

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BUT UNADOPTED MINUTES

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MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 23, 2001
Florence Schwimley Little Theater
1930 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94704-1180

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry S. Doran called the meeting to order at 6:38 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* (left at 9:35 p.m.)

2. Recess to Closed Session

- a. Collective Bargaining Session Government Code Section 3549.19(d).
- b. Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957).
Title: Director of Classified Personnel
- c. Public Employee Discipline/Release/Transfer/Assignment (Government Code Section 5455).

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:25 p.m.

3. BOARD ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Terry S. Doran
Vice President Shirley Issel
Director Joaquin J. Rivera
Director Ted Schultz
Director John T. Selawsky

MEMBER EXCUSED: Student Director Niles Xi'an Lichtenstein

The Board stated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

COLLECT "REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION" CARDS

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

*The Student Director does not attend Closed Session

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Seventeen speakers addressed the Board.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS AND RATIFICATION

4. Appointment of Director of Classified Personnel.

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

That Ms. Tina Brier be appointed Director, Classified Personnel.

AGENDA REORDER

6. Public Hearing and Ratification of the Agreement between the Berkeley Board of Education and Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA).

President Doran opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

No one spoke to this item.

President Doran declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:11 p.m.

Dr. David Gomez, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented this item.

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

Ratification of the agreement between the Berkeley Board of Education and Union of Berkeley Administrators (UBA).

AGENDA REORDER

5. Approval of an Intervention Plan for Berkeley High School Students in Need of Academic Assistance.

Ms. Christine Lim, Associate Superintendent, Instruction, and the administrative team of Berkeley High School discussed their intervention plan for Berkeley High School students in need of academic assistance. They said an assessment of students' needs and profiles of students at risk in classes will be completed. Ms. Lim and the administrative team discussed Village 9, small learning schools and the SMART (Supplemental Math and Reading Tutorial) programs.

Motion: Directors Schultz/Selawsky and approved 4-1-(1)-0 on voice vote:

To adopt the PCAD plan and commit \$100,000, three staff members and to give staff direction regarding funding the plan.

5. Approval of an Intervention Plan for Berkeley High School Students in Need of Academic Assistance. (continued)

AYES: Directors Doran, Rivera, Schultz, Selawsky
NOES: Director Issel
EXCUSED: (Student Director Lichtenstein)
ABSENT: None

President Doran suggested that the Board adopt the PCAD plan and implement as much of the plan as possible and that three staff members be hired to implement the plan.

Director Issel said she is concerned about the achievement of these students. She said the students should be addressed on an individual basis, and she cannot support the motion.

Director Rivera said he approves the plan for the Spring of 2001. He requested that there be an evaluation of the program at the end of the program.

Motion: Directors Doran/Selawsky and approved 4-1-(1)-0 on voice vote:

That recommendations #2, #3, and #4 is approved.

AYES: Directors Doran, Rivera, Schultz, Selawsky
NOES: Director Issel
EXCUSED: (Student Director Lichtenstein)
ABSENT: None

Board members said if there are additional resources needed from the District the request is to be submitted to the Board for action. Staff needs to investigate and develop a plan for next year.

Also, staff is to investigate closing the Berkeley High School campus for ninth graders.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no Additional Public Testimony at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

President Doran declared the Special Meeting of January 23, 2001 adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

Secretary, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District

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