

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BUT UNADOPTED MINUTES

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MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2000
District Administrative Offices
Board Meeting Room
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

CALL TO ORDER

President Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the Board recessed to Closed Session.

1. **BOARD ROLL CALL:** President Joaquin J. Rivera
Vice President Terry S. Doran
Director Pamela M. Doolan
Director Shirley Issel
Director Ted Schultz
Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein*

Administration: Superintendent Jack McLaughlin, Secretary

2. Recess to Closed Session (Board Conference Room)
- a. Discussion with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize:
Service of Process Existing Settlement Negotiations
- b. Discussion with District Counsel—Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(c)).
Specify number of potential cases: One
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Urban Ore, Gilman Street, Berkeley, CA
Names of Negotiation Party: Catherine E. James and Judson Owens
Under Negotiation: Price Terms of Payment Both
- d. Collective Bargaining Session (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))
- e. Public Employment Discipline/Release/Transfer/Assignment (Government Code Section 54557)
- f. Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957):
Certified Transactions: none
Classified Transactions:
(1) Substitutes, if and as needed: Instructional Assistant; Kindergarten Assistant.
(2) Noon Director
(3) Probationary: Extended Day Coordinator; Instructional Assistant; Instructional Specialist; Instructional Technician; Parent Liaison.
(4) Resignation
(5) Student Worker
(6) Tutor
(7) Provisional: Administrative Secretary; Custodian I; Delivery Driver; Instructional Specialist; School Safety Officer

*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:35 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Rivera stated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

COLLECT "REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION" CARDS

President Rivera collected the "Requests to Address the Board of Education" cards.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no Public Testimony at this time.

UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Barry Fike, President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers, gave an update of BFT activities.

Mr. Rick Spaid, Business Agent, Public Employees Union Local One, announced that Local One members support Measures AA and BB.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

No one addressed the Board at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent McLaughlin welcomed Dr. David Gourez, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Board Members reported on Spirit Week at Berkeley High School, other School District activities, and Measures AA and BB.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: ACTION ITEM

3. Acceptance of Gifts:
 - (a) Barbara and Arthur Goodman: A donation of a CD radio cassette recorder.
 - (b) Denise Choye, Administrative Assistant, Fair Employment & Housing Commission: A donation of a copier and other miscellaneous office supplies.

President Rivera thanked Barbara and Arthur Goodman and Denise Choye for their gifts to the District.

Motion: Directors Rivera/Schultz and approved unanimously on voice vote:

To accept the gifts.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR, ACTION ITEMS

The Board pulled, for separate consideration, Items 5, 6, and 8.

Motion: Directors Doolan/Schultz approved unanimously on voice vote:

That the remainder of the Consent Calendar, Action Items, be approved.

4. Approval of Personnel Recommendations.
5. Approval of purchase in excess of \$15,000.

Item #1 was removed. Number 2, 3, and 4 were approved.

6. Approval of non-public school placement of a Special Education student at Children's Learning Center, Alameda, California, for the period of October 11, 2000 to June 30, 2001, at a cost of \$21,842.

This item was pulled.

7. Approval of Resolution No. A317: Change Order on Cragmont Elementary School Playground Project.
8. Ratification of Title VII Grant Application for Rosa Parks Environmental Science Magnet School and Le Conte Elementary School: Program Development and Implementation Grant.

Ms. Christine Lim, Associate Superintendent, Instruction, explained this item.

Motion: Directors Doran/Doolan and approved unanimously on voice vote:

Ratification of Title VII Grant Application for Rosa Parks Environmental Science Magnet School and Le Conte Elementary School: Program Development and Implementation Grant.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/REPORT

10. Discussion and First Reading of K-5 Science Instructional Materials

Ms. Diane Pico, Program Manager, Curriculum and Assessment, presented this item. She reported that the Grade K-5 Science Instructional Materials Committee met all day on June 1, 2000 to hear publishers' presentations from representatives of three publishers: Harcourt Brace, Houghton Mifflin and McGraw Hill.

Houghton Mifflin was the unanimous choice of everyone on the Committee. It was judged far superior to the other two programs.

Ms. Pico said these books will be on display in the Instructional Services Conference Room and they will be brought back to the Board for approval on November 15, 2000.

AGENDA REORDER

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

9. Approval of Projects:

- a. Graphical Modeling Software Project
- b. Interactive Display Hardware and Software Installation
- c. Site Computer Security Software Project
- d. Project Research Model

Superintendent McLaughlin explained this item. He recommended the approval of 9.d. Project Research Model, deleting number 9 on page 114:

"9. Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet Middle School agrees that it will permit off-school hours use of the equipment by ZapMe!'s partners for academic testing and supplementary educational or training services, subject to Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet Middle School's policies and applicable laws regarding community access to Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet Middle School's premises."

Motion: Directors Scultz/Issel and approved unanimously on voice vote:

That items 9.a., b. and c. be approved as submitted.

That item 9.d. be approved as amended. The amendment is that number 9 on page 114 be deleted.

11. Progress Report on CSIS Implementation

Mr. Paul Monroe, Manager, Information Technology, explained the California Student Information System (CSIS) implementation process. He said all student information will be recorded electronically.

Mr. Monroe said some changes have been made regarding ethnic codes —there is no "Other" on this form.

Board comments included:

- How is the CSIS implementation going to change our student assignment program?
- Is filling out this form required by law or is it voluntary?
- Is it legal/required for someone to list their ethnicity?
- The Board requested that this form and the Board's concerns be referred to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Diversity for their recommendations which staff can forward to the State Department of Education.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Progress Report on QSS Implementation

Mr. George Sirogeannis, Director, Business Services, gave a progress report on the QSS implementation. He said a new training and completion schedule has been developed and training is going well.

Board members wanted to know if applicant tracking is included in the QSS implementation.

13. Playground Safety Report

This item was pulled.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no Additional Public Testimony at this time.

BOARD MATTERS

14. Board Committee Appointments/Reports

- Berkeley School Financing Corporation
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Diversity
- Citizens Budget and Finance Advisory Committee
- Citizens Construction Program Advisory Committee
- Facilities Maintenance and Security Advisory Committee
- Music Program Committee
- Peace and Justice Commission
- Student Assignment Advisory Committee
- Surplus Facilities Advisory Committee
- Two-by-Two Committee
- Youth Commission

There were no appointments or reports for the above Board committees/commissions.

BOARD REQUESTS

The Board requested that District Administration review with all staff the District's policy regarding political activities.

ADJOURNMENT

President Rivera declared the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2000 adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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