

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

December 06, 2017 6:30 PM

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. STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code Section 35146)

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Minutes:

President Block called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. President Block called the Public Session to order at 6:40 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 Representatives Carlos Linares and Ryan Saechao were absent.

Staff Present: Eric Acosta-Verprauskus, Verde Principal; Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus, Montalvin Principal; Julio Arroyo, Executive Director M & O; Mark Bonnett, Executive Director Bond Finance; Alicia Bowman, Executive Director Research, Accountability, Assessment and Data; Steve Butler, Electronics Technician; Denise Cifelli, Confidential Secretary; Steve Collins, Associate Superintendent Special Education; Matthew Duffy, Superintendent; Jawan Eldridge, Peres Principal; Otilia Espinoza, Translator; Juan Carlos Field, Translator; Luis Freese, Engineering Officer; April Hawkins, LCAP Administrator; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Nancy Ingram, Staff Secretary; Robert Jordan, Manager Communications; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent Facilities, M & O/Bond Program; Roxanna Molina, Translator; Chris Mount-Benites, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Melissa Payne, Director Contract Administration; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Nia Rashidchi, Associate Superintendent PreK-Adult Educational Operations; Joey Sundberg, King Principal; Claudia Velez, Wilson Principal; Marcus Walton, Communications Director; Regina Webber, Executive Director; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

4. Annual Organization Meeting

Minutes:

Public Comment:

Alicia Jackson, Tana Monteiro, Tomasa Espinosa, Wendy Lopez, Brenda Rios, Scottie Smith, Lupe Calvario

Election of President

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg nominated Valerie Cuevas to the position of President of the Board. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas and Mr. Phillips voted yes, with no abstentions or 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

Election of Clerk

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas nominated Mister Phillips to serve as Clerk of the Board. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Cuevas, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas and Mr. Phillips voted yes, with no abstentions or 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

Superintendent Duffy presented Ms. Block with a plaque to commemorate her term as President.

A separate motion was taken to appoint the Superintendent as Secretary.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved to affirm the appointment of the Superintendent as Secretary. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions or 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

A separate motion was taken to authorize the President to sign documents, and the Clerk to sign in the absence of President.

Motion Passed: Ms. Block moved to affirm the authorization of the President to sign documents, and the Clerk to sign in the absence of President. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions or absences. Motion carried 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Liz Block and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

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

A separate motion was taken to affirm meeting dates for 2018.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved to affirm the meeting dates for 2018. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions or 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

A separate motion was taken to affirm the additional Board adopted meeting dates for 2018.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved to affirm the additional Board adopted meeting dates for 2018. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions or 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. Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Minutes:

None

6. Review of Number of Requests to Address the Board For Comment On Individual Agenda Items

Minutes:

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

7. Agenda Review and Adoption (Public Comment)

Minutes:

Mr. Phillips requested that items D.3, D.5, D.6, D.7, and D.9 be pulled for separate discussion and action. Associate Superintendent Ken Whittemore requested that items D.10 and D.11 be tabled to a future meeting. President Cuevas also tabled item G.4 to a future meeting.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the Agenda as amended. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas 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:

Mike Peritz, John Irminger, Suzanne Balmaceda, Benjamin Therriault, Mitzi Perez

C. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Student Performance: Hercules High School Women's Chorus

Minutes:

The Hercules High School Women's Chorus, directed by Anthony West, performed two holiday selections.

D. BUSINESS ITEMS - CONSENT ITEMS

1. Acceptance of Donations

2. Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

3. Annual Renewal of Continuing Services

Minutes:

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

Mr. Whittemore reported on the three-year contract renewal with Teach for America as a maximum amount, only paying for number of teachers received. He spoke about the commitment for three years and good partner in recruiting teachers.

Motion Passed: Mr. Panas moved approval of Consent Item D.3 Annual Renewal of Continuing Services. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 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

4. Resolution 52-1718: Certificate of Signatures

5. Annual Report on Williams Settlement School Site Visits

Minutes:

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved acceptance of Consent Item D.5 Annual Report on Williams Settlement School Site Visits. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with Ms. Block abstaining and no absences. Motion 4-0-1-0. Passed with a motion by Madeline Kronenberg and a second by Tom Panas.

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

6. Ratification of Negotiated Bond Program Change Orders

Minutes:

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

Motion Passed: Mr. Phillips moved approval of Consent Item D.6 Ratification of Negotiated Bond Program Change Orders. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Mister Phillips and a second by Tom Panas.

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

7. Approval of Professional and Special Services Contracts

Minutes:

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

Motion Passed: Mr. Phillips moved approval of Consent Item D.7 Approval of Professional and Special Services Contracts. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Mister Phillips and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

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

8. Amendment to the Facilities Use Agreement with Richmond College Prep Schools (RCP)

9. Wilson Elementary Temporary Campus Transformer Infrastructure Project Rejection of Bid and Authorization for Staff to Rebid

Minutes:

This item was pulled for separate discussion and action.

Motion Passed: Mr. Phillips moved approval of Consent Item D.9 Wilson Elementary Temporary Campus Transformer Infrastructure Project Rejection of Bid and Authorization for Staff to Rebid. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Mister Phillips and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

Yes Liz Block
Yes Valerie Cuevas
Yes Madeline Kronenberg

Yes Tom Panas
Yes Mister Phillips

10. Approval of Short-term Health Benefits Premiums Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 856

Minutes:

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

11. Approval the New Babysitters and Playground Supervisors Minimum Wage Agreement with Teamsters Local Union 856

Minutes:

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of Consent Items D.1, D.2, D.4 and D.8. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 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

E. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

1. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy provided a report of activities and events in the District. He introduced speaker Caroline Damon, of the Chamberlain Family Foundation and the fellowship True School, supporting educators to use design thinking to address challenges.

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked about schools presenting data related to effectiveness of the interventions. Ms. Damon responded. Ms. Kronenberg expressed her appreciation and asked about a plan for expansion to the full District. Ms. Damon spoke about assessment and evaluation for further expansion. Mr. Panas asked how the school projects were determined. Korematsu staff explained the process in interviewing parents and students to look for trends to determine their school's project.

2. Standing Reports

Minutes:

United Teachers of Richmond. President Demetrio Gonzalez congratulated President Cuevas on her new position. He also commended Ms. Block for her term in office. He continued to speak about visits to high schools and the work being

done. He visited the health centers and work on behalf of students. He asked the Board to continue advocating for teachers.

Safety Climate Committee. Mr. Phillips reported on the recent meeting and speakers from West Ed. Handouts were provided, that he will share with board members, around the Healthy Kids Survey.

Governance Subcommittee. Mr. Panas reported on work of Mr. Trujillo and work around guidance to SSC and SPSAs in both English and Spanish. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14.

Facilities Subcommittee. Ms. Kronenberg reported on the November 14 meeting that included an interview of the student committee member as well as discussion of items including the Wilson Design Build implementation, update on Pinole Valley High School, and general construction updates on Fairmont. Ms. Block shared that the El Cerrito Senior Citizen Center had found a new home located near City Hall on San Pablo Avenue. The next meeting will be held December 19.

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. Partners in School Innovation Update

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy shared information about the multi-year partnership to bring high level professional support to the Kennedy Family schools. Jessica Gammel, District Partnership Director, and Jamie Kidd, National Director of Program Development, introduced themselves and spoke about the work supporting school leaders in the nine schools of the Kennedy Family supporting school leaders. Principals Joey Sundberg at King and Claudia Velez at Wilson share information about their experiences with the program.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

Mr. Panas asked about goal setting for schools and annual measures. Ms. Kidd and Ms. Gammel provided information for clarification about individual school goals for student achievement as well as common goals. Superintendent Duffy spoke about sharing goals with Board members. Mr. Panas continued with questions to which Partners staff responded with clarification.

Ms. Kronenberg expressed appreciation of the in-depth presentation. She asked for

samples of the rubric used. Ms. Kidd provided examples of instructional, differential, and data instruction.

Ms. Block asked for clarification about the scale used in the presentation. Principal Sundberg shared her experiences about work with her coaching partner to focus on theory of action. Ms. Block had additional questions about data. Ms. Kidd explained the baseline data as compared to actual data. They continued to speak about tools to be shared in the District.

President Cuevas appreciated the insight and pointed out the loss of traction due to teacher turnover.

2. K-8 Expansion

Minutes:

Superintendent Duffy shared information about previous discussions about K-8 school expansions. He spoke about looking at criteria and school for the right fit with parent interest. He identified Peres, Montalvin and Verde are the schools determined to be considered. Superintendent Duffy also spoke about Highland for possible consideration in the future. Superintendent Duffy will bring this as an action item to the Board at the January 3 meeting. He talked about the attrition rate for schools losing students in 7th grade.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Ms. Block asked about the opinion of parents. Montalvin Principal Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus said that parents were very excited about keeping their students in the smaller community, fear of transition to a much bigger campus, and ease for families with multiple siblings.

Ms. Kronenberg asked Peres Principal Jawan Eldridge and Verde Principal Eric Acosta-Verprauskus about the percentages of their students who leave the district. They also spoke about the facilities and capacity to expand. Montalvin Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus also remarked the school had space to accommodate science labs and additional classrooms. Mr. Acosta-Verprauskus spoke about the parent feedback.

Ms. Kronenberg asked Superintendent Duffy about Crespi and Helms. He responded with information and also spoke about Pinole Middle. He addressed the 36% of students leaving the school and seeking solutions. He spoke about work to address making schools attractive to families as well as providing flexible facilities for future use.

Mr. Phillips had questions about segregation of students in North Richmond and Montalvin as well as across the District. Mr. Acosta -Verprauskus spoke about social

emotional and academic benefit for 7th and 8th graders and opportunity to get deeper connections to high schools and Middle College. Mrs. Acosta -Verprauskus spoke about partnering with other K-8 schools in the District to do this successfully.

Mr. Phillips continued with remarks about gang activity and meshing with students from other neighborhoods at an earlier age. Mr. Acosta-Verprauskus responded. Mr. Phillips concluded with remarks about assessment scores.

Mr. Panas hoped to learn how this modification to schools will impact closing the achievement gap. He also said he would like to see financial projections for the modifications for supporting the vision.

Ms. Block asked about data regarding racial makeup of the schools involved. She would like to know more before making a decision.

President Cuevas spoke about the relationship of the school community and insuring diversity and offering choice to parents to choose District schools. Superintendent Duffy explained the choice to remain at K-8 or move to the local middle school, similar to the situation at Korematsu. President Cuevas also spoke about costs and recruiting teaching staff. Superintendent Duffy spoke about the annual early spring staffing and enrollment projections. He said that the individual schools would recruit for their individual schools rather than pulling staff from current middle schools.

President Cuevas asked her colleagues about what useful information they need to consider in making a decision. Mr. Panas spoke about financial impact and addressing the achievement gap. Mr. Phillips spoke about assessment scores for the schools to be considered when compared to Helms Middle, a higher performing school. Ms. Block spoke about intangible qualities of interest to parents. Ms. Kronenberg spoke positively about the Verde assessment trends. President Cuevas spoke about achievement in general and Verde's upward trend.

Superintendent Duffy had clear direction to bring back in January with appropriate information.

3. California's School Dashboard Local Indicators

Minutes:

Executive Director Alicia Bowman led a presentation on the California School Dashboard Local Indicators as reported to the State of California.

Public Comment:

Hans Moore

Board Comment:

Ms. Block had remarks about schools in the state with higher marks and asked the meaning of teachers having what they need to be successful. Ms. Rashidchi

responded about the implementation of academic standards and instructional materials and self-reflection as a District. She elaborated on the decision to place the District at beginning development.

Mr. Panas had questions about the percentage of schools not meeting the good repair standard. He echoed Ms. Block about instructional materials and professional development at initial implementation. Ms. Rashidchi responded with clarification regarding the number of new teachers to the District. Mr. Panas continued with remarks about the parent survey and students' sense of feeling safe.

President Cuevas spoke about increased outcomes not happening without supports of Common Core. These indicators will be factored into the State reporting and honest, frank conversation regarding teacher preparation programs. Ms. Block spoke about teacher preparation. Mr. Whittemore spoke about Cal State East Bay and the teacher preparation programming.

President Cuevas spoke about school climate policy and data to feed into indicators. Ms. April Hawkins spoke about the ability to include additional indicators. Ms. Hawkins also addressed what data has consequence and alignment of school climate policy indicators as a way to measure this factor.

Mr. Panas asked about disaggregating parent survey information by school. Ms. Bowman responded.

Mr. Phillips thought it helpful to have the WestEd representative from the Safety/Climate committee to help the Board have better student/ parent participation and understand how to administer the program.

President Cuevas also talked about alignment of data to inform what the District is doing, and to use the reporting mechanism to know using the right data. She looked forward to follow-up conversation with other professional leaders.

4. Annual Update on 2017 General Obligation (GO) Bond Refunding

Minutes:

Chris Mount-Benites introduced Blake Boehm of KNN Public Finance who presented an update and overview of the previous refunding and options for the future. Mr. Boehm provided a summary of previous refunding bonds for interest savings and manage tax rates. He detailed tax rate projections for the six bond measures. He also provided next steps for consideration. He shared information about tax refunding federal legislation on the horizon.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

Mr. Panas had questions about tax exempt bonds and management of the tax rates

with refunding. Mr. Boehm responded with clarification. Mr. Panas also asked about assessed property valuation and future issuances. Mr. Boehm responded with information about AV growth projections and actual growth, corresponding to the remaining authorizations sold.

Ms. Kronenberg asked about the impact of the proposed legislation mentioned. Mr. Mount-Benites said that staff would have information at the February meeting.

Ms. Block spoke about the impact of elimination of tax deductions for first time home buyers. Mr. Boehm said the tax reform bill had implications on the real estate market and the bond market, as well as bank interest and tax rates that benefit from municipal bonds.

President Cuevas asked for follow up about when the bond funds would run out. Ms. LeBlanc responded in the years 2021-2022. Ms. Cuevas pointed out the key importance of managing with national implications and the need for completion of the Master Facilities Construction Plan.

Mr. Panas asked whether a larger reserve would make the District more competitive in issuing bonds. Mr. Boehm spoke about comparisons and perceptions of strength of the District's credit evaluation by potential buyers with each bond sale.

Mr. Mount-Benites commented on reserves and offsetting factors including the level of debt, including retiree liability, when compared with reserves.

Motion: Mr. Panas moved to extend the meeting by one hour. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, Ms. Block voted no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-1-0-0.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. First Interim Report, 2017-2018

Minutes:

Mr. Mount-Benites provided a report on the current operating projections of the District's solvency for two years. This is the routinely required state reporting for revenues and expenses. He detailed LCFF Funding, Mandated Costs funding and additional revenues, as well as expenses including the UTR salary agreement.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Mr. Panas asked about cost of future technology replacement included in budget planning. Mr. Mount-Benites responded about budgeting an ongoing amount with more to make up after 2020-21.

Mr. Panas had additional questions about self-insurance. Mr. Mount-Benites explained the history and function.

President Cuevas spoke about the District Budget Advisory Committee having access to the information to be well informed. She also asked about the Citizens' Transparency Tool and reminded people about availability and use.

Motion Failed: Mr. Panas moved approval of the First Interim Report, 2017-2018 with amendments to include direction to the Superintendent regarding board policy for balanced budgets and language about use of one time funds. President Cuevas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Panas voting yes, Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voting no, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion failed 1-4-0-0. Failed with a motion by Tom Panas and a second by Valerie Cuevas.

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

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the First Interim Report, 2017-2018 as recommended by staff. Mr. Panas seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas 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

2. Adopt Resolution No. 51-1718 Budget Revisions, Resulting Increases and/or Decreases in Appropriations for the 2017-18 Budget Year

Minutes:

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment

Mr. Panas asked about Pinole Valley High School seismic mitigation. Ms. LeBlanc responded with clarification and movement of funds to Fund 21.

Motion Passed: Ms. Kronenberg moved of Resolution No. 51-1718: Budget Revisions, Resulting Increases and/or Decreases in Appropriations for the 2017-18 Budget Year. Ms. Block seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas 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 Liz Block.

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

3. Request for Allowance of Attendance and Days Form J13A

Minutes:

Mr. Mount Benites detailed the District's decision for school closure on October 12 and 13, which was due to poor air quality from fires in Northern California. Form J13A, Request for Allowance of Attendance, will allow the District to recapture \$3 million in lost ADA funds.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion Passed: Mr. Phillips moved approval of the Request for Allowance of Attendance and Days Form J13A. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Mister Phillips and a second by Madeline Kronenberg.

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

4. New Member Ratification for the Citizens Oversight Committee for Parcel Taxes

Minutes:

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

5. Certificated Board Authorization - Education Code 44258.3

Minutes:

Mr. Whittemore provided information regarding five credentialed teachers who have agreed to teach outside their areas of credential.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

None

Motion Passed: Mr. Phillips moved approval of the Certificated Board Authorization Education Code 44258.3. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Ms. Block, Ms. Kronenberg, Mr. Panas, Mr. Phillips, and President Cuevas voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion 5-0-0-0. Passed with a motion by Mister Phillips 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 had a great visit to Richmond High School. Great conversation was held with students and teachers about what they need to feel supported.

Mr. Phillips appreciated the honor of being elected to Board Clerk. He congratulated President Cuevas and thanked Ms. Block for time she spent making his first year easier. He wished a happy and safe holidays to everyone.

Ms. Block thanked all teachers and staff for their hard work for the District. She said this was a good organizational meeting and good transition to new roles.

Ms. Kronenberg gave congratulations to President Cuevas and Mr. Phillips. She's looking forward to a great leadership team and a strong year ahead. She thanked Ms. Block for her year of service, and commended the Kennedy ITA and Y plan presentations she observed earlier in the week. She wished everyone a blessed holiday season.

President Cuevas thanked everyone for working hard during the fall into winter. The next Board meeting will be January 3rd. The Governance Committee will meet on December 14. December 18th begins the winter recess. Lastly, President Cuevas thanked everyone for a wonderful first meeting.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes:

Lovonya DeJean Middle School January 3, 2018

K. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

President Cuevas adjourned the meeting at 11:14 PM.