips stated he supported the work at Lake and acknowledged the City of San Pablo for their partnership with the District.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Bond Program Site Budget Authorization for the Facilities Master Plan Project and Close-outs. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block

Yes Valerie Cuevas

Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas

Yes Mister Phillips

2. Adopt Resolution No. 40-1718 Budget Revisions, Resulting Increases and/or Decreases in Appropriations for the 2017-18 Budget Year

Minutes:

Mr. Mount-Benites presented financial information on Fund 21 budget revisions to date for 2017-18 resulting in an overall decrease of the fund balance of -\$149,620.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Phillips requested clarification on salary/benefits. Mr. Mount-Benites explained. Ms. LeBlanc clarified that the item related to annual budgets, not site budgets, and the reallocation of some of those budgets. Mr. Phillips expressed concern that this moved project start dates for multiple schools and questioned communication with school families. Ms. LeBlanc assured that start dates were not impacted related to construction.

Ms. Kronenberg agreed with Ms. LeBlanc and shared that the start dates to which Mr. Phillips referred was not depicted in the information provided.

Ms. Cuevas wanted to ensure clear communication with parents regarding critical needs projects. Ms. LeBlanc reiterated that funds moved within the annual budget and not project start dates.

President Block commented that charter schools reduce students and questioned why the District was not reducing site administrative personnel such as principals and psychologists. Mr. Mount-Benites explained assumptions used in budgeting. Mr. Panas made a point of order noting comments by President Block were not relevant to agenda item discussed.

President Block questioned relationship between finance and bond finance. Mr. Mount-Benites offered clarification.

Mr. Phillips reiterated his concern over parent communication related to changes affecting sites. Discussion continued around the communications needed for master plan and other construction projects.

Conversation stressed clarity of language for the future.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of Resolution No. 40-1718 Budget Revisions Resulting Increases and/or Decreases in Appropriations for the 2017-18 Budget Year. Ms. Cuevas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, Mr. Phillips voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Valerie Cuevas.

Yes Liz Block

Yes Valerie Cuevas

Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas

No Mister Phillips

3. Amend the Agreement with Moss Adam LLP for Performance Audit Services to include a separate report for Forensic Accounting Investigation Implementation Minutes:

Ms. LeBlanc presented background on the Moss-Adams Performance Audit and the requested amendment, and provided staff's recommendations for consideration.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Panas conveyed his thoughts on integrating the additional scope of work saying he felt it would garner trust within the community. He stated he was in favor of extending the scope of work.

Ms. Kronenberg stated her approval and agreed the cost of extending the scope of work was valuable to rebuild trust within the community.

Mr. Phillips stated he felt the current Board should not be accountable for past Board decisions and felt the answers could be provided by staff without the additional cost.

Ms. Cuevas agreed that the additional work must be done to extend stewardship and that staff needed to find ways to implement as soon as possible. She then asked what support the Board could lend to assist staff in accomplishing all that needed to be done.

Mr. Phillips expressed concern that the report would come back with information staff had already provided and did not see this as beneficial in the passing of a future bond measure.

Discussion continued on the purpose and scope of the audit, enhancing community trust, and affecting efficiencies within the District. Pros and cons of additional cost, staff coverage and implementation were discussed.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Amended Moss Adam LLP for Performance Audit Services Agreement. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Cuevas, Mr. Panas, and Ms. Kronenberg voted yes, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 3-2-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

No Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
No Mister Phillips

4. Membership Ratification for the Citizens Oversight Committee for Parcel Taxes Minutes:

Mr. Mount-Benites presented the roster for the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Parcel Taxes for ratification and asked for approval while recruitment continued.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Ms. Cuevas questioned vacancies that had not been filled. Superintendent Duffy clarified. Ms. Cuevas asked that the member organizations be posted on the website.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Membership Ratification for the Citizens Oversight Committee for Parcel Taxes. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no

absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

5. Serra Mandarin Immersion Kinder Play Yard Replacement Project Non-Bond Change Order Approval

Minutes:

Ms. LeBlanc detailed additional costs associated with the play yard replacement project at Serra and requested the Board's approval of the change order.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

President Block provided background on the decision to move the playground.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Serra Mandarin Immersion Kinder Play Yard Replacement Project Non-Bond Change Order. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

6. Madera Elementary School Kindergarten Portable Classroom Change Order Approval

Minutes:

Ms. LeBlanc explained additional costs associated with the Madera portable project and requested the Board's approval of the change order.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the Madera Elementary School

Kindergarten Portable Classroom Change Order. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

7. Resolution 41-1718: Grant/Contract Signature Authorization

Minutes:

Mr. Mount-Benites requested approval of the updated signature authorization form required by the State of California authorizing delegation authority.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Resolution 41-1718: Grant/Contract Signature Authorization. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg
Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

8. Public Hearing and Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to United Teachers of Richmond (UTR)

Minutes:

Mr. Whittemore requested a public hearing to accept the opening of discussions between the District's labor negotiators and United Teachers of Richmond to discuss proposals to Articles 10 and 22.

President Block opened public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Block closed public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

Motion Passed: Ms. Cuevas moved approval of the Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the West Contra Costa Unified School District to United Teachers of Richmond (UTR). Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, Student Representative Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Valerie Cuevas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block

Yes Valerie Cuevas

Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas

Yes Mister Phillips

9. Public Hearing and Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) to West Contra Costa Unified School District

Minutes:

Mr. Whittemore requested a public hearing to accept the opening of discussions between the District's labor negotiators and United Teachers of Richmond to discuss proposals to Articles 23 and 12.

President Block opened public hearing.

Public Comment:

None

President Block closed public hearing.

Board Comment:

None

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Adoption of Initial Bargaining Proposal from the United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) to West Contra Costa Unified School District. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and Ryan Saechao (advisory vote only), and President Block voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block

Yes Valerie Cuevas

Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas

Yes Mister Phillips

H. UNFINISHED REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Minutes:

None

I. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes:

Mr. Panas talked about spending more time in classrooms and his interest in seeing the different levels of teaching.

Ms. Cuevas focused on disaster preparedness in the wake of the fires, requesting an analysis from the Superintendent. She thanked community partners for their support with masks, opening centers for youth and responsiveness to school closures.

Ms. Kronenberg noted the District has always expressed concern over communities closest to Chevron processes in place to measure air quality, but now understands that vulnerability can be much more widespread in disasters such as fire.

Mr. Phillips thanked the community for its patience and understanding relating to school closures and clarified his decision to agree with the closures.

President Block felt the need to provide teachers with talking points when disasters affect students. She also commented on her visit to El Cerrito High with Superintendent Duffy and the amazing job the auto shop teacher does for both students and adults.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes:

Lovonya DeJean Middle School - November 1, 2017

K. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

President Block adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM.