

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING: Budget Workshop  
Wednesday, April 18, 2001  
District Administrative Offices  
2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Terry S. Doran called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and the Board recessed to Closed Session.

**1 BOARD ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Terry S. Doran  
Vice President Shirley Issel  
Director Joaquin J. Rivera  
Director Ted Schultz  
Director John T. Selawsky  
Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein\*

ADMINISTRATION: Stephen A. Goldstone, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent,  
Secretary

**COLLECT "REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION" CARDS**

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

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Five speakers addressed the Board.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

There were no Board Members' comments at this time.

**WORKSHOP:** Board Policy: "The Board shall hold Workshops...at which no action may be taken."

**2. Board Workshop: Discussion of the 2001-2002 Budget**

The following staff members gave a detailed explanation of the 2001-2002 budget:

Dr. Stephen A. Goldstone, Interim Superintendent; Ms. Catherine E. James, Associate Superintendent, Business; and Mr. George Sirogiannis, Director, Business Services outlined scenarios to reduce the \$5,241,000 shortfall. In addition, they responded to the eight concerns raised by the Alameda County Office of Education regarding the District's financial condition—Second Interim Financial Report.

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\*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session

**WORKSHOP: Board Policy: (continued)**

2. Board Workshop: Discussion of the 2001-2002 Budget (continued)

Board comments included:

- Staff to submit a proposal to the Board to reduce overtime.
- Status of the Staff Development Day waiver.
- When will school sites know their FTE allocation?
- What is the total cost for salaries for teachers?
- Staff to submit a prioritized list of proposed cuts to the Board.
- What are the needs of Berkeley High School? The high school administrative team is to submit to the Board recommendations regarding any staffing changes that are being considered for next year to help Board members in their deliberation.
- Provide an analysis to the Board of the attendance of the students in the Rebound Program.
- The Board encourages staff to find funds to maintain class size reduction.
- Board members said we need a defined accountability tool with measurable goals that the public can see if class size is increased.

At 9:30 p.m. the Board made the following motion:

Motion: Directors Rivera/Schultz and approved unanimously on voice vote:  
That the Board Workshop be extended until 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Goldstone said the next steps are:

- Staff will submit a prioritized list of recommendations to the Board in May.
- Staff will also submit their recommendation regarding class size reduction.

3. 2001-2002 Budget Action Items (possible action on elements of the proposed budget)

No action was taken at this time.

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

4. Recess to Closed Session
- a. Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).  
Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize:  
Service of Process       Existing Settlement Negotiations
  - b. Collective Bargaining Session Government Code Section 3549.1(d)
  - c. Public Employee Discipline/Release/Transfer/Assignment (Government Code Section 54557).
  - d. To Hear a Charge or Complaint Against an Identified Employee (Government Code Section 54957).
  - e. Consideration of Student Expulsions (Education Code Section 48918(c) (K-12) (K-12)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:00 p.m. President Doran stated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Doran declared the Special Meeting of April 18, 2001 adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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President, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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Secretary, Board of Education  
Berkeley Unified School District

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